

Request for Remote Public Input for House Select Committee on COVID-19 Public Comments Report - LINC

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04/13/2020 03:01 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Patricia Ronay	<p>It is incomprehensible that the State of North Carolina does not begin to open up our economy. The Governor is considering keeping businesses and services closed beyond April 30th on inaccurate numbers, conjecture, and panic brought on by a biased media. I saw one person post something where it said "there is hope". Well, where is the hope for the small business person who is losing their shirt during this period? These people need our business, they need the U.S. economy to start working again. We are adults, we can make decisions without the help of politicians to tell us how, where, when and what to do. We are all responsible for our own health, and, God forbid, we contract this horrible disease, we must and will take care and do what we need to do to combat it.</p> <p>I honestly think that it must be against some law in our country to deprive citizens from making their own choices because of a pandemic. My heart goes out to all of the people who have worked so hard to open a business and think they are succeeding, and then the rug is TOTALLY pulled out from under them. How can this be fair, how can it be justified, particularly here in North Carolina where our "numbers" are good. I don't want Governor Cooper deciding for me!</p> <p>Fortunately, I was taught to respect our elected officials, or I would have a few words to say about our illustrious Governor.</p> <p>In closing, please consider opening up our beautiful state, including our natural resources. The beach is beautiful this time of year and we are being denied our rights to even walk on it. Where is the justification in that?</p>
04/13/2020 03:02 PM	Economic Support Working Group	NC businesses reopen Amy Smithey	<p>The state of NC needs the quarantines lifted along with the business restrictions lifted. The NC government response to this sickness has been an absolute shame. People are losing their livelihoods, businesses, and the sense of well-being. The economy in this state is being crushed because of the ridiculous restrictions the authorities have put into place. Give the citizens of North Carolina back their freedom! This government is supposed to stand on freedom and individuality in America, and yet they are making it their business to instead criminalize the idea of freedom while destroying businesses some people have spent their entire lives or generations building. Reopen NC!</p>
04/13/2020 03:02 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Lets Get Back to Work Tricia Edwards	<p>Please lift the stay-at-home band by May 1st. Restrictions should apply to the immunocompromised or elderly not the healthy able body. This virus is no Ebola, Small Pox, Polio or even the Flu, but yet you shut down the whole country. Please stop the fear mongering and let us get back to our lives and work!</p>
04/13/2020 03:03 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Glynis Giles	<p>We should have the state of NC open asap...this whole situation is absolutely ridiculous! Who determines who is essential and who is not? When there are crowds of people at stores, gas stations, everywhere! Restaurants could be opened if it was done smartly, e.g. thin out tables, waiter/waitresses were gloves...why is elective surgeries not being performed is the object to BANKRUPT THE STATE?????</p>
04/13/2020 03:03 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Rhonda Melton	<p>Please reopen NC now. We must reopen all of NC for business ASAP. Our economy & the welfare of honest working productive citizen's livelihoods depend on it. I have friends & relatives that need to go back to work, to open & run their businesses. We need to get back to normalcy. The closing of parks & beaches were completely unnecessary & need to reopen now. There have been published statistics on other diseases that have been much worse with considerably higher death rates than this COVID-19 has which has been</p>

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			blown up to be much larger issue then in reality it is. Please reopen NC now.
04/13/2020 03:07 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Pat Godfrey	We need for people that are at home to receive more support form our government
04/13/2020 03:07 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Kristin Harvey	I am writing to request that you reopen the state of North Carolina for business. We do not have a public health crisis here as in other states. The long term affects on the economy (particularly small business) are far more serious than a virus that has a 98% recovery rate in the U.S. with several successful forms of treatment. The rate of "Deaths from Despair" due to job loss, homicide, suicide, abuse, hunger, and poverty outpace those from Covid19. Furthermore, we have more than adequate hospital facilities to take care of Covid patients in addition to treatments at home for affected individuals. Please reopen our state ASAP and remove the restrictions on businesses immediately.
04/13/2020 03:08 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Kendra Norman	The scientific data being released does not support a continued shutdown of our state. A vast majority of NC hospitals are nowhere near capacity and many are furloughing their healthcare staff. Economic collapse and unemployment are destroying families. The U.S. Constitution was written to limit government power, not to limit the peoples' power. These lockdowns go against the U.S. Constitution, the Bill of Rights and the NC Constitution. Panic and Fear should NEVER dictate policy. At what point does the solution to the virus become worse than the virus itself? Reopen NC!
04/13/2020 03:12 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Aryn Schloemer	Precedence is being made as we speak. State of Emergency protocols and power struggles (state vs federal, governor vs assemble, citizens vs government) will be decided now and more importantly for the future. This unjustified economic shutdown, being held prisoners is unacceptable. We are not Italians. We are not Iranians. We are certainly not Chinese. Americans are a self-governing population, ready to take responsibility for our own actions. Our government, the CDC, the WHO, the fake news have all failed us. They have lied and have "handled" us during this crisis pursuing their personal agendas. The NC assembly MUST return our sovereignty and Constitutional rights, making clear this blatant act of tyranny can never happen again. The NC assembly MUST create legislation obstructing Governor Cooper from meddling in our elections (more than he and Judge Briggs have already done with overriding voter id laws) . We demand in person voting in November; NO mail-in ballots or online voting.
04/13/2020 03:12 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Amelia Phipps	I desire medical freedom/no vaccine mandates and reopen NC no later than May 1
04/13/2020 03:18 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Laura Simon	When this shutdown started, it was presented as a short-term effort to flatten the curve. I was willing to support a few weeks to help keep our hospitals from being overwhelmed. As the weeks have dragged on, restrictions have become more draconian and the timeline is continually extended. Meanwhile the numbers simply aren't there. Hospitals are empty, people are missing needed care, well-checks and screenings that could save lives. Mental health problems are skyrocketing, our valued small businesses are hanging on by a thread, and our children, who aren't statistically at risk, have lost all sense of normalcy. We flattened the curve, now let us get back to work and life. We have the right to assume the risk we feel comfortable with. The government has forgotten it serves us, and not the other way around. Those who need to self-isolate can continue to do so, but health is more than the absence of disease. Reopen the state and give us back our rights. We can and will do it safely.

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04/13/2020 03:19 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Rev. Earl Roach	Let me encourage you to please get our great state up and working again as quickly as possible. I am a pastor and have church members who have been out of work for weeks now. They are grateful for federal assistance, but would rather trade that assistance for the ability to go back to their jobs, their companies. Thy don't want to become wards of the state. If they don't go back to work soon, they will have no job or business to return to. Then what? Why don't we turn them loose to work. Quit insulting their intelligence. They know what needs to be done and how to do it. The time has come to allow them to go back to work.
04/13/2020 03:21 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Camille Jordan	We need to prepare a plan to begin reopening the state starting May 1. While we cannot reopen all at once, we need to be lifting the stay at home order and getting healthy individuals back to work. Those at an increased risk should remain at home longer at their own discretion.
04/13/2020 03:23 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Heather Lindberg	<p>To Whom it May Concern,</p> <p>The population of State of North Carolina is approximately 10.5 million. As of (April 8th, 2020), there are only 3562 confirmed cases of the Corona Virus, and 63 related deaths. (Although we also know, according to Dr. Deborah Birx that deaths of all kinds are coded COVID deaths even when it was not the cause of death, but only an accompanying co-factor).</p> <p>The Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation (which is the model used by the White House to make policy decisions) has projected 522 total COVID19 deaths for NC.</p> <p>The purpose of quarantine from the beginning has not been to reduce the morbidity and mortality rate, but rather to slow the spread to allow for the medical facilities to not be overwhelmed.</p> <p>In NC, IMHE estimates we will need 1315 beds at the estimated peak infection date. We have 7,125 beds available. There is no shortage. IMHE estimates we will need 250 ICU beds on the peak day. We have 560 beds available. There are more than double the amount of ICU beds needed. https://covid19.healthdata.org/united-states.../north-carolina</p> <p>However, keep in mind that the IMHE has so far grossly overestimated morbidity and mortality numbers in the US; The model projected that over 121,000 people would be hospitalized in the country on April 1st. The actual number was 31,142. (25.7%)”</p> <p>Sweden & Iceland are NOT on lockdown. Compare their COVID-19 mortality rates to neighboring countries on full lockdown. LITTLE difference! (Russia started 3/30)</p> <p>If we isolate the infected, and quarantine the vulnerable to protect them, rather than quarantining the entire healthy population. Would this not be a more reasonable approach?</p> <p>This would allow healthy Americans to get back to work and provide for their families. National assistance measures may not reach needy families quickly enough, and the</p>

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			<p>outcomes of millions of people who are unemployed will result in thousands (if not hundreds of thousands) of Deaths of Despair.</p> <p>Deaths of Despair following unemployment, (domestic violence, suicide, heart-attacks, alcoholism, etc). are well-documented outcomes that result directly from long-term unemployment.</p> <p>With even a 1% increase in unemployment, there can be as many as 60,000 Deaths of Despair in a population the size of the US.</p> <p>According to the US Bureau of Labor Statistics, the number of unemployed persons rose by 1.4 million to 7.1 million in March. https://www.bls.gov/news.release/pdf/empisit.pdf</p> <p>In creating policies, we must consider the health of every American, and the long-term effects on individuals in our nation. If we are ONLY to look at health, then recognize that both chronic health and lives can be lost just as quickly when work and livelihoods are destroyed.</p> <p>The American Civil Liberties Union responded to a request for help as follows: "State and local officials should make efforts to ensure that any travel restrictions or prohibitions are no more restrictive than necessary. Additionally, any restriction on people's movement in the name of public health must be scientifically justified. A restriction that is overly broad, has no time limit, or otherwise unnecessarily restricts freedom of movement has greater potential to violate the Constitution."</p> <p>A blanket "Stay at Home Order" is not scientifically justified and it appears at this point that it does violate the US Constitution.</p> <p>We respectfully ask that you re-open North Carolina as soon as possible to prevent these unnecessary Deaths of Despair.</p>
04/13/2020 03:25 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms Joy Ruhmann	<p>As has been done throughout the country, our state has over-reacted to COVID-19. If less reactionary, more deliberate, and more collaborative decisions had been made, so many of us would not have been hurt so very badly from this shut-down. My business, like so many others, has been ground to halt. It's critical that you as our representative find a way to manage this virus without shutting all business down. We are suppose to be a state of self-governing individuals and I believe I should be in the position to make decisions that impact my own health.</p>
04/13/2020 03:25 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Melissa Ziegler	<p>Small business owners need to open, your are putting thousands of families at risk of being bankrupt. Allow all business to open with the same guidelines for customer capacity. I am a small business owner who was in the process of opening a new business, have a signed lease in which I am bound to pay yet I cannot open my business as it is not considered essential. I will be out of business before my doors ever open. I do not qualify for unemployment as I have not received my first check from my business. Have been unemployed since a July 2019, my husband passed from pancreatic cancer and I sold our business to open a new business. I am running through all of my savings to keep a roof over my head, keep my child in college.</p>

