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To whom it may concern,

I am the Owner and Manager of a local bar and restaurant located in Pima County. After reviewing the draft proclamation, I stand here today to implore you not to pass this version and instead hear the words of those who this would drastically damage. Closure of bars, restaurants, and other public venues would unemploy thousands for three weeks and essentially cripple small businesses all over the county. I employ eight employees, all of which have families with at least two children, who depend on the revenue that we provide. Unfortunately, I am one of many small business owners who do not have coverage for interruption of service and the Families First Coronavirus Response Act no longer covers my business. Should this proclamation pass, I would have to file for bankruptcy unless the county plans on providing financial relief to businesses as well as citizens.

All that we ask is that instead of prohibiting our establishments from being open, that you enforce the standards that the CDC has provided for restaurants and promote adults to practice perfect hygiene habits. The president himself has not imposed any restrictions on public venues and frankly, if we are forced to close; all other public venues should be closed as well (ie. grocery stores, the airport, etc.). We have never taken this such a drastic action with any other virus. What's next? Have the county provide sanitized supplies to our self quarantined doorstop as to stop total human contact completely.

Your duty is to your constituents and with the proclamation, you will cause more damage than a virus will cause in the time that it survives. Adults must act like adults and stay home if they are sick and adults must do their part in preventing the spread of virus in general.

Restrictions on trade and movement are first and foremost unconstitutional but also completely

unnecessary. Please, move toward enforcing higher health standards and motivate those in the county to do what's right for the community instead of punishing those who are doing what's right.

Thank you,

Francisco Xavier Montano III

Owner

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