

My Name is Amanda Rainwater and I own a restaurant in Eastern Oregon. The past year has been devastating to my Family and I. We watched our income disappear in one swift swoop with no evidence to support the decision and no real time line in which to plan for. When we were able to reopen after the initial closures in may of 2020 we spent a lot of time and energy into making sure we were complying with the social distancing and sanitation guidelines only to be closed down once again. This was a devastating blow! The Stress and financial ruin caused by the decision to close down only specific businesses will take years to repair, when all we really needed to be able to make it on our own was to be open, even if it was at limited capacity. I can guarantee my business and small restaurants like mine can follow cdc guidelines to distance and sanitize far better than any big box store. After 2 shutdowns there is no evidence to support that the closures of any business has been effective in slowing down the spread of this virus. I strongly agree that a bill like this needs passed to protect us from further shutdowns and pray that there is a glimmer of hope for all of us small business owners here in Oregon in the future. There is a lot of us that will not survive another closure. Thank you for taking the time to listen.

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