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			<p>Please, I understand the severity of this virus, but it cannot take over our lives on this level. This is not the first nor the last major health crisis, but we have to also worry about our economy. NC cannot support all of the out of work people but for a limited amount of time.</p> <p>Thank you for your time and concern, Melissa Ziegler</p>
04/13/2020 03:26 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Beth Simril	It is time to open businesses back up. CDC has exaggerated the numbers and it is not hitting as hard as expected. People know how to wash their hands and take care of themselves. Small businesses are suffering and we need to open back up!!!!
04/13/2020 03:30 PM	Health Care Working Group	Lora Lyons	I suggest medical freedom/no vaccine mandates and to reopen NC no later than May 1st for Health Care and Economic Support. Thank you!
04/13/2020 03:30 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Christine Bonilla	Open up the NC economy. The Covid-19 numbers do not justify this violation of citizens rights.
04/13/2020 03:30 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Wiker	Please allow the businesses to open back up, the economic footprint will be much bigger then that of the virus. I can't even get in to see a dentist!
04/13/2020 03:31 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Open up NC Donna Hayes	I live in Yadkin county, we have 9 cases of Covid-19. I feel you need to look at each county, we need to open our businesses here and other rural communities throughout NC!
04/13/2020 03:33 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Terri Parker	It is time to reopen our businesses before many will go out of business. We are doing more harm than good especially with the low percentage chance of getting this virus. Quarantine only the sick and elderly and use social distancing. May 1st would be a great opening date. Thank you for considering this.
04/13/2020 03:36 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms Nikki Wilson	<p>As a hair salon owner, this classification of non essential worker has been especially difficult. Not just because my livelihood has been completely removed but more so because in my industry, I have always been able to work no matter what. I pay for my own disability, health and accidental insurance. Historically speaking, every possible contingency was planned for. Never in a million years did I ever think the government could legally prevent me from earning a living in my chosen profession. I forgot what country I'm living in for a moment. So let me be clear. You may not prevent me from earning a living as a hairstylist in my country. This is America not China or Russia. So, step back from the fear and the drama, put on your thinking cap and fix this ridiculous situation. I need to get back to work and support my family NOW!</p> <p>While I can certainly appreciate concern and the need for a safe work environment, Taking away my ability to support my family is not the solution. Instead, please consider all those affected by the closures wearing a mask and face shield to work in along with heightened sanitation between each client. (All touchable surfaces sterilized and hand washing.) This seems much more effective and allows me to still support my family. So, I ask you to step up, and do the right thing for America and let me get back to work!</p>
04/13/2020 03:37 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mary Price	The April 28, 2020 end of quarantine for the state of North Carolina does NOT need to be extended. Our state and communities need to get back to work for mental, emotional, and obvious financial reasons.
04/13/2020 03:37 PM	Economic Support	Mrs. Ann Glacken	We need to open NC back up now. The devastation resulting from this virus is destroying

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04/13/2020 03:43 PM	Working Group Economic Support Working Group	Ms Betsy Clark	<p>too many families and small businesses.</p> <p>Eight Reasons to End the Lockdowns Now Jonathan Geach, M.D.</p> <p>1. WE HAVE ALREADY FLATTENED THE CURVE We have gone from predictions of millions of deaths, to hundreds of thousands and now we are predicting about 60 thousand deaths. This is with the likely over reporting of death. Dr. Birx admitted the attribution of death to COVID-19 has been liberal (her word). If the death count were limited to deaths directly caused by COVID-19, it would likely be even lower than this.</p> <p>The most effective time for social distancing is early in a pandemic. Lockdowns also slow the development of herd immunity, which helps a society move past the virus.</p> <p>We can still practice good hand hygiene, wear masks in public, and continue social distancing for the elderly and high risk, while we develop protective herd immunity for those most at risk. By the time the lockdowns began, COVID-19 had already been seeded in the US for months, limiting the effectiveness of the lockdowns in the first place as the virus was already widespread.</p> <p>2. ECONOMIC COLLAPSE AND UNEMPLOYMENT ARE DESTROYING FAMILIES Each day the shutdown continues, we are losing approximately one million jobs, as evidenced by 16.5 million initial weekly jobless claims in three weeks (since March 26). Many of these lost jobs will never return. If the lockdowns continue through April (essentially, a best-case scenario), we'll be lucky if job losses are limited to 25 million. Many people see 6.6 million people as just a number , as Len Kieffer put it, it is the size of the state of Missouri. Twenty five million is almost the size of the state of Texas!</p> <p>The 16.5 million jobs lost thus far are only counting people who have filed jobless claims that were processed through April 8, 2020; it's likely that the real number is quite a bit higher than this. In addition, there are millions of people not-technically-unemployed who have seen their incomes plummet. One example would be so-called gig workers, such as Uber and Lyft drivers. It's almost certain that realtors are suffering the same fate.</p> <p>3. WE HAVE NOT OVERBURDENED THE HEALTHCARE SYSTEM Although, the ER and ICU capacity has increased in many locations, overall healthcare system capacity has decreased dramatically, as all non-COVID and non-emergent care is being neglected. This has led to layoffs of healthcare workers and delays in care for countless patients, which will result in a range of negative consequences. Assuming the need for healthcare services has remained constant while availability of such services has plummeted, countless patients are not receiving the care they need in a timely manner.</p> <p>In medicine, timing is of the essence, so even receiving the same exact in the future comes at a price. Many important services are being delayed: blood donations, organ donations, screening colonoscopies, and many other elective procedures. It is very important to note that elective medical care is not useless medical care; rather, it's simply</p>

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			<p>meaningful and necessary medical care that is scheduled in advance and not performed on an emergency basis.</p> <p>4. SUICIDE MAY KILL ALMOST AS MANY PEOPLE AS COVID-19 THIS YEAR In 2018, there were 48,344 recorded suicides. Economic ruin results in a wide range of health problems, suicide, mental health issues, loss of health insurance, reluctance to visit doctors in light of financial hardship, and increases in substance abuse. This is on top of the delay in non-COVID care.</p> <p>5. MORTALITY WAS OVERESTIMATED The IHME model, as well as Dr. Fauci have recently decreased the likely deaths from this pandemic to around 60,000 from earlier estimates of 1–2 million. The early reports of 3–4% case fatality rate (CFR) are likely misleading. The numbers miss those who are asymptomatic or recovered at home without seeking testing. What we really need to know is the infection mortality rate (IFR). Fortunately we have some good clues. Looking at the data from the Diamond Princess cruise ship, the infection fatality rate on the cruise ship was 1%. However, the average age of people on the cruise ship was much higher than the age of the average American. When you adjust for the differences in age between the cruise ship and America, you see that the IFR should be about 0.1%.</p> <p>There was a recent study out of Germany in the city of Gangelt where they tested 80% of the population, the IFR there was about 0.37%. The way we are testing now, we cannot know how many people have been infected with COVID-19 since we are missing those who had the disease and recovered. Antibody testing is needed to know the true number of people who have been infected. There is a good chance this number is well above 10 million, which drives the IFR down even further.</p> <p>6. CHILDREN ARE AT ALMOST NO RISK FROM THIS DISEASE The CDC estimates 37 to 187 children die every year, not from Covid-19, from the flu. This year we have lost 105 children from the flu. Yet, we have closed every school in America. Education is vitally important and a whole generation will miss a fourth of this school year. Closing schools also goes a long way towards limiting the development of herd immunity.</p> <p>7. PPE WAS LIMITED BUT IS NOW BECOMING MORE AVAILABLE This article is not meant to diminish the pain and horror this disease can bring to those who get it. I am a physician in one of the highest risk specialties for contracting the disease in the hospital. The lack of personal protective equipment (PPE) facing US healthcare workers is unfair and wrong. Yet, as the curve has flattened, it seems more hospitals have found adequate PPE. The CDC estimates a possible second wave would be at least 150 days from the end of the lockdown, possibly this fall. Ending the lockdowns would have no effect on the PPE for the current crisis. We would have plenty of time to prepare for a possible second wave.</p> <p>8. AUTHORITIES SHOULD SHOW CLEAR EVIDENCE REGARDING THE BENEFITS OF INDEFINITE LOCKDOWN Those who want to continue the lockdown indefinitely should show clear evidence regarding the benefits of indefinite lockdown. There needs to be a clear reliable model that</p>

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			<p>shows how many additional lives will be saved considering we have already flattened the curve and there is essentially no further risk of overwhelming the health care system. The previous models were wrong. The consequences of indefinite lockdown are quite staggering, to the tune of one million jobs lost per day.</p> <p>Jonathan Geach, M.D. Ankur J Patel, M.D. Jason Friday, M.D. Lacy Windham, M.D. Ashkan Attaran, M.D. Jennifer Andjelich, D.N.P.</p>
04/13/2020 03:43 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Reopen NC Crystal Moore	Please find a way to reopen the state quickly. Mandatory masks, hand washing stations and social distancing should keep the spread low and people need to get back to work.
04/13/2020 03:43 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Wake up America Karmen Pendleton	I am begging you along with many other Americans to with hold our constitutional rights. Do not consider forced vaccinations in this state. We have a right to chose, please let the people make the choice when it comes to vaccinations.
04/13/2020 03:43 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Joann Boyle	Please reopen NC. Rural counties are struggling. We don't have the exposure as much as cities. This is imperative to remain sound. People are hurting. Reopen NC
04/13/2020 03:44 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Marcie Blanchard	I do not support any extension on the 'stay at home' order. I also do not support limiting of what can be sold/purchased at stores. It is ruining the lives of more people than it is saving. I also DO NOT support a vaccine mandate. Vaccine mandates are against the constitution and our rights, as well as the Nuremberg Code. I DO NOT CONSENT.
04/13/2020 03:44 PM	Economic Support Working Group	lisa markow	you are suffocating your citizens. the state will not recover from this police state.
04/13/2020 03:47 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Re-open NC Karmen Pendleton	I oppose the continued destruction of NC's economy by this unconstitutional lock down. I also oppose any plan to make a covid vaccine mandatory. Please listen to the people of this state. Hear our cries. We should NOT be forced to be under lock-down or vaccinate unwillingly.
04/13/2020 03:48 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr. Michael Brooks	<p>Please open NC back up!</p> <p>The figures below show how we as a society are so easily persuaded to live in fear based on what the media says. While I don't like seeing anyone die from Covid, car accidents, the flu, drugs, heart attacks, cancer, etc.. statically one in one people die at some point!</p> <p>The numbers below are based on WorldOmeters 4/13/2020</p> <p>Current USA population: 331,002,651 Current Covid Deaths 22,161 Right now, based on the US population, your chances and my chances of dying from Covid in the USA are 0.0000695%</p> <p>Current USA population 331,002,651 Most current auto related deaths figures USA</p>

