

Dear Committee Members,

Please support the passing of HB 3177. I am a server and know first-hand how hard the impact of these closures have been not only on the business owners but also employees like myself.

As stated in this bill, the ability of the governor to enact distancing and mask policy should be ample prevention in public spaces. With "essential" businesses having the ability to operate with these policies in place, other businesses should have the same considerations.

Hopefully the spread of the virus won't escalate to another potential lock-down. If it does, the impact on livelihoods is just as critical as the threat of the spread. If people wish to not go out, they have that ability to choose.

Not only have businesses closed all around us, but now business owners cannot find workers because of the unemployment.

I urge you to NOT shut down businesses. Please support HB 3177 and allow locals the same ability to prevent spread by following safety protocols. Thank you.