

I am 72 years old. I live in Roseburg. I have served the public all my life; Military, Oregon State Police Officer, Real Estate Broker/Company owner, and currently serve on the Douglas County LPSCC - Public Health & Safety Board. I am in support of the referenced bill. As noted, I have a long--since dedicated my professional life to public health & safety. This issue is an issue of great importance. Getting to the core of the problem is very important, and I certainly appreciate the efforts to do so that has been displayed during the past year. But too, setting a broad 'catch-all' strategy has not and will not accomplish the goal, it will only add to the sacrifices and stress of people and businesses that are NOT the reason Covid -19 is collecting its numbers. Senior Care facilities and like-kind establishments need to be the focus, not restaurants! Restaurant owners have put up shields between dining tables, their waitresses wear masks, they clean and sanitize between dining parties. Those that monitor the 'outbreaks of Covid' in Douglas County readily admit that restaurants are not the 'transfer station' of the spread. Please consider this and the medical experts information in Douglas County (and Statewide) and in doing so, I'm sure you'll find that the reasonable solution to ending this pandemic is NOT to close restaurants, but rather support them. It's a place where the public can go not only to enjoy dining, but too, to practice safe social distancing and just plain 'getting out of the house!' Something that is desperately needed! - Thank you for your consideration. - Jerry Chartier