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			<p>38,800: (we still drive our cars daily)</p> <p>Right now, based on the US population, your chances and my chances of dying in a car accident in the USA are 0.00011722%</p> <p>**If 2,500,000 Americans were to die from Covid with us doing nothing (like many medical professionals predict), our chances of dying would be 0.00755281% (Not even a 1% chance)</p> <p>Let these numbers sink in and realize that while any death is tragic in any circumstance, the Covid virus, even using the worst case scenario with nothing be done, is not as bad as the media is making it out to be!</p>
04/13/2020 03:52 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Elmer Dymott	It's time to get the state of North Carolina back to work. We cannot continue this lockdown. By allowing this to go on our politicians namely our governor he's destroying the lives of the people of North Carolina. Is that really what we elected him to do?
04/13/2020 03:57 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Allison Edwards	I oppose the continued destruction of NC's economy due to the current lockdown. Reopen NC by May 1!
04/13/2020 03:58 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Tina Richardson	We need to get back to real life. Open up business just not mass gatherings at this time.
04/13/2020 03:59 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Donna AHLERS	NC businesses have every right to and need to get back to work. Everyone wants the same thing, to be productive, avoid illness, and provide for their families and communities. Everyone is informed and intelligent enough to know how to protect themselves, and the vulnerable. The "at risk " population should continue to stay in place for safety, and all who are sick or become sick should be quarantined. There will never be 0 deaths nor 0 cases of this virus or any other. Forcing shutdown only breeds more fear and anxiety in people and usurps individuals' liberty and responsibility to conduct personal behavior and business. We are citizens who care about our future health...the health of our families, our neighbors, and our economy. We want robust health and robust economy and the freedom to enjoy both. Our government officials are elected to represent the will of the people. It's the people of NC who drive the economy, not the governor.
04/13/2020 04:01 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ashleigh Dippolito	Please reopen N.C. on May 1. Statistics show the "cure" for Covid-19 has been worse than the illness itself. People need to get back to work and children need to get back to school. This "new normal" is anything but normal and we are all paying dearly for it. It does not make economic sense or health sense to continue to keep the state closed. There have been 20 pandemics in the world according to the CDC. Covid-19 is THE ONLY one we have shut down life for. Please use common sense in your decision to move forward.
04/13/2020 04:02 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Hillary Whitt	Let this state get back to work and to school on May 1st! No Vaccine Mandate!
04/13/2020 04:02 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Colleen Lamprecht	Very concerned that the cure is worse than the cause. There are so many other health issues besides covid 19, and there are many many more economic concerns. People that never dreamed they would not be able to support their business are effected. Please open back up our state. We are not New York. The models have been wrong yet we as a country are still letting them dictate our response.
04/13/2020 04:02 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Eva Morin	We need to go back to everyday life. People are losing what they worked for their whole lives, our mental health is on the line here! Our kids need stability and not to be instilled

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04/13/2020 04:03 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Caryn Scoggins	Reopen NC no later than May 1st. The number of businesses that will never reopen will cripple the state tax and employment base.
04/13/2020 04:05 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Angelina Corroo	It is my opinion that we need to lift the stay at home order so that people can go back to work. Or modifications can be made to quarantine the most vulnerable people. The long term effects the stay at home order will have on our economy will be far more devastating than the effects of COVID-19.
04/13/2020 04:05 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Jill Ezzell	We need a phased in reopening of the economy with the young and healthy getting back to work while still helping the immunocompromised, elderly and those with comorbidities that would make them more susceptible to illness.
04/13/2020 04:06 PM	Economic Support Working Group	responsibility Jennifer Grinwis	I own small businesses in Guilford, Forsyth, and Yadkin counties. I implore you to start processes of reopening business in NC. We can do this without recklessness toward public health. I feel a great responsibility to me employees and customers alike. Hear my voice.
04/13/2020 04:06 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Mary Howe	I believe that the projections of health impact of the Covid-19 virus do not warrant the forced shutdown of our state. Certainly, vulnerable population should take precautions just as they would during the flu season. However, the chances of the general population having serious health consequences as a result of this virus are extremely small. The "cure" is quickly becoming more problematic than the disease itself. You are on the brink of a disaster if you do not open our state back up as quickly as possible.
04/13/2020 04:07 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Classical Conversations Robert Bortins	<p>As CEO of a company that employs around 70 people in North Carolina, I am very concerned with the state picking and choosing who can have a livelihood and who can not. Even though we are considered essential, and continue to operate, the main issue I see is that we don't know when the state will resume our rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. I agree, that a short ban to "slow the spread" is warranted and within reason of the state, I believe we have gone past that stage and need a reasonable and measured opening. Everyone is aware, and it is the people's responsibility to maintain their health. I believe anyone who wants to should be allowed to open, effectively no later than May 1st and that those who can not work, or have underlying health conditions be protected.</p> <p>It is clear the damage to the lives of the citizen of North Carolina's economic shutdown is more deadly than the virus itself. Initial data, which was extremely limited and provided by a communist regime has not panned out as accurate. It is clear by the headlines that the media is using language, while factual is extremely misleading, such as comparing the USA to Italy. Italy is a fraction of the size, a much older population, and has socialized medicine, making it much more susceptible to this virus.</p> <p>We need a plan to open up NC quickly and measurably. The cure can't be worse than the disease and so far it is proving to be.</p>
04/13/2020 04:07 PM	Economic Support Working Group		What is wrong with using common sense and quarantining the sick, not the healthy? Why not let everyone get back to work and life, while you find a place for those that are sick to convalesce with restrictions for them? Other than that, I believe we can behave like adults and take care of ourselves.
04/13/2020 04:09 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms. Nancy Key	Please reopen our state. I feel the current restriction are an infringement on my constitutional rights.

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04/13/2020 04:09 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Jerri Banner	It is important that our State plan immediately for a Reopen with protective measures and guidelines in place. While I do understand the reason for the Stay At Home order being issued 2 weeks ago - it is unrealistic to think we can continue to live this way. As many people or more are suffering from isolation depression, lack of support for their family and basic needs.
04/13/2020 04:11 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Loren Hoke	I feel as if this shutdown is hurting our economy and that we may never recover if we do not open soon. This is infringing on our freedom. Please open the state back up May 1st.
04/13/2020 04:11 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Reopen NC Sarah Boyle	NC small business owners and workers need to get back to work!
04/13/2020 04:12 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Valerie Nichols	We need to support small business that may not last another 30 days
04/13/2020 04:14 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Samuel Jones	The shelter-in-place order needs to be lifted. Too many of the citizens of NC are being seriously harmed due to the lack of economic activity. The state needs to continue to offer guidance on reducing the chance of contracting COVID-19, but it needs to let the citizens be free. Those with underlying health issues should be extremely cautious and maintain safe distances from others, but the state's "one size fits all" approach causes more harm than it prevents and, in my opinion, unnecessarily infringes on the rights of citizens.
04/13/2020 04:16 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr steve maillard	I have owned a Restaurant in Downtown Wilmington NC. For the last 21 years. I am weeks away from going bankrupt and closing down my Business. I have already lost the second busiest month of year (april) and if not up and running by middle of May will be done. Please stop the madness. Let us reopen sensibly i.e. Limited capacity, etc and lets save this economy. I did not spend most of my Adult life fighting for our rights and safety to put my head in the sand and hide !
04/13/2020 04:18 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Gary Ernst	It is time to re-enable the community to operate in a normal capacity. The economic impact is already proving to be far greater than the "pandemic" itself.
04/13/2020 04:19 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Reopen NC Kevin Hall	Please commit to quickly reopening NC while refining the orders to nursing homes and large concerts etc. Governor Cooper has and continues to show no regard for our Constitutional rights and liberties and local uneducated county commissioners are way overstepping their authority.
04/13/2020 04:19 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Tamra Moger	For the benefit of our economy we need to begin opening businesses (especially small businesses) while continuing to follow safe health practices.
04/13/2020 04:21 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Business owner Mark Metzger	The government cannot and should not force its citizenry to stop economic activity. All adverse effects from this would be the responsibility of the government. Since, we the people, know full well that you're not going to feed our kids, we have very limited tolerance for this kind of thing. Freedom means the freedom to choose what risks to take and not to take. We are aware of and have adequately researched the Coronavirus. It should be our decision, not yours whether to go to work, frequent restaurants, etc.
04/13/2020 04:21 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Juliana Park	I understand the responsibility of keeping the spread of COVID 19! Eventually the curve will be flattened and we're going to have a hurting economy even after COVID 29 settled dow. For the season! It would be great if you would reopen businesses even if as a consumer I need to wear a mask!
04/13/2020 04:23 PM	Economic Support	Mrs Vanessa McIntosh	First off can somebody please address how Gov. Coopers "orders" are legal and justified

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	Working Group		when the council members DID NOT concur with his orders? According to Chapter 166A, all members of the council of state have to concur with the decision in this case....
			Mr. Cooper. Please read the laws of our state ??
04/13/2020 04:24 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Lindsey Burchell	Please stand up for medical freedom & stand against vaccine mandates. Reopen NC no later than May 1. We must find a way to protect our health and our economy and livelihoods simultaneously. Thank you.
04/13/2020 04:24 PM	Economic Support Working Group	- None - Lisa Metzger	It is time to #ReopenNC for the sake of our livelihoods and freedoms. Your constituents are taking note of those in power who are supporting tyranny and attempting to control the citizens for whom you work. This November, all who did not attempt to reopen North Carolina, at the request of its citizens will be voted out! Free us from this craziness or your time as tyrants is limited. You work for us, and we will not be tread upon! Remember that.
04/13/2020 04:26 PM	Economic Support Working Group		Nobody wants to get sick - ever! We all think we've been patient with these orders that are backwards from the way they should have been handled. You are throwing the baby out with the bathwater. Help us trust our leaders again by doing things reasonably and sensibly. This is America, the Land of the Free. Free us!
04/13/2020 04:28 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Angela Fisher	It is time to re-open NC. Although there are cases of Covid, the current stay-at-home response to make it that North Carolinians cannot earn a living for their family or exercise other numerous freedoms outlined in our Constitution is unacceptable. Quarantine should be reserved for the elderly or immune compromised. The 81 deaths in NC are tragic, but the other 10.5 million North Carolinians should not be held hostage by our government. If you choose to instill guidelines for health safety, then choose guidelines that don't cripple our state and our families. We can all wear masks when shopping and avoid physical contact while away from our home, but shutting our businesses and restricting our ability to practice our religion is unconstitutional. Please stop this outrageous response to Covid and re-open our state!
04/13/2020 04:28 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Judith Worthington	I just want everyone back to work, When the flu was around in 2010 Lots of people died, lot of people were very sick, you didn't shut down the country. People protected their selves the best they could. The only difference is it was not an election year. Yes this is bad, yes it affects the older group the most, it is the ones that are sick anyway, some other got it, but no more have died than with the flu. It is time to open up our stores and let people use their God given brain to protect themselves. Stop making this political.
04/13/2020 04:31 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Economic support Zuri Lopez	STOP LYING TO THW PEOPLE AND OPEN OUR STATE
04/13/2020 04:37 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Jackie Ledwein	Please reopen our state. We have complied with social distancing and staying at home while watching our unemployment numbers skyrocket and small businesses destroyed. The statistics and COVID models have been wrong. The people are getting tired of the lies.
04/13/2020 04:39 PM	Economic Support Working Group		There has been too much misinformation that led to a scare over a virus that has been infringing on our constitutional rights with no just cause or real data to back this tyranny. We need to open NC back up for business. This can be done and must start on May 1, 2020. I vote we put Lt. Governor Dan Forest in charge of the team to get it done. If you need some help, I'd be glad to be there. It's not rocket science I assure you.

