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Members of the Arizona Congressional Delegation,

We are writing as members of the Flagstaff City Council to extend our appreciation for your efforts in championing the passage of the American Rescue Plan of 2021. The provisions of the relief package closely align with the needs of Flagstaff residents who have been hard hit by the COVID-19 pandemic. Direct payment to households, coupled with extended unemployment benefits and funding for vaccine distribution will help ensure that Flagstaff residents can safely withstand the COVID-19 pandemic while being able to meet their basic health and safety needs as our country works towards widespread vaccine distribution.

Other important provisions in the bill, including the expansion of the child tax credit, funding for broadband access, emergency rental assistance and the expansion of the Paycheck Protection Program will work to reduce child poverty, benefit low and moderate income households, prevent homeless and support small businesses. Each of these elements is critical in sustaining strong and healthy households and businesses in Flagstaff.

Through the provision of funding for local governments within the American Rescue Plan, the City of Flagstaff will receive approximately 15.2 million dollars which can be used to cover increased expenditures, replenish lost revenue and mitigate economic harm from the COVID-19 pandemic. This funding in turn allows the City to continue the provision of essential services and to assist the community where it is needed most. We express our gratitude to you and your colleagues for recognizing the critical role that cities play in the provision of essential services and in supporting the health and wellbeing of their residents.

Thank you,

Paul Deasy
Mayor of Flagstaff

Becky Daggett
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Austin Aslan
Flagstaff City Councilmember

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