



City of Molalla – City Council
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January 13, 2021

Governor Kate Brown
900 Court St, NE
Salem, OR 97301

Dear Governor Brown,

We are reaching out to you to advocate for the people and small businesses of Molalla. Over the last ten months, we have seen our businesses struggle to operate while meeting the numerous mandates of the State of Oregon. The results have been jobs lost and businesses closed, some to never open again. We believe that the current level of restrictions is putting our local businesses in an untenable situation. If there is no reprieve, many will be faced with the choice of closing forever or operating in defiance of the mandates.

The efforts of our community to rally around our local businesses is another testament to the strength and compassion of our people. When the wildfires came last fall, we showed our unity as friends, neighbors, and strangers joined to fight fires and provide relief to those affected. Calls from the government agencies to leave the area were ignored because we saw that help was needed. This tenacity and loyalty of our community continues today and many see the current mandates as a threat.

There is a way to provide some relief for our community while keeping a focus on public health. Simply removing our county from the “Extreme Risk” category, when we were coupled with Multnomah and Washington Counties, and back into the “High Risk” category, will allow our businesses to have a chance at surviving. Molalla is not part of the Metro area. We understand the desire to keep public health a priority and we recognize the threat that the pandemic presents. However, the rising backlash regarding the “Extreme Risk” restrictions will result in many people ignoring the mandates completely. One size fits all does not work for most.

The Mayor and City Council of Molalla, respectfully request that you move our county from the “Extreme Risk” category, into the “High Risk” category. It will give our businesses a chance to survive while still providing a high level of safety measures. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Mayor Scott Keyser

Councilor Terry Shankle

Councilor Deller

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Senator Fred Girod
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Representative Rick Lewis
1291 Wallace Rd NW
Salem, OR 97304

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