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04/13/2020 04:39 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Makayla Manriquez	I am a full time nanny, because of this shutting down "non essential" work places my employers have not been able to go to work and are stuck at home. Which then makes me stuck at home and not making money. I need to pay bills and yet I have no way to pay my bills. Please re open NC so that my employers can profit and so that I can profit as well. Thank you.
04/13/2020 04:40 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Kathryn Harris	Our state is suffering - our communities, families, small businesses and our farms. We cannot last longer than the end of this month for self-sheltering. We need to get our stated up and running before we do permanent damage to our economy. Many suffering will never catch up. They may have had a reprieve from paying rents / mortgages or utility bills - but, they can never catch up what they have lost. The Ag Center has said stores should NOT limit the purchase of milk - and it is still happening. Our farmers are pouring milk out and wasting produce. We need to get back to work. We understand that flattening the curve may have been a good idea - but, it's clear that we do NOT have the issues of hugely populated places. We have health care facilities that are shutting down - and many, many health care workers are OUT OF WORK due to the cancellation of lots of routine medical procedures and appointments. Stores and supply chain efforts are dismal - we are still OUT OF TOILET PAPER. Supplies are not being replenished - store shelves are EMPTY of many, many items. Let's get this state open up again. Let the elderly and infirmed stay inside and remain isolated. Let those with compromised health systems self-isolate. Let's not keep the state CLOSED. We need to get back to living life.
04/13/2020 04:44 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Megan	#ReOpenNC! Stop lying about numbers. Stop destroying our small businesses, families, and economy. With unemployment at an all time high REAL suicide numbers will skyrocket higher than REAL covid deaths. We will NOT be quiet. DO NOT TREAD ON US!! My constitutional rights can NOT be taken away!! Brush up on your history. Marbury vs. Madison, 5 US (2 cranch) 137, 174, 176, (1803)
04/13/2020 04:44 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Celia Jimenez	Please open our businesses back to normal. The virus is not nearly as bad as originally thought. Our businesses can not survive this. Based on the constitution, we have a right as an American citizen of choice! Those that are at the highest risk or vulnerable can self-quarantine.
04/13/2020 04:46 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms Jacqueline Adams	We ask that you reopen our state now! Do you people not realize how badly you are hurting us NC citizens by closing our businesses? 65 dead out of 10.5 million and you let Cooper close it down? Believe me, come November this act shall not be forgotten. Each of you elected officials have a responsibility to us - not Cooper!
04/13/2020 04:47 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Tom Colwell	Stop the economic suffering and open up. Those that are concerned about going out should stay home
04/13/2020 04:47 PM	Economic Support Working Group	President Mark Fisher	I am the owner of a small business in NC. We have seen a 45% drop in business due the COVID crisis and the response of shutting down the economy. All lives matter, but the response to shut down commerce is effecting lives dramatically. I am fortunate that we are only down 45%. We need a solution that puts people back to work and let citizens make the determination for themselves as to their own healthcare. We need to get back to work, it is a fundamental right in our country and state. I believe public opinion is behind that idea as well. Let's get our State back open for business and be a leader in our country. Regards,

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04/13/2020 04:50 PM	Economic Support Working Group		<p>Mark</p> <p>It's very simple. I want to go back to work. I want to support my friends' businesses. My family wants to go to church. We want our lives back. We want our rights back. Doesn't seem like that's asking too much. But that people act with others' best interest at heart, and that they avoid politics and agendas for a while, well, that is evidently way too much to ask for.</p>
04/13/2020 04:52 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr. Alan Oldham	<p>NC needs to go back to business as usual as soon as possible. There is nothing about this virus that makes it worse than others before it. Only the political and news media hype that have worked some into a panic. People need to get back to work.</p>
04/13/2020 04:54 PM	Economic Support Working Group		<p>The news said two things today. 1, some states are seeing a decline in the deaths and hospitalizations. 2, Governor Roy Cooper is implementing another batch of don'ts.</p> <p>I also heard that President Trump has talked of letting the states' governors determine when people in their state can go back to work, school, church, etc. Which proves that Cooper's North Carolina is not where I want to be.</p>
04/13/2020 04:55 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Jacqui Small	<p>Please start this process of opening . This is very unhealthy overall for our community. We are destroying lives and this "cure" is worse than the virus itself. Most will survive this. We need to start goi g back to interaction. Get to the gym, travel. We will take responsibility for ourselves. The government does not need to govern my actuins to live a normal no criminal life.</p>
04/13/2020 04:57 PM	Economic Support Working Group	MR Thomas Anderson	<p>The Governor's order that has closed businesses must not be extended beyond April 29, 2020. Reasonable guidelines must be provided such as the number of customers allowed in the business, the amount of separation between persons in the establishment, hand washing requirements for employees , limiting contact between employees and customers, etc. and then the businesses can reopen so long as they adhere to the published guidelines. The blanket closure with no opportunity for businesses to reopen safely in compliance with such reasonable guidelines is just blanket punishment without regard for the economic destruction it has caused and will worsen if closure is the only option given by State government.</p>
04/13/2020 04:58 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Timothy Glacken	<p>Open NC up again, the damage being done to the economy and the American household is far greater than a new flu that hasn't even proven to be as deadly as the old flu's.</p>
04/13/2020 04:58 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Miss Alexandra Fisher	<p>As a lifelong NC resident, I am disappointed in our state's handling of the COVID-19 situation. 81 people have died but over 10 million are required to stay home? Not allowed to provide for their families? Not allowed to have religious meetings? Counting off who gets to enter grocery stores at what time? It is a ridiculous and shameful oppression of our rights to work, worship, and even the pursuit of happiness. If an individual decides that they or a member of their household is in a risk category due to age or immunosuppression, they have the absolute right to remove themselves from the public for their own safety; however, to demand that the general public forsake their responsibilities, churches and temples, jobs, and even families in the name of public health is an overstepping by the government's part. North Carolina needs to be opened immediately for the resuming of businesses, places of worship, restaurants and public</p>

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			gathering places. Research shows the value in herd immunity and in the crucial importance of free market. Both of these are not being utilized at this time. Please consider reopening NC and allowing North Carolinians to make the decision for their health themselves.
04/13/2020 04:59 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Kathy Landon	I am very concerned about the economic and psychological effect that the stay at home order is having on our state. While I believe that human life is very important, this has gone too far. The governor has plunged many people into poverty with his order. This will have long term effects on the lives of all North Carolinians. Please re-open North Carolina immediately!
04/13/2020 05:01 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr mike fey	Open the State for Business
04/13/2020 05:01 PM	Economic Support Working Group	David Johnson	We have shut America down, about as long as we dare. The virus should begin to subside this week. Citizens understand that we need to maintain social distancing, hand washing and not touching faces, etc. We need to return to work, and soon. Economic collapse will be more devastating that the epidemic.
04/13/2020 05:01 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mack Moore	Reopen NC businesses now - rescind Gov Cooper's executive orders, Call the Legislature back to get involved, remind Cooper that he must have concurrence of Council of State for any further Exec Orders.
04/13/2020 05:06 PM	Economic Support Working Group	COVid 19 Michelle Deville	I think it's time to have stay at home rules for those that have underlying conditions and are seniors. Consider the high risk populations now that it's been a month. Look at the CDC numbers on other flus and their positive rates and deaths. COVID is MUCH less. We will all be out "free" and still have a risk of getting it. Let the high risk populations stay home. Not everyone. At least, research those scenarios.
04/13/2020 05:08 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Rob Stevenson	I'm a small business owner in Concord. Our store was deemed "non-essential" by the Governor's Executive Order and we've been closed since 3/26. Our family owned business is ESSENTIAL to my children. We sell children's apparel and the last I checked clothing was an essential item. I would also add that allowing small businesses to open would help consumers locate and purchase items they need and small businesses are best equipped to respond to customer needs in a safe and efficient manner. #ReOpenNC
04/13/2020 05:08 PM	Economic Support Working Group	RN Amy Wyscarver	Please consult and strongly consider Dr. Shiva Ayyadurai's recommendations to restore the immune and economic health of the American people in the open letter that he provided to the president on March 23,2020. According to Dr. Shiva, there is no need to shutdown our entire country. There is no need to quarantine all of our citizens. The solution is to provide a path to advance the immune health of all our citizens while getting our healthy people back to work - now." These recommendations make good common sense from a health and economic perspective.
04/13/2020 05:10 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Jennifer Holton	We humbly request that NC lift the stay at home orders so healthy people can get back to work. A reasonable, common sense approach is needed. Encourage the elderly and high risk folks to continue to stay at home but let healthy people work and create herd immunity. I know several people who are almost 100% positive they had the coronavirus in January. It's been here for months and we need to create herd immunity, not a total economic and social shutdown.

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04/13/2020 05:11 PM	Economic Support Working Group	MRS JULIE BARHAM	i'M A SMALL BUSINESS OWNER SUFFERING GREATLY. OPEN THE ECONOMY!
04/13/2020 05:14 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Covid-19 Restrictions Elizabeth Jackson	North Carolinians are very concerned with Gov. Cooper's restrictive actions concerning Covid-19. Our constitutional rights are being infringed upon, mainly our right to assemble. The Constitution is clear and should not be superseded by a governor's executive order. I ask that Gov. Cooper lift restrictions and get NC back to work! This has killed a roaring economy and is penalizing hard-working small business owners while rewarding criminals with early releases. NC will not take much more of this dictatorship!
04/13/2020 05:15 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Cheryl LaVerdiere	Test people for antibodies and let those with them get back to work. We need to RE open business before it is all lost! We need to let people who work individually or at a distance from others do so, whether they are essential or not. Let people be responsible for themselves. This has turned out to be far less of a threat than suicide and drug related deaths per year. A pity we are closing our country down for China's benefit.
04/13/2020 05:17 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Nancy Long	ReopenNC
04/13/2020 05:17 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Elizabeth Stanley	With fewer people having died in NC with COVID19 than with the flu in 2020, it only makes sense to open up the state. It stands to reason the the flu is a worse threat to our state than CV19. The parking lot at big box stores are full and the mom & pops are going out of business. The mom and pops employ over 60% of the people in our state. There is no guarantee that CV 19 will not return, so keeping it closed until the virus is gone is not an option. Give the citizens a chance to become immune naturally so the next go around will not be as bad. We respectfully petition you to open up our state.
04/13/2020 05:21 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Economic Collapse Neil Sweatt	Although we appreciate the State of NC and their caring for the healthcare of the citizens, I do ask at what point are each of you willing to take responsibility for the economic collapse. Allow people the freedoms that so many fought and died for and open up our economy. You are at this point doing more harm than good.
04/13/2020 05:22 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Dawn White	#ReopenNC This is ridiculous and we the people are not going to continue to allow you to take our rights away! Open our state back up and stop lying to the people and playing politics!! The working people who pay your salary are done with this!
04/13/2020 05:23 PM	Economic Support Working Group	mrs sharon jernigan	as with anything, to some, what is "essential" may not be essential to some. it is essential to me for the gym to reopen. exercise. is important, it helps me deal with depression and exercising helps build your immune system. Please let us get back to our daily routines. please!
04/13/2020 05:24 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Autumn Vernon	Hello all. I would like to express my support in North Carolina beginning to reopen at the end of the CURRENT stay at home order that will end May 1. I personally know several other NC citizens whose jobs have been affected or lost due to the current situation. My husband, who was interning for Baptist Hospital in Winston Salem, has talked to several hospital employees who have been furloughed or lost jobs due to the hospital being empty. The numbers do not add up to justify the actions taken by our government. As a citizen, I believe it is time for NC to get back to work. Thank you.
04/13/2020 05:24 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Small business Tiffany Parker	I understand the seriousness of COVID-19, however as a small business owner, I'm urging for North Carolina be "opened" up. The economy can't withstand without money flow. The livelihood of all of us are in jeopardy not just from the virus. #reopennnc

