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Hon. Julius C. Gunter, Governor,
State of Colorado,
Executive Chambers,
Capitol Building,
Denver, Colo.

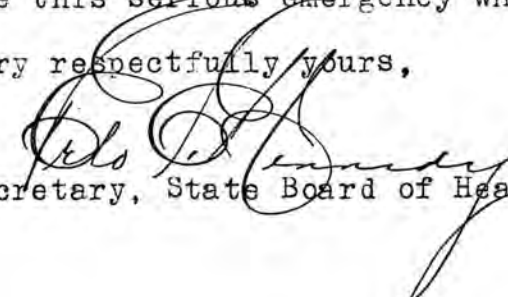
Dear Governor Gunter:

I wish to call to your attention the embarrassing condition in which the State Health Department is placed at this time because of lack of funds to meet the emergency created by the present Influenza epidemic in Colorado.

The Influenza epidemic has more than doubled our death rate in this State; has increased many times our correspondence, and has exhausted our supplies. At this time we find that in the Department there are but twenty sheets of letterheads, not one small envelope and but eleven large envelopes. There is one shipping permit blank, - a blank that must be used for shipping remains both inter and intra state; the Express Companies will not accept a body without one of these permits properly filled out and signed. We have at this time requests by wire and letter for over 100 of these shipping permit blanks. We find that we have but about 1500 death certificate blanks, which at the rate they are now being used, will be exhausted at the end of another week.

Under our State Law, a death certificate must be filled out and signed by the attending physician before permission to bury the dead may be given, therefore you may readily see the necessity for prompt action by the State Auditing Board to relieve this serious emergency which now exists.

Very respectfully yours,


Secretary, State Board of Health