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Health & Environment

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Ray Beckman, Chair
Don Cook, Commissioner
Donald Broom, Commissioner
Kari Ladrow, Moffat County Public Health Director
221 West Victory Way, Suite 130
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RE: Moffat County Variance Request from portions of **Executive Order D 20 044** and **Public Health Order 20-28**

Dear Commissioners and Ms. Ladrow:

Thank you for your application to the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) requesting a variance to portions of **Executive Order D 20 044 Safer at Home** and **Public Health Order 20-28 Safer at Home**. I have had an opportunity to review your request to open Moffat County restaurants at a 30% capacity and consider the information provided, and determine that the request is approved, with some amendments, as explained further below. This variance approval is limited to restaurants; in all other respects, the requirements of the Safer at Home Executive Order and Public Health Order remain in effect for Moffat County, with the exception of the areas for which Moffat County has already received a variance..

Your letter addresses particular requirements that you propose as an alternative to the Safer at Home model for each of these areas. The data and information included in your request demonstrates that Moffat has reported 6 COVID-19 cases, and sufficient hospital capacity to care for COVID-19 positive patients. Regarding restaurants, with the addition of a total cap of no more than 175 people in a confined indoor space at any given time, your variance application for these items is approved.

This variance approval is granted based on the facts and circumstances today as you have described them in your request. If the county were to exceed more than 13 new cases in a two week period, the variance is automatically rescinded. Additionally, CDPHE reserves the right to modify or rescind this variance approval as circumstances warrant. This approval is in effect until the final expiration of PHO 20-28, which will be extended in some capacity beyond the current expiration date next week.

I appreciate your thoughtful approach to these challenging issues, and wish you all the best in your continuing efforts to ensure that Moffat County residents are safe and healthy as we deal

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with this global pandemic. Moffat County is a valued partner, and we are available to answer any questions and work with you on these matters. Please give me a call if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jill Hunsaker Ryan". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jill Hunsaker Ryan, MPH
Executive Director