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04/13/2020 05:25 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Heather N.	<p>I'm a healthy person with a family to support. I cannot work due to this shutdown of our state and its businesses. My employer has been closed for 4 weeks already. I cannot pay my bills on unemployment benefits - IF I receive any. My family's welfare and quality of life are in serious jeopardy, and we're going to be behind on our bills through no fault of our own. We were not given a choice in any of this, yet we are the ones who will suffer the consequences of the governor's actions.</p> <p>This is not right. This is wholly in opposition to the United States Constitution. This shut-down needs to end!</p> <p>The governor's decisions are based on obvious faulty data - the cat's out of the bag on that, we know the numbers are skewed in favor of the narrative - and it's costing the people of North Carolina dearly. We are being robbed of our ability to work and earn income, our quality of life, our freedom, and our religious liberty.</p> <p>The governor is ignoring the many pleas of the small business owners who have worked hard to achieve their dreams of owning a business, and now face the very real threat of bankruptcy or permanent closure of their businesses - again, through no fault of their own.</p> <p>Why are we being punished? Because, in truth, that's what this is. This is not reasonable caution regarding a virus, this is not about protecting and saving lives from Covid. This is 100% about control over us, and it needs to end. The citizens of North Carolina deserve better than this.</p> <p>The governor and all elected officials are supposed to be representing US, not their own interests and ideas. Roy Cooper is not our king, he is our SERVANT. It's time that the elected officials of North Carolina recognize their role as SERVANTS of the people, and end this shutdown now.</p>
04/13/2020 05:26 PM	Economic Support Working Group		<p>The work force is your answer! We will protect those who need it and save the economy, too. Share guidelines like this then let healthy people go if they agree:</p> <p>----- Breaking Flu ----- -----America Roaring Back----- Safely & Proudly Made in the USA</p> <p>For the people we love.... * Sanitize hands * Masks - sanitize hands to adjust * Eye Glasses - sanitize to adjust * Stay 6' away - reroute or wait * Work! * Cough in mask * Sneeze in mask, tissues in trash * Re-sanitize hands before touching * Used Masks placed in plastic bag, both get sanitized for next use</p>

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * & Sanitize eye glasses * Keep going! * Sanitize faucet handles, door handles * Packaged food: open wraps & * sanitize hands before touching food * Sanitize gas pump handle & buttons * Public bathrooms: if touch knobs sanitize hands for personal hygiene. * Carry your own tissue just in case! * Do not set belongings on floor or counter. * Sanitize hands on leaving room
04/13/2020 05:26 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Scarlett Chapman	OPEN NC
04/13/2020 05:26 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Ronnie Hill	Open everything back up, this hoax has gone on long enough, let Trump's administration do it's job
04/13/2020 05:27 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Amy Noe	It is imperative that businesses be re-opened before the beginning of May. Small-to-medium business enterprises are the life's blood of this nation. Most small businesses do not have the financial margin to be closed for several weeks or indefinitely. Many of us are struggling to figure out how to get money to pay our bills and buy food. Stimulus money has not arrived and we have no idea how long it will take to get here. We don't want a handout. We want to work! We are willing to take all necessary precautions for the safety of our employees and clients. But we must go back to work! If the lockdown continues much longer the results could be devastating and irreversible. PLEASE HELP US! We must go back to work and we will practice all health and safety measures necessary to do so. To put the needs of one group of people ahead of another is wrong. Let us work together. This nation is in a crisis and we all need to be working together.
04/13/2020 05:27 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr. Josh Utt	Keep the social distancing guidelines as guidelines, keep washing your hands, let the elderly take precautions and open NC back up for business. There is no reason to keep "non-essential" businesses shut down when you can implement the same social distancing guidelines as box box stores.
04/13/2020 05:30 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms Tammy Smith	<p>Reopen NC</p> <p>This has gone on too long our economy is being destroyed, people are becoming depressed, suicidal, losing hope, and feeling great despair. People want to work, people need to work. And let's not forget about the Constitutional violations that are taking place. The state of millions of people has only had "90" deaths less than the flu! Get our state open!</p>
04/13/2020 05:31 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Michael Cornett	Reopen the economy in May. The over reaction to the pandemic is starting to show and the models are being revised down 2-3 times per week over the last 2 weeks. North Carolina citizens didn't our jobs. Now it's time for the State leadership to do theirs!
04/13/2020 05:31 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr. Michael Noe	We don't have to speculate about the draconian effects of the shutdowns on the communities of NC and their small to medium businesses. What do have is gross speculation about the spread of the CV-19 using apocalyptic modeling that has been revised and discredited repeatedly. The flattening that is occurring is the life and economic well being of millions of NC residents. But particularly east of I-95 that is still trying to recover from the worst economic hit (until now) dealt by a hurricane in \$.

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			<p>Recovery from Florence is a more than 1 season event and now the CV-19 shutdowns have guaranteed the ruination of thousands of businesses and family livelihoods. Please stop the bleeding and nightmare. Federal support is slow at best and not going to get here in time, State resources were stretched to the breaking point with Florence and now this. There is no plan for this scenario or soft landing, but the current trajectory is apocalyptic in the suppression of freedoms and pocketbooks not just for the East but the whole state of 10.4 million people.</p> <p>A damn virus has more rights than a NC citizen and we are fed up and tired of it all. You will have no tax dollars if you keep this up nor tourists and industry. You can forget big bailouts from the Feds as a panacea. It ain't gonna happen nor would it scratch the surface of millions of NC citizens and businesses ruined.</p>
04/13/2020 05:32 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Re Open NC Ronald Belton	I am opposed to any extension of the stay at home order. Especially for a virus that has a 98% survivability rate. It's time to re open NC now! The stay at home order, and the forced closing of businesses, is a violation if basic civil liberties like freedom of religion, speech and a assembly. I'll will not be voting for any politician that cannot respect my basic Constitutional rights.
04/13/2020 05:33 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Reopen NC Now Deb Dossinger	There is no reason to continue the lockdown of the state and I believe it is unconstitutional. With only 313 in the hospital in the whole state and a 98 percent recovery rate it does not merit these draconian measures. Killing off small businesses and destroying peoples lives is reprehensible. And what are the rest of us going to have to come back to if all these businesses go under? Every person is responsible for their own health and should be boosting their immune system...if they are afraid, dont go out. Elderly should not go out. But dont take our rights away from the rest of us.
04/13/2020 05:33 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Shannon Whitaker	I would like to know how this is constitutional to make people stay home and not provide for their families! And who makes the rules on what is essential vs what is not?? It should be up to the people to make those decisions from a health standpoint!
04/13/2020 05:34 PM	Economic Support Working Group	You don't speak for me None Of your business	Fuck the new normal!!!!!! The people need to work. How else do you think your paychecks keep coming.
04/13/2020 05:35 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Citizen Monte Lewis	Stop this unconstitutional shut down of our state. Open up NC for business immediately. This virus has been totally blown out of proportion. Carteret county has only 5 cases and that will be lowered to 3 tomorrow. Only 35 total patients in hospital with 150 rooms. It is past time to open Carteret county. Go to work ! Stop the governor from killing our state for political reasons !!!
04/13/2020 05:36 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Angela Kulyk	Please reopen Nc. These numbers of covid are far under what was predicted and are NOT overwhelming the healthcare system. But they are overwhelming small businesses by destroying their livelihood. It is not the position of the government to mandate these sorts of unconstitutional regulations. Furthermore, if we can wear masks while we pile into Walmart and Lowe's then I'm pretty sure churches, restaurants and other small businesses can implement safety measures and resume business. This is in favor of big business and is wrecking our economy in NC. Reopen now!
04/13/2020 05:39 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Matthew Hinson	Please overturn the unconstitutional overreaching restrictions implemented by Governor Cooper. The restrictions make no sense. Those who are at risk should certainly shelter in place but the public at large should be able to use their own common sense to protect

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			their health. Herd immunity is the best longterm solution and needs to happen. The 'cure" should not be worse than the disease. Many small businesses will not recover if these unreasonable restrictions continue.
04/13/2020 05:39 PM	Economic Support Working Group	#reopennc Chris Respass	Please open this State back up, the longtime issues with the economy are going to be far worse, if we don't!!
04/13/2020 05:39 PM	Economic Support Working Group		I need to go back to work. Re-open NC so I can.
04/13/2020 05:40 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Miss Nelda Williams	I know 2 people who no doubt has had the virus. They both went to the doctor and were refused testing. Why?
04/13/2020 05:40 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms Annette ODonnell	NCDES is in dire need of additional resources to serve the public. Phone support is not available, website is unreliable and emails are not being responded to.
			We need to open the economy back up ASAP.
04/13/2020 05:41 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Leroy Melton	It is time to open our state back up. Open businesses and our beaches and our state parks.WE do not live in a nanny state , but Gov. Cooper is trying to make us one. It's time to get our people back to work.
04/13/2020 05:42 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Debbie Baisden	It is time to reopen North Carolina. We cannot demolish our economy for a trace percentage of those infected with a flu.
04/13/2020 05:42 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Rebekah Down	I would like to see you work toward the states opening businesses and churches before May 1.
04/13/2020 05:43 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Christine Stine	Please reopen NC. Have those at risk quarantine and let the rest of us get back to work. This has gone on long enough. Not only is it destroying people's lives, it is also unconstitutional to force us to "stay home".
			Thank you.
04/13/2020 05:45 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Chantel Stevenson	Please reopen NC now! My husband has been unemployed for three and a half weeks now because of Governor Roy Cooper's executive orders!!!! No paycheck for 3 weeks. No paycheck coming this week either. We do not want your handouts. We want to work. We need to work. Our mortgage is due. Other bills are due. We need groceries to feed our kids. Reopen North Carolina!! Governor Cooper has abused his power and needs to be held accountable. Please remember the NC Constitution and the responsibilities you have to represent us, the people of our great state. #reopenNC
04/13/2020 05:45 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Reopen NC Michael Gossett	Good evening, based on the facts from ncdhhs on the number of cases, hospitalizations and deaths related to the covid-19, I believe that it is time to lift the restrictions with the stay at home order. There are very little hospitalizations for the number of people in NC. Thank you for your consideration
04/13/2020 05:45 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Kevin Whitley	I am a small biz owner in ENC. THE GOV shutdown is killing us. If we go beyond 4/30, alot of biz will not be able to recover. #reopennc. Models and data show we can. Stop toeing party lines and open nc up!
04/13/2020 05:46 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Dr John is Lauby	Open up our state. Stop sending our private businesses to the poor house. 97 percent of the people who get this recover. The biased media rumor spreading of doom and

