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TEXAS STATE REPRESENTATIVE • DISTRICT 73

The Honorable Greg Abbott
Office of the Governor of Texas
P.O. Box 12428
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Dear Governor Abbott,

Texas is in a critical time. Difficult decisions must be made yet I must relay to you that my district has been greatly affected by your executive orders.

My district is home to the Texas Wine Country, the largest number of wineries in the state. It is also home to many craft breweries, wedding venues, and bars. Not to mention, the highest number of tubing companies in Texas.

I say this because these companies are suffering greatly. They are dying on the vine despite the fact that they are capable of following each and every mandate you have put forth. These business owners are able to use their God-given common sense to make the right decision for their customers and their employees, yet they are not given the chance.

I implore you to allow these businesses, which generate millions of dollars to the Texas economy and their local communities, to open immediately. If these businesses are not allowed to reopen, many will not be able to recover.

The reasons you are using to shut down these businesses are arbitrary and not proven to be the main causes of the spread of Covid-19, It's unfair that similar businesses are allowed to be open as well as big box stores and mass merchandisers which are far less safe.

Unilaterally shutting these businesses down is an abuse of power. It is not lawful and these letters you are receiving from legislators should not be our only voice. Legislators are not elected to send you letters, we are elected to debate and pass laws that you then decide to sign or veto.

Gov. Abbott, do the right thing and open these businesses. I'm confident they can satisfy your measures. After all, they are the best at what they do. They are Texans!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kyle Biedermann".

State Representative
House District 73