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Colorado Representative Terri Carver  
Colorado House of Representatives  
200 E. Colfax Avenue  
Denver, CO 80203

Re: Senate Bill 18-191

Dear Representative Carver,

Gilpin County strongly supports the passage of Senate Bill 18-191 that proposes making positive changes to the Local Government Limited Gaming Impact Fund. Gilpin County has been at the forefront of limited stakes gaming since its inception in 1991. Many Gilpin County services-- our Sheriff's Office, EMS service, Courts, Victim Advocacy, and Department of Human Services including mental health and child care have been directly impacted by limited stakes gaming. Our portion of the state's gaming tax revenues does not cover the total cost of impact in our county. Our agencies and departments rely on the Department of Local Affairs' Limited Stakes Gaming Impact grant funding.


The \$5,000,000 distribution that was available in the last grant cycle was not sufficient to address all the documented impacts agencies in the eligible counties presented to the Limited Gaming Impact Commission.

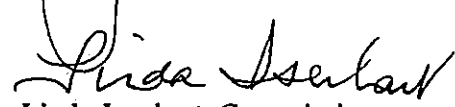
SB 18-191 offers the possibility that this fund will grow as gaming grows in the state over time, allowing the documented negative impacts of gaming to be mitigated. We support your efforts and hope that we will see an increase in this funding. Thank you for your advocacy.

Sincerely yours,

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