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			destruction needs to stop.
04/13/2020 05:46 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr. John Slothower	Gov Cooper and State Team - it is time for the state to reopen. Our statistics are indicating that the Covid 19 virus is much less toxic than the common flu. We, as a state are suffering and need to be able to go back to work, perhaps with continued social distancing and other controls measures. Masks, gloves, hand washing, no touching faces, etc. Thanks
04/13/2020 05:46 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Hon Brian Sisson	Remove this illegally placed sty at home order and let the people of the state get back to their own business.
04/13/2020 05:49 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Sharon Slothower	Please get businesses back open. NC is not a 'hot spot' and our economy is suffering as well as our citizens. Reopen now!
04/13/2020 05:50 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Jan Stump	it is time to get our folks back to work and off the federal and state payrolls. My opinion is the longer we receive handouts the harder to go back to self sustaining. Our streets are beginning to fill again with homeless and hungry people; that is a travesty. I'm not ready to open the out of area tourist trades, but we locals would love to go to the beach, museums, parks, kids to their entertainment centers, restaurants, family and friend gatherings-just for starters. Get us back to work, please.
04/13/2020 05:50 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Michael Rose	We down East need our beaches and parks opened. We need tourist dollars and this is just over the top
04/13/2020 05:52 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Mark Otis	Good evening, again at 3:00 p.m. this afternoon, we were addressed by this Governor with nothing, no answers on what his plans to start the enconomic Disaster this state is in due to this virus and more of by his irresponsible handling of it. By the numbers he Shut the state down on where grossly wrong, and with even the rates of cases, Deaths, and Hospital beds used and needed, he is not telling anyone anything, The people of this state truthfully need to get back to work, opptomism on a forward goal is needed, hanging an invisible carrot of nothing is not working and is hurting many, This authoritarian attacks on our rights and freedoms have gone far enough, Too many edicts by too many , mayor's, council members, county reps and Sherriffs, It's time for a level headed game plan, No partisanship, Open this State back up, enough political games. Slow this man's ,Regal Dictatorship
04/13/2020 05:56 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Vikki Garman	Please open the state back up before everyone goes broke! The vulnerable population can continue to stay home, but let the rest of us get back to work, eating out, shopping, etc.
04/13/2020 05:57 PM	Economic Support Working Group	MR Alton Rudisill	Get this shutdown over with! My business is suffering tremendously. If it goes past May 1 the state of NORTH CAROLINA will be keeping my family up. Also your unemployment commission is horrible. Have tried to apply for three weeks.....nothing!
04/13/2020 05:58 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Betsy Comingore	Thank you for your consideration in opening back up the great state of North Carolina. My husband and I are both out of work due to the Coronavirus. I am a small business owner and was having a record breaking year before this hit. We were almost homeowners and now we are curious how long we are able to pay rent without paychecks. Yes we have savings but we would love to use that towards a home and growing our family. Please let people use their freedom and open businesses back up.
04/13/2020 05:58 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Cindy Dorman	Please watch the models closely and reopen North Carolina on May 1. If not, the governor all all politicians in NC responsible for not reopening May 1 need to forfeit their salaries like the rest of us until the state is reopened.

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04/13/2020 05:58 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Paige Naylor	OPEN NOW! There will be consequences that we will never recover from and these increase each day we are restricted from working! Give your suggested health guidelines, and let North Carolina begin recovering from the pain and harm this virus and our govt inflicted on the people. Oh and the governor and legislators should return their paychecks!
04/13/2020 05:59 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr. Joseph Gellner	Please reopen the state! A careful analysis of the numbers now coming out don't warrant such extreme measures.
04/13/2020 06:00 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mye Wilson	The constitution is being violated and we will not sit idly by and allow our liberty to be stripped away. Reopen North Carolina!
04/13/2020 06:02 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Herb Hartley	It's time to get NC open for business again before any more businesses are bankrupted by this shutdown. Even businesses that are still open are affected by the shutdown.
04/13/2020 06:03 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr. Mark Gott	We feel it is very important to get North Carolina working again. I know so many people who've lost their jobs. People who have to put food on the table, and in some cases buy expensive medicine for their children or elderly parents. I think that it would be important to continue to protect the vulnerable population amongst us, which include those with pre-existing conditions, elderly, and perhaps even morbidly obese. Rather than a one size fits all prohibition, we should look at this is more of a rolling black out.
04/13/2020 06:05 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Amy Jenkins	Be able to prioritize economic recovery for families
04/13/2020 06:06 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Dr. Peter Keelin	As a psychologist I am deeply concerned about the unintended consequences of this shut down. The prolonged closure is already doing vast damage to the emotional well being of the residents of the state and as the economic challenges grow, the psychological damage is sure to escalate even greater. Please Re-open the state and due so while implementing safety measure; like social distancing. Failure to do so will likely cause greater damage than the virus.
04/13/2020 06:07 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Michael Charney	It's time to end restrictions in NC. The citizens of this state know the virus is out there. We wash our hands and isolate ourselves if we don't feel well. There's enough data to know this situation is no where near as bad as the media and many government officials led the citizens to believe. Forcing the closure of thousands of businesses and cutting off people's sources of income will cause much more damage and loss of life then letting the citizens of North Carolina live as free people.
04/13/2020 06:10 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Holly Strum	Please reopen N.C. I'm in the Outer Banks which has closed the bridges to non-residents. My husband's business has come to a screeching halt. I'm the principal of a small private school, made up mostly of families in the commercial fishing industry. This has most likely sealed our fate for next year if families cannot go back to work soon. We can be safe while continuing to work.
04/13/2020 06:12 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Kellie Crump	Please reopen nc.
04/13/2020 06:14 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Will Thorp	Dear House Select Committee, As a restaurant owner on the outer banks for 30 years I can tell you that the shut down of

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			not only non essentials but to our bridges has cut our industry off at the knees. We are one of the blessed few able to operate on Togo and delivery only. ReOpen NC! The bigger picture of massive economic collapse far outweighs the loss of life to a virus with high survival rates. I truly fear a total meltdown and true civil unrest on a level we may not be able to come back from. Please listen to the PEOPLE and do what is right for NC! Thank you
04/13/2020 06:16 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms. Lauren Antanaitis	<p>It is time to re-open North Carolina. The goal of “flattening the curve” for COVID-19 has been satisfied. Indefinitely shelving our rights to work and freely assemble for a virus is not only unconstitutional, but will do more long-term harm to our state than the virus itself.</p> <p>NC citizens NEED to go back to work to provide for their families. Businesses - both big and small - have truly suffered due to this lockdown and they must be able to heal. The citizens of North Carolina CAN safely conduct business and resume public and private education, while utilizing common sense measures to ensure the health and safety of its citizens.</p>
04/13/2020 06:17 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Etta Glover	Americans need to get back to their jobs. The “stay at home” has gone on long enough. Other viruses have not shut our country down. We are Americans and we want our freedom back now. President Trump we ask that you lift the order that Governor Cooper has put on North Carolina immediately.
04/13/2020 06:19 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Reopen NC Christine Sells	We need to get NC back on track. Too many people are out of work and too many businesses are shutting down. Our healthy population needs to be out and contributing to the economy and creating herd immunity now instead of dragging this out for months and months. We can not afford to stay shut down any longer!
04/13/2020 06:19 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Carol Holton	Please do not extend the Stay at Home Order. People need to get back to work and normality. Yes, the virus is serious, but I believe that people are smart and can do the right things to keep themselves and others safe. Face masks, cleaning, etc.
04/13/2020 06:20 PM	Economic Support Working Group	CHRISTY JONES	In response to Covid19, REOPEN NC NOW
04/13/2020 06:20 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Lisa Gerboth	<p>I'm for being on the cautious side and do not want to see the schools, businesses, etc open too early and then have more people getting sick. I would rather see people go back to work and school in "waves" based if the job could be done remotely or not. I am not for you paying for workers not to work, but instead for using those funds to help businesses let their workers work from home until we have a vaccine. Please use taxbreaks and mandates to have as many legal, US workers who live in NC, work from home as possible.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Businesses whose employees can currently work from home - There are a lot of businesses (especially the Hi-Tech companies) that don't need to have their employees come in to work. The workers are already set up to work from home and the only reason they go into the office is that some management is still old fashion. Fyi – I worked from home for 15 years with one of the large Tech companies and there's no need for most of these workers to go into the office. 2. I would like you to grow the number of other businesses that currently don't have their employees set up to work remotely (probably some of the smaller businesses) but would do it with an incentive (tax break) and guidance from the Hi-Tech companies in our state. 3. Schools – I think the kids should keep with the virtual learning until a vaccine is

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			available. If the schools are reopened before that, the NC State Legislature should let any family who wants to, sign their kids up for a Virtual school and the State should cover the cost. The Virtual school should be the choice of the parents as long as the child is doing work at the appropriate grade level and has adult supervision.
04/13/2020 06:21 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mark Blanton	I own a small business in NC, have been in business for 15 years. I figured Microscope Sales and Service would be economy proof and stable for years to come. This COVID shutdown is like nothing I've ever seen in my 50 years. Why are the healthy in quarantine, that's something you do with the sick. I'm basically guilty until proven innocent here. The numbers have been way off and the hospitals are empty, I know because I visit multiple facilities throughout the state and talk directly with doctors and lab personnel. What happened to the Constitution and the Declaration of Independence? It doesn't say Life, Liberty and Pursuit of Happiness unless there's a scary virus then it's Null and Void. These freedoms were given by my creator, not a state or federal government and you have no right to try to take them away. I PREFER DANGEROUS FREEDOM OVER PEACEFUL SLAVERY! #ReopenNC on Facebook has over 20K members since April 7. Open the state back up before you hurt more people. You obviously don't understand how your tyrannical rules are absolutely and unjustifiably overreaching by a huge margin. Please open the state and never agree to this type of forceful closure again.
04/13/2020 06:21 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms. Deborah Fillman	I am writing to support the reopening of our economy, immediately, but May 1st LATEST. The people have done their part, and we have learned how to socially distance voluntarily, and we already knew how to wash our hands! I understand this is a serious virus, but poverty is serious too! I have lost count of how many friends I know -- small business owners -- are desperate! They have told me they may not ever be able to reopen if this goes past May 1st. Some are single moms, others will lose everything they've spent their lifetime building. This would heap so much tragedy onto an already difficult situation, and I think it's needless! The numbers simply do NOT indicate continued lockdown is necessary. More and more evidence shows the virus is not spread widely by healthy or asymptomatic people, and short contact as happens in most business transactions doesn't do it either. If it did, grocery stores, big box stores, and other "essential" businesses would already be hotspots, and they are not. Sustained exposure in poorly ventilated spaces where people are in very close proximity puts people at risk. But the most at-risk people can stay home voluntarily! They already WERE, before the lockdown began! My daughter is asthmatic, and that's what we did, starting back in February! We take care of ourselves, and don't expect the gov't to use force to restrict our neighbors just because we are worried. That's OUR job, not yours. YOUR job is to protect our rights. I urge you to do everything you can to change the course of this state economically. If we don't act soon, the long-term ramifications for all of us will be dire. On behalf of myself, and my three teenage daughters, all of whose lives are on hold, all of whom are suffering anxiety about their economic futures, I thank you. Deborah Fillman
04/13/2020 06:26 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Linda Bunyan	ReOPEN NC. Small businesses need to reopen! Get our economy growing and strong!
04/13/2020 06:26 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Dan Belcher	Sirs, "For evil men to accomplish their purpose, it is only necessary that good men do nothing." The veracity of that statement is profound and proven true time and again, regardless of

