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June 28, 2018

Senator/Representative XXXXX  
Colorado State Capitol  
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Senator \_\_\_\_/Representative \_\_\_\_

We are writing on behalf of the Pueblo City-County Library District (PCCLD) to ensure you are aware of the detrimental effects of the Gallagher Amendment on local governments in areas of the state outside Denver. This includes PCCLD.

PCCLD experienced a \$345,072 reduction in revenue this year due to the 1982 Gallagher Amendment and the unintended consequences of its intersection with 1992's TABOR Amendment. Unless something is done soon, PCCLD anticipates a further reduction of \$745,441 in 2020 based upon projections by the Colorado Legislative Council. Such losses are not sustainable and will result in meaningful reductions in services. This will include cutting personnel, hours of operation, and programs our community relies upon.

PCCLD is not alone. Gallagher's harm is common to local governments in most areas of Colorado except the immediate Denver environs. It certainly negatively impacts local governments throughout Pueblo County and southeastern Colorado.

The PCCLD Board of Trustees urges you to work with your colleagues in the state legislature to ameliorate this matter during the upcoming 2018-19 legislative session. We realize fixing Gallagher requires concerted efforts statewide. Please know PCCLD stands ready to assist.

Sincerely,

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