

To Whom It May Concern,

I am an owner of two small businesses, one that had to close permanently due to state ordinance last year (massage therapy practice), and the other that has been severely limited in its capacity to serve customers and make ends meet (brewery). Over the last year we have had to close and reopen our brewery many, many times, each time with new restrictions and laws that make it near impossible to conduct our business and support our families, as well as our employees (some of whom we have had to let go because of restrictions). We feel it is extremely unfair that large box chains such as Costco and Target are allowed to remain open indefinitely as they are lucky enough to be deemed "essential" businesses and are turning record profits, but that the small privately-run businesses are forced to suffer and bear the brunt of Governor Brown's lockdown whims. We have yet to see any quantitative proof that small businesses such as privately-run restaurants are helping spread the virus. I vote to support this bill to moderate how much control the Governor has on our small businesses now and in the future.

Sincerely,

Tamara Hughes