

To whom it may concern,

I'm writing in response to the off and on shut downs of our fitness centers. I am a manager of a fitness center in Canby. I live in a constant state of anxiety between worrying about my staff, our members, the owners and myself. This is starting to affect my health, which I suppose you could call covid related in a different way. But nobody seems to care about that. We are small. We will be one of the ones put out of business if this goes on much longer. But, nobody seems to care about that. If this happens our members will have no indoor outlets for exercise, my staff will have no jobs, I will have no job (and will have an impossible time finding an equal job) and the owners will have lost the business they've built over the last 20 yrs. But, nobody cares about that. I don't know if the mental toll is being considered a factor in these decisions. But it should be. I know the Governor keeps saying "I know this is hard". She has no idea. I'm convinced keeping fitness centers closed is not a "science based" decision. There is nearly a zero infection rate being traced back to fitness centers. I'm sure you have that data to verify. WE help keep our community HEALTHY not only physically but mentally as well.

Other businesses were not treated the same as restaurants, bars and fitness centers. They were allowed to operate and did not fear they would have to close their doors forever as owners of restaurants, bars and fitness centers did. We have been financially devastated. Many of us will never recover our full potential. I implore you to pass bill number HB3177. Put everyone on the same level. Give us all a fighting chance.

Thank you,

Wendy Stahlberg