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Sent: Monday, May 18, 2020 9:15 PM
To: Covid Info
Cc: Hayes, Kathy
Subject: Opening up businesses and schools in Humboldt Co.

Dear Ms. Frankovich: I am very concerned about the effect of your managing the Phaseing in of business openings. I don't know if you watch some of the political shows on Fox News (you should, as they have very good guests with good opinions). I'm convinced that the way you and the State are handling letting the businesses open for business. Our Governor is way off base with his policies. And they are policies, not laws. But to my point, I think you should let the businesses decide when to open and determine the measures that are necessary to protect the employees and the customers. We've been thru over two months of "shelter in place". It's time to release us from this misguided "order". You work for us; we pay your salary. Now listen to us; we are telling you to open up the county by letting those businesses that want to open go ahead. And THEY will determine the restrictions that are necessary to protect customers and employees alike. And if the business isn't comfortable opening, then that is THEIR CHOICE, not yours. And another thing: Whoever coined the adjectives of "essential business" and "non essential business"? ALL BUSINESSES ARE ESSENTIAL! It's like calling the "non essential" the DEPLORABLES! Yes, that fits right in with the political party in power in this and other blue states. If you do not let businesses open that want to, you will be destroying thousands of families in this County. And yes, the blame will be on you. Sure, some folks will continue to get the Chinavirus, but almost all of them will recover. You know that. It is the elderly that need extra protection, not the ENTIRE POPULATION, INCLUDING CHILDREN. But the older population now knows what preventative measures to take to avoid the virus. I'm 80 and I'm not stupid. Which brings me to my last request. Make the decision NOW TO ANNOUNCE THAT SCHOOL WILL RESUME ON SCHEDULE IN THE FALL, JUST LIKE IT ALWAYS HAS. Keeping kids home also destroys the family, as most of the parents or guardians have to work, and part of the family survival is based on them going to work and the kids going to school. If you continue with these overly restrictive policies (and they are not laws), you will have a revolution on your hands. And then you will have created an even bigger problem to deal with, and you won't even be part of trying to manage a revolution. But that is where you are guiding us. Please, please lift the "shelter in place" and let the businesses that want to OPEN DO SO IMMEDIATELY. To do less is to destroy our economy and way of life. I think deep down you know that. Don't be afraid to go against our Governor. He's on another agenda, one which I'm afraid will lead us to utter collapse as a functioning state. I hope you take my comments seriously. I know that most of the citizens of this county will agree with this memo. Look at TX and FL and how they've handled this pandemic. That should be your model. If a "hot spot" develops, then deal with it. Don't make the whole county suffer just to prevent a few hot spots. If you don't open the county for business, you will destroy many more lives than you'll ever "save" by continuing this "shelter in place" policy and keeping businesses closed. Thank you for reading my concerns. I look forward to a change real soon. Regards, Ernie DeGraff, Fortuna

PS: Whoever gets this memo, please forward it on to Ms. Frankovich. And Kathy, please let the Supervisors have a copy also. Thank you.