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Dear Ms. Bethune,

We just completed our second report in our special-issue series on local governance and COVID-19. This report is based on a careful analysis of our latest national survey of over 1,000 local government officials from all 50 states. Below are two of the key findings:

1. **Community compliance with COVID-19 measures will decline.** A vast majority of local officials foresee worsening voluntary compliance with COVID-19 measures, regardless of the partisanship of their community.

2. **Local governments primarily rely on encouragement rather than enforcement policies**. To promote compliance with guidelines like social distancing and restrictions on in-person work, far more governments are relying on encouragement (e.g. signs, announcements) than on enforcement (e.g., fines).

Please see our full report for more detailed analyses, including breakouts by region, population size, and more. You can also find the rest of our work on this topic on our website (some of which has been featured in *Governing* magazine, among other outlets).

Lastly, if you are an elected or appointed official in a local government, please join our growing national survey panel of public officials. By doing so, you'll be supporting our mission of providing high quality data and analyses on local government.

Thank you for all that you are doing for your community during these difficult times.

Kind regards,
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