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			<p>where or when voiced in time or place.</p> <p>Please protect the freedoms our citizens and the Constitution of the United States.</p> <p>Here is precedent: This was the ruling of The United States Supreme Court shortly after the "civil war" in Ex parte Milligan, 71 U.S. 2 (1866) which yet stands to this day: " Neither the legislature nor any executive or judicial officer may disregard the provisions of the constitution in case of emergency.... " Section 98 therefore, ANYONE who declares the suspension of constitutionally guaranteed rights (to freely travel, peacefully assemble, earn a living, freely worship, etc.) and or attempts to enforce such suspension within 50 independent, sovereign, continental United States of America is making war against our constitution(s) and, therefore, we the people. They violate their constitutional oath and, thus, immediately forfeit their office and authority and their proclamations may be disregarded with impunity and that means ANYONE; even the governor and President.</p>
04/13/2020 06:28 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Judy Presnell	Discontinue the stay at home directive so people can go back to work and resume their lives. Balance is the key. Certainly we should wash our hands and stay home if we're sick, but to FORCE people into this infringes on freedom and needs to be stopped.
04/13/2020 06:33 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Dennis Freeman	I am currently a essential employee of a large construction company. I have not been in contact with anyone with covid19 although we have honored the 6 feet zone around each person. No one on my jobsite has been sick. I think we should be opening N C to work as long as the 6 ft rule can be in place. We didn't have masks because they could not be purchased. Our company wanted the superintendents to buy disposable thermometers to take temperatures before working but we couldn't find those either. So that wouldn't work either ,so we just kept keeping our hands clean and stayed 6 Feet away as much as possible and we have had no problems with any sub contracting crews or workers. Those construction workers were many. I don't understand why ,with a little common sense as to how to proceed , why the workers in N C can't go back to work. Thank You for reading this letter.
04/13/2020 06:33 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Jennifer Blake	This foolishness needs to end now! I know many people who have been laid off and a few who are unable to get through on the unemployment website. I also have friends who have small businesses and they are feeling the burden this is causing on their finances to the point where they feel they won't be able to reopen. Also, this is an infringement on our constitutional rights and civil rights.
04/13/2020 06:33 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Christa Hutzler	We most REOPEN North Carolina! Actual COVID cases do not warrant devastating this economy even further! There have been less than 40 diagnoses cases in Buncombe County, that has a population of more than 260,000 people! Please end this ridiculous shutdown !
04/13/2020 06:36 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr. Ed Frye	NC needs to be reopened! Our livelihoods, freedoms, and rights have been taken away as a response to a virus. The extreme measures that were taken were not necessary to slow the spread of this virus. This is nothing more than a power-grab. It needs to be stopped.
04/13/2020 06:37 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms Deborah Spears	I do not believe Dr Fauci is working for the good of the US. He and his group (Bill Gates) The Clinton's, Soros, WHO and More. It didn't take a lot of work to find that is this group is working to find a vaccine against Covo-19. Their literature also suggests that a chip be inserted with the vaccine or separately. Many of us believe all this was done on purpose

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04/13/2020 06:39 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Audrey Freeman	Open back North Carolina. Please and thank you.
04/13/2020 06:40 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Joseph Franklin	We are a free people, and while we appreciate the protection, it's time to let people make decisions for themselves. The solution was worse than the problem. I believe with social distancing guidelines we can open businesses back up. People's lives were destroyed because of the shutdown. At what cost? The government said it themselves, we are all probably going to get it at some point. Elderly can maintain distancing themselves while the healthy go back to work. It doesn't matter where people shop or what they do, we are always at risk. If people keep on with personal procedures and PPE we can still maintain the curve. We need to open NC back up
04/13/2020 06:41 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Stay at home order Kelsey Rusmisell	Let's open the economy back up. This is crazy. We are ready to go back to work.
04/13/2020 06:42 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Kristin Kidwell	I believe we should have the stay at home order lifted. The virus will never "go away". It will die down. If people care for themselves and take the necessary precautions, we can go about normal life. The panic buying is out of control and making it hard for parents such as myself to get things they need for the children. Small businesses will never come back from this...
04/13/2020 06:45 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Please lift restrictions William Jankowski	I would like to know what you are doing for those of us that are sole proprietors that have been rejected for every type of financial assistance? If the Governor feels so strongly about destroying about our livelihoods which we've worked years for what is the plan to keep us all afloat? #reopenNC
04/13/2020 06:46 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Aaron Polsgrove	<p>The data available does not support the overly restrictive measures in place and the trampling of the constitution. In Meck Co, there are 1.11 million people and 970 positive cases as of today. That means that 99.96 percent of the community is virus free, yet we are all locked down like a communist country. Balance that number of positive cases against the unemployment claims over the same time period... what is worse? Furthermore, collectively, we have done our part to slow the spread. At some point, people need to be responsible for their own health, own choices, and own level of risk aversion or acceptance and decide to what level they self-quarantine.</p> <p>Rather than relying on models (which have all far overstated the actual, real life outcome in modeled scenarios), it is time to examine what is actually happening - nurses across the state (including meck co) are losing hours and being furloughed due to lack of work, businesses and individuals are in financial ruin, depression and other mental health issues are at an all-time high (841 percent increase in call volume in the national crisis hotline in March) and the majority of this state are not sick.</p> <p>This is not sustainable and cannot continue beyond April. We have collectively done our part - enough is enough.</p> <p>The governor alone should not have the power to decree a quarantine. This should be reserved for the legislative. Please limit the governor's power so he cannot shut down the economy in the name of safety or any other reason.</p>

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04/13/2020 06:46 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Martha Elliott	We are a NC National Guard family and we support reopening NC. Our community is suffering greatly and continued closure will crush small business. It is crushing our residential and commercial real estate rental business . We own 4 hair individual hair salons and 4 residential properties. We are only collecting 25% of our rents due. The medicines and knowledge is there to begin to let off the quarantine. Sincerely, M. Elliott
04/13/2020 06:47 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Todd Hillyard	There is no need to continue to keep small businesses shut down. I believe that even 4/30 will be too late for so many hard working citizens of this fine state. I would encourage the legislature to vote to reopen businesses immediately and return our civil liberties. We need to continue to focus on protecting the elderly and high risk individuals but younger and healthy individuals can contribute to developing herd immunity which will be much more effective than the current approach.
04/13/2020 06:51 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Reopen NC Robert Carter	The restrictions on the small businesses and healthcare professionals, all in the name of COVID-19 are ridiculous. The State of NC needs to be reopened. Let us move on and get the economy back on its feet!
04/13/2020 06:53 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Customer Service Rep Donna Peterson	I think the quarantine and shut down of businesses needs to end. We all need small business for our small towns to survive.
04/13/2020 06:53 PM	Economic Support Working Group	JoAnne Watson	We need our state reopened
04/13/2020 06:53 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Kara Henshaw	We demand you reopen NC. I think you are forgetting you work for US! We will not be told what we can do and where we can go.
04/13/2020 06:55 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Brad Oakley	Can I have my old Governor back!!!
04/13/2020 06:55 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr. John McMahon	Decisions on businesses and schools remaining closed needs to be made on a county by county basis. I live in Brunswick County, as of today's update from our county officials we have had 35 positive test results for COVID-19, of those 24 have recovered already. That means we have 11 people currently sick with COVID-19 symptoms, 11 out of a population of close to 150,000 in the county. The entire county, all businesses and schools do not need to close because of 11 sick people. Reopen the small businesses and schools in the counties with low infection rates.
04/13/2020 06:56 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Kathleen Lindsey	Please re-open the state! We can wear masks and keep our distance, but I am not working, and have no unemployment coming yet. We have all learned a lot about this virus, and know the precautions.
04/13/2020 06:57 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Cathy Thomas	May 1st REOPEN NC!! We are tired of having the Constitution trampled because some people are getting sick. Our forefathers did not make it ok to throw the Constitution out the window because we have a pandemic. Stop government overreach!!
04/13/2020 07:00 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Scott Harris	The State of North Carolina needs to get back to work. The Governor's response to the Chinese Wuhan Virus (CWV) has crippled our state and its citizens. Free, law-abiding, productive citizens have been subjected to unconstitutional restrictions that prohibit their movement and ability to earn a living in order to support their families. As of this writing, there have been 4816 confirmed cases and 86 deaths of the CWV. The population of NC is 10,500,000. That equates to 0.00045% of the population being infected and 0.000008%

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			deaths of the population. For this, the entire state is forced to suffer. Guilford County, which has the highest number of infections has FIVE people hospitalized for the CWV. This is ridiculous!
04/13/2020 07:01 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Diana Zeni	We need NC to open up immediately. This closure is not justified by the numbers we are seeing in the hospitals. Our economy is collapsing. So many small businesses on the brink. Please help us to support our small businesses. They are the backbone of our economy. We need them!
04/13/2020 07:06 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Debra Smith	What are you doing to put in place to open the state back up by May 1? We cannot continue to be held in limbo. Jobs and lives - yes lives from things other than covid-19 are in danger. The effects of this will be worse than the disease itself. Perhaps you should talk to medical experts about the 'herd mentality' and get input from those who aren't 'yes men.' What are we doing to make sure that the COD showing covid-19 are only cases where the person tested positive for covid-19 not conjecture and scare tactics? With all the statistics being thrown at us that continue to be nowhere near as bad as what we are told I am having a hard time believing this is anything more than the government exerting power it does not have constitutionally over its citizens. I, as well as many others I know, are not one bit hesitant about going back to work as soon as tomorrow- being safe. Saying that 'parking lot' church services where cars and the people in them are distanced more than 6 ft apart is insane. Definitely see law suits coming. I know I will be told the state has enhanced unemployment benefits. Well- 1st it's almost impossible to use the site from what I have heard because of all those you have put out of work trying to get some relief and 2nd who is paying for this? Oh wait it's us. I have heard there is a bill that will be proposed that 2/3 of the legislature needs to vote in favor of a state of emergency. You, Gov Cooper, are the reason this is needed. You have overstepped and overreached your authority.
04/13/2020 07:08 PM	Economic Support Working Group	We need to work Amanda Perry	I am a salon owner and I need to go back to work! We can do one person at a time and wear a mask! We can not go any longer without money!
04/13/2020 07:10 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Kathleen Sharpe	My husband and I own four small businesses. Our income - and that of the six people who depend on us for their income - has taken a huge hit. The EIDL and PPP loans haven't materialized for us. But why should we be depending on a government handout? Why should we have to resort to unemployment and food pantries? There's not but 313 people needing hospitalization in our state. It's QUITE clear that the numbers were overblown and the model is completely faulty. Governor Cooper MUST rescind the emergency orders. There will be civil action forthcoming if he doesn't. He should be paying for this out of his own pocket rather than posting cute cat pictures on social media.
04/13/2020 07:15 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Lewis McCloud	I am submitting this statement asking for you to do all you can to get this state moving by May 1. We are not under a dictatorship confined by house arrest closing business and asking/telling people what they can do and not do. This is the United States of America where the freedom of speech, religion access to different things has been restricted or forbidden by local authorities even so much as giving a person a ticket for surfing by himself during non curfew hours by a policeman who is following orders of government official. I served 23 years in the military fighting for our rights of freedom and our constitution only to see it being taken away by power hungry government officials. If the number of sick and dying people were 4 or 5 percent of the 10 million North Carolinians then I would be concerned but it is less than 2%. We are adults who can wear mask and

