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Dear Fellow Colorado County Commissioners,

As representatives of the most local form of government, county commissioners are on the front lines of maintaining our residents' health, safety, and welfare. Each of us takes this task on with diligence and sincerity, but we do not take it on alone. When it comes to public safety, we rely on our elected Sheriffs and their peace officers to work within our communities to provide and maintain a safe environment for our families. Providing peace officers with the tools they need to succeed is imperative, which is why we urge you and Colorado Counties, Inc. to oppose Senate Bill 21-062.

Peace officers spend time building relationships with residents in the community to work together to provide the best outcome for community safety. Removing a peace officer's ability to use their discretion to resolve a situation occurring within the community puts the entire community at risk. Senate Bill 21-062 would essentially negate a peace officer's fundamental role within the community by removing a suspect's arrest as a viable option for many criminal actions. Senate Bill 21-062 would endanger all Coloradans by teaching disregard for the law, and this will encourage more crime, especially in our urban areas, which will impact our business districts.

For maintaining the safety of our communities and for providing our peace officers with the tools they need to do their jobs to the best of their ability, we are strongly urging the opposition of Senate Bill 21-062.

Sincerely,

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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