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The Honorable Leroy Garcia President of the Senate Colorado General Assembly

The Honorable Stephen Fenberg Senate Majority Leader Colorado General Assembly

The Honorable Chris Holbert Senate Minority Leader Colorado General Assembly The Honorable KC Becker Speaker of the House Colorado General Assembly

The Honorable Alec Garnett House Majority Leader Colorado General Assembly

The Honorable Patrick Neville House Minority Leader Colorado General Assembly

Dear Senators and Representatives:

The Colorado Department of Revenue (CDOR) is required to report annually on the refund mechanisms for Nonexempt District Revenues subject to Article X, Section 20 (TABOR) of the State's Constitution.

On September 1, 2020, the State Controller certified that the Fiscal Year 2019-20 (FY 2019-20) unaudited State revenues subject to TABOR were \$14,866,305,327. TABOR Nonexempt District Revenues are below the TABOR Adjusted Excess State Revenue Cap (ESRC) by \$82,542,238. Because the TABOR revenues are below the ESRC, no refund is required for FY 2019-20.

Section 39-22-627 (2), C.R.S., requires CDOR to estimate the amount by which state revenues would be decreased as the result of a reduction in the state income tax rate from 4.63 percent to 4.50 percent. Subsection (4) requires CDOR to estimate this amount utilizing the most recent data available from the staff of the legislative council (LCS). Using total estimated income tax revenue estimates from the September 2020 Forecast from LCS, CDOR estimated a reduction in income taxes for income tax year 2020 to be \$241.2 million.

Because no refund is required, state sales tax refunds were not estimated.

Sincerely,

Heidi Humphreys Interim Executive Director Colorado Department of Revenue