



**Archuleta County  
Board of County Commissioners**

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March 3, 2023

Members of the Senate Local  
Government Committee  
Colorado General Assembly  
200 E. Colfax Avenue  
Denver, CO 80203

RE: HB 23-1139

Dear Members:

The Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners are in full support of HB 23-1139, which would move Archuleta County up to a III-A category.

C.R.S. §30-2-102 has shown Archuleta County as a category III-B since the statute was passed in 2016. At that time, the County served approximately 12,750 residents. Since then, the County has grown extensively and now serves approximately 14,000 residents. In addition, the County has seen a surge in tourism with annual visitors in 2022 exceeding 850,000. The County's elected officials have a much larger workload and an 8% increase in their salary is greatly deserved.

It is the Board's intention to bring Archuleta County's elected officials to a salary range commensurate with like-sized Colorado counties, i.e., Moffatt, Gunnison and Park Counties.

The Board appreciates your consideration of this bill and thanks you for your service to Colorado.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Ronnie Maez".

Ronnie Maez  
Chairman