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Attn: Chris Hollis and Jennica Glazé

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Lereta

Attn: Robin McKenzie and Toyia Armour

**Agency Relations Specialist** 

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## **RE: URGENT REQUEST FOR IMMEDIATE TAX FILE AND PAYMENT REMITTANCE**

Dear Mr. Hollis, Ms. Glazé, Ms. McKenzie and Ms. Armour:

On behalf of California's fifty-eight counties and the agencies they serve, we jointly request that CoreLogic and Lereta assist counties by immediately ending queries regarding deferral of the April 10<sup>th</sup> deadline for the 2<sup>nd</sup> installment of property tax payments. Additionally, we request that you consider assisting counties in the processing of 2<sup>nd</sup> installment property tax payments by remitting your installment file and payments to each county as soon as possible. These payments were due and payable in February.

Unlike most individual taxpayers, CORTAC entities have already accumulated the total amount of property taxes due to California's counties, and are likely to fulfill this legal obligation just before the April 10<sup>th</sup> deadline to remit payment. Most tax collection offices have either closed temporarily to the public and/or are operating with reduced staff and operational hours due to the COVID-19 pandemic and ensuing Shelter-in-Place Orders. In addition, individual taxpayers are finding it challenging to remit their payments in a timely fashion. As such, our member counties are seeing a reduction in payments that can be off-set by early remittance by CORTAC entities.

Property tax payments to counties are critical and they are needed immediately. Counties are experiencing a heightened need for local funding as county public health departments and other entities funded by the property tax are on the front lines responding to the COVID-19 pandemic. The county public health departments, public hospitals and health systems, and school districts are now providing a variety of urgent services. These local agencies are primarily funded by property taxes and will not continue without an immediate influx of property tax revenue. Your remittance to the fifty-eight counties will infuse a substantial amount of cash into county treasuries.

These are challenging and unprecedented times. We hope that your company will take this opportunity to be a leader and remit before the April 10<sup>th</sup> deadline. Teachers, first responders, public health and safety officers and many others are relying on these financial resources. We must ensure that essential services are staffed and equipped to help get us through this difficult time together.

Sincerely,

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President, California State Association of Counties

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**Ventura County Supervisor** 

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