

I am writing in favor of HB 3177- As a 25 year resident of Brookings, OR I have seen many changes over the years. None have created such conflict and heartache for so many in Curry County. We are a rural community. Our recent demographics are 26 people per square mile. We have learned about masks and keeping our distance.

I am thankful that we have Fred Meyers and also Grocery Outlet as two of the major stores, which have remained open throughout 2020. There are over 5 fast-food restaurants, which have their doors closed except for drive through which results in many long lines for their customers. Then there are the small restaurants, their owners wondering if they will have a business at the end of the restrictions. Our Community has come together to help support these restaurants as best possible during this time.

I am going to point out one thing that has been missing from MOST of the "wear your mask" regime- how about washing your hands before you eat! Rarely stated...but in my professional opinion is the root of the problem...

It's time to let those that would feel safe in spending time in businesses such as restaurants and gyms, get back to taking care of themselves in a supportive environment.

Respectfully,
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