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The Honorable John Hickenlooper
136 State Capitol
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Dear Governor Hickenlooper:

As you are aware in the 2012 Legislative Session, Weld County was one of four counties with appointed Public Trustees that sought legislation to combine the County Treasurer and the Public Trustee into one position in our respective counties. Unfortunately, legislative efforts were not successful. Weld County requested the change to provide a more efficient and cost effective service to the citizens of Weld County. By combining the position of Treasurer and Public Trustee, utilizing county owned office space and existing county services, Weld County calculated a minimum cost savings of over \$150,000 annually.

With the recent resignation of Susie Velasquez from the position of Weld County Public Trustee, there exists an opportunity under current law to achieve the savings cited above by requesting that you appoint the current Weld County Treasurer, John Lefebvre, as the Weld County Public Trustee. The Weld County Treasurer, under the Weld County Home Rule Charter, is an appointed position, not elected, therefore, there is no legal issue regarding salaries of an elected official or other impediment to the appointment. This appointment will allow Weld County to function in the same matter as other counties with the Treasurer serving as the Public Trustee at savings of over \$150,000 to the citizens of Weld County.

Your favorable approval of our request would be much appreciated and an example of state and local government working together to reduce the cost of government services to our citizens. It will be our intent in the 2013 Legislative Session to work with Representative Scott to seek a permanent legislative solution of making the Weld County Treasurer serve both as the Weld County Treasurer and Public Trustee. Your willingness to appoint Mr. Lefebvre would be an interim transition to what hopefully will be a permanent solution.

We thank you in advance for your favorable consideration.

Very truly yours,

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