Dear Supervisors,

As a community member I'm troubled by why our Public Health Officer has put restrictions on local businesses when we are not on the State's list,

I would think the common sense approach would be to wait until we are on the list before imposing restrictions. This act is putting small businesses in our County at risk. To this day there has been no proven transmission in hair salons, barbershops, restaurants or gyms. But we have had

three people confirmed at Walmart and numerous infections at a care home in Ft. Bragg where we have had restrictions in place since March. Where is the logic? Why shut down when we are not on the list in places where no transmission has occurred?

In my opinion, Dr. Doohan has abused her power. Two reasons, 1) she tied us to Bay Area restrictions early. Big city compared to small rural County. 2) restricting us before we have been put on State's list.

Two weeks ago Ted Williams and John Hauschak were instructed by the Board to create a letter to the State concerning restrictions. Have we heard from the State concerning that letter?

Small businesses are very important to this County, they create tax dollars which is how the County gets revenue. Right now the County Employees are able to work from home and still get a paycheck. Small business owners have to be open to get a paycheck. If they are allowed to fail it will eventually hit you, less tax dollars.

In closing, Dr. Coren will be taking over for Dr. Doohan I would suggest a zoom type meeting with Small Business Owners where they could give their feedback and ask him questions.

Thank You,

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