



**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ARCHULETA COUNTY, COLORADO**

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Colorado Dept. of Public Health & Environment
4300 Cherry Creek Drive South
Denver, CO 80246

RE: 5 Star Certification Program

Dear Sir or Madam:

We are writing today to provide our support for obtaining a 5-Star Certification variance for Archuleta County. The county, in cooperation with San Juan Basin Public Health Department, the Town of Pagosa Springs, the Pagosa Springs Chamber of Commerce and the Community Development Corporation, has worked diligently with local businesses to implement safety measures beyond what is already required to help slow the spread of COVID-19. Our county relies heavily on tourism and having less restrictive capacity caps would provide much needed relief to the small businesses in our community.

We strongly believe the 5-Star Certification program is a good fit for Archuleta County and are in complete support of the Administrative Committee's implementation of the program. We hope that CDPHE will grant Archuleta County this variance and allow the small businesses of the county to get one step closer to pre-COVID-19 normalcy.

We thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Ronnie Maez
Chairman, Board of County Commissioners