

As a small business owner in the restaurant industry, I understand very well how devastating the past year of lockdowns have been. I will be able to make it a few more months, thanks to the PPP loans, but I will have to shut down for good if we are not allowed to fully open by late Spring. I do not understand why large box stores, such as Costco, Walmart and Lowe's are able to stay open with hundreds of people crossing paths each and every day, but small businesses who are more capable of adhering to the Governor's restrictions are forced to close. In addition, the Casino near my town is open and has strangers packed in together for hours on end. I understand that Indian Reservations are under different law, but the people that visit the casino - because it's the only thing to do - are then going out into communities all around the state. There is a double standard at work, and our Governor is choosing the winners and losers. There are many losers, all in the entertainment, restaurant and hospitality industries. The science shows clearly that restaurants, gyms, movie theaters, etc. are not places where COVID is spread. You MUST act now! Please help us!!