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			work, we are even told we can't buy certain items because they are non essential> . And preventing and arresting people performing their religious obligations is a direct violation of the constitution. Open this state back up by May 1st or people will start opening it up for you.
04/13/2020 07:15 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Arise Fitness LLC Katherine Gonzalez	Please reopen North Carolina so we can get back to work and regain control of the economy! I would NEVER sacrifice my freedoms for a small amount of safety, or even a great amount of safety and I KNOW there are so many other North Carolinians who feel the same way! Small business owners have worked hard to keep their businesses alive and thriving over the years, people have worked hard for the homes they own, land they own, cars they own, etc and would hate to see that all stripped away. This isn't about materialism. It is about a sense of pride for the things we have worked our tails off for! PLEASE reopen NC. Focus on keeping the immuno-compromised and elderly safe while allowing NC to thrive!
04/13/2020 07:15 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Jonathan Gatewood	Based on the numbers that are being reported, of cases of covid 19, and deaths ACTUALLY from covid 19, the potentially catastrophic effects to our economy that keeping our state shut down for any longer would have don't add up. It is time to reopenNC.
04/13/2020 07:26 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms. Tammy Rowland	North Carolina has made amazing sacrifices to flatten the curve. Now we need to go back to work !
04/13/2020 07:28 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Attorney Ralph E. "Steve" Stevenson	<p>Greetings Committee Members and fellow concerned citizens,</p> <p>Thank you for this opportunity to be heard at this pivotal time in our State. I write briefly, and on my own accord, to state my sincere concern for the many business owners in the industries my practice serves. In that spirit of brevity I submit for your consideration the following:</p> <p>I have fielded multiple inquiry from small businesses in the sub-prime loan industry , and the questions of how they should conduct their businesses during this pandemic. Chiefly, they need statutory guidance in areas concerning underwriting, collections, and defaults. From fundamentals such as; 1. Verification of income for applicants, 2. How to conduct "safe" closings, 3. Temporarily waiving restrictions for in-home closings, to include Motor Vehicle Sales and associated Retail Installment Sales Contracts. 4. Clarification of restrictions on collection activities to include asset recovery and repossession.</p> <p>Many direct lenders can provide anecdotal examples of some consumers abusing the pandemic to avoid contractual obligations, this minority of debtors needs defining, and creditors need statutory guidance in order to prevent untenable losses. Yes, these lenders recognize the risk they took with this particular consumer class, but that risk was calculated before the pandemic. Many subprime lenders have proactively extended, deferred, and modified loans for the majority of their client base. They are also experiencing some client's ignoring those offers, and the resulting defaults are far exceeding pre-pandemic projections, exacerbated by a looming sense of regulatory and civil reprisal if standard collection activities were resumed . No one I have spoken with has any desire to repossess a vehicle from a family negatively impacted by consequences of this pandemic, however everyone I have spoken with has no desire to allow an individual to use the pandemic as an excuse to ignore their contractual obligations. These</p>

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			<p>small businesses need a default defined, and those debtors meeting that definition need to be exempt from otherwise applicable protections of any Executive Order or NCGS 75 actions that would normally be found in Unfair Debt Collection statutes.</p> <p>Independent (Used Car) Motor Vehicle Dealers are in a similar quandry. In several Counties, and especially Mecklenburg, auto sales have been considered non-essential, while auto parts, and service are essential. Due to provisions within Chapter 20, Sub Chapter 12 and NC DMV Motor Vehicle Regulations expressly deny operation of a related business on the same premises of an Independent Dealer, this has effectively allowed ONLY Franchise (New Car) Dealers to remain open. Unlike New Car Dealers, a Used Car Dealer cannot operate a service and parts facility open to the public at the same facility licensed as a Independent Dealership.</p> <p>Many Pandemic Executive Orders, to include the NC Governors Order promote On-Line and Remote automobile sales. In NC, it is time honored and good legislation that ALL automobile sales transactions between a Dealer and a Consumer are commenced from the licensed location, and finalized at the licensed location. NCGA 20-292 states limits of display, and allows home display at consumer request only, and this exception does not provided for actual sale or delivery at the consumer's home. Yes, in my opinion, several national corporations have business models that currently subvert these statutory limitations by utilizing Interstate contracting laws and conducting sales from multiple Out of State dealerships. I have personally represented single point NC Independent dealers who have faced suspension, fines, and revocation for similar acts.</p> <p>NC Motor Vehicle Dealers need safe harbor and temporary waiver of these restrictions on trade during the pandemic, and retroactive to March 1st, 2020 when it became necessary to operate in this alternative manner. Dealers further need retroactive safe harbor and waiver for time sensitive submission of documents to NC DMV. Titling documents are severely delayed due to slower funding, limited access to floor plan lenders and subsequent release of titles, as well as limited staffing at Dealerships and NC DMV. This would include extending the validity of "30 day temporary markers" to a reasonable time considering the pandemic.</p> <p>Notary witness and verification of Identity requirements need temporary waiver for true "In-Person" verification. Title documents, odometer disclosures, and Power of Attorney are necessary to be signed in "wet ink" for validity. Temporarily waiving the "In-Person" requirement and implementing a multi-stage video witness and verification of identity with strict and limited standards is needed to safely conduct business remotely for any documentation requiring notary services. The Courts have amply modified Notary requirements for civil litigation purposes but our Sec. of State has determined any other modification requires Legislative action. I urge you to do so.</p> <p>Lastly, I have had multiple inquiry from Property Management businesses concerned with a need for guidance on collections and evictions. Primarily in the affordable rental category, and similar to the concerns of sub-prime lenders referenced earlier. Affordable rental properties, not subsidized by State or Federal programs, are literally providing housing for some tenants that would otherwise be homeless. Many do not qualify for the subsidized housing due to Federal Statutes and underwriting regulations restricting</p>

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			<p>availability due to prior criminal history, poor rental/credit history, and listing on various responsible individual/offender registries. Many property management groups have proactively addressed opportunities for deferment, rent reduction, or recasting leases to assist their market rate and affordable rental tenants, but some have experienced tenants who are aware of the current hold on evictions, and many landlords have anecdotal examples of tenants who have indicated they have no intention of paying rent until they are evicted. Property Management businesses need an underwriting guideline to address those tenants who misuse this pandemic. Civil remedies once the courts resume evictions are often empty judgments and may be too late to save a small landlord's income producing investment from foreclosure.</p> <p>I initiated these comments stating brevity, and I will honor that intent. If You desire any expansion on any of these concerns do not hesitate to contact me. My personal email is resteve62@gmail.com . For purposes of disclosure I am the Managing Attorney for S & P Law. I currently serve on the NC Human Relations Commission. I currently represent several Independent Auto Dealers in Petitions for Review of Administrative Hearings concerning license revocations. None of those civil actions would be affected by adoption of any of these above recommendations,. I served as a Legislative and Operations Officer at NC DMV prior to the current Administration, and I have previously served as an Auto Industry expert consultant to NC Legal Aid, US DOJ Civil Rights Div, Consumer Section, and multiple Consumer and Auto Dealer organizations.</p> <p>I wish you all safety and good health in your deliberations and consideration of these and many more important issues before you. I have great faith the Legislature will insure that The Citizens of this State are first and foremost in their decisions.</p>
04/13/2020 07:30 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Open up businesses Justin Glacken	Please open businesses back up so we hopefully do not have any long term economic impacts from this. More people are struggling due to financial impacts rather than health impacts.
04/13/2020 07:34 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Wayne Pinnix	It's time to open North Carolina and it's businesses back up. This virus is not going away and before everything was shut down there were very few getting infected.
04/13/2020 07:34 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Melissa Young	#ReopenNC
04/13/2020 07:39 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Tim Boyce	The shut down is killing the states farming industry, food service industry, and overall economic growth. The virus is not as bad as first predicted,It may be very hard on people with breathing difficulties and other underlying conditions but not any more unbearable than the common flu. We need to get the state open back up so we can recover the economy as best we can as quickly as we can. This hurts every industry in the state. Unemployment is at an all-time high, and this cannot be tolerated. These draconian laws need to be reversed immediately. I'm sure the voters will show you in which direction they want to go in November. Especially the governor, he must be removed from office. Infringement on the peoples rightsUnder any condition is totally unconstitutional, federal and state. Have a good day
04/13/2020 07:40 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ryan Hergert	Reopen the economy now.

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04/13/2020 07:43 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Dr. Jeffrey Blair	<p>As a citizen and business owner in North Carolina I respectfully request that you pass a bill in the legislature to override Governor Cooper's closing of businesses and stay at home order! The models that he is using are wrong and have been wrong all along. The numbers don't add up! This was to be a temporary solution to slow the spread of the virus to prevent overwhelming the hospitals. The hospitals are not overwhelmed and the virus has not spread as the models predicted! It is time to open North Carolina! Many epidemiologist are coming forward saying that a continuation of shelter in place will inevitably make the virus worse in the fall! We must begin building a herd immunity now to prevent that. Again, I respectfully request that you pass a bill to get North Carolinians back to work. The economic ramifications of this shut down will be tremendous!</p> <p>Jeffrey Blair, PhD</p>
04/13/2020 07:46 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Angela Cannon	<p>First I will begin to say that what is happening in our country is unconstitutional. We have liberties which are slowly but surely being taken away from us.</p> <p>While you think it may go unnoticed, it is not. Over stepping government reach is awakening a sleeping giant. The effects of government over reach will be far more harmful and consequential than Covid-19.</p> <p>While keeping the state closed down, you are creating poverty, panic, depression, sadness, anger, fear, anxiousness, distress, heartache and agitation. The people of N.C., the people of the United States is being put into a position of fight or flight.</p> <p>We have homes, businesses, jobs and families to protect.</p> <p>Treating is like wild animals incapable of thinking for ourselves, will not have a good outcome at all.</p>
04/13/2020 07:47 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Russell Lichtenstein	Stop picking winners and losers and let companies come up with a plan, rather than depending on bailouts. Open up the economy before it's too late!
04/13/2020 07:49 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Diane Colyer	We need to get back to work. These limitations are causing other issues worse than the virus. Take temperature and smell test and let us get back to work.
04/13/2020 07:49 PM	Economic Support Working Group	James Gebhardt	Opening the illegal closing of Dare county. The restrictions to the county ore draconian.
04/13/2020 07:51 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr. Dick Toomey	Get business back to work by adopting smart procedures. Use common sense, including testing, sanitary procedures, working environment. Places like COSTCO, Home Depot, supermarkets & others are operating effectively -- no reason other private businesses shouldn't go back to work. Restaurants can have servers tested -- and they can organize to avoid crowding. Post customer policies, provide hand sanitizer, train employees to identify risks and risky behavior -- etc . People most vulnerable because of age or pre-existing conditions should take extra precautions in the early stages of business roll-out -- to repeat, let's use cooperative common sense to restore an economy vital to essential health and welfare.
04/13/2020 07:51 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Janie Garriss	The State of North Carolina should not be holding people hostage. It's time to let people go back to work. Older residents like myself know to be careful, and the younger generation are hurting. Ease up on the guidelines.
04/13/2020 07:54 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Amy Pinion	NC cannot sustain long term closure. Small business need your help. Reopen NC with physical distancing rules in place. Stop Roy Cooper from infringing on our First Amendment Rights.

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04/13/2020 07:54 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Re Open Businesses Wesley Waitman	The reckless and illogical economic shut down should end immediately. We need to take a common sense approach to stopping the virus while still allowing businesses to operate. Your constituents will not forget how you cowered in the face of adversity.
04/13/2020 07:56 PM	Economic Support Working Group	H Don Mills, Jr	All business should be allowed to open by May 1
04/13/2020 08:04 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Katherine Gatewood	Our state needs to be opened back up completely now!!! It is our constitutional right to work , to go to church. Our state should never have been closed down. Compare the numbers of the corona virus to the number of cases of H1N1 in 2009! Massive difference! Did we close down then? No! The damage to our economy and small businesses is done! Open up North Carolina now!!
04/13/2020 08:07 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Cassandra Riggin	The current ban in Dare County seems unreasonable in that it target only one group of homeowners. "Residents" are free to leave Dare Co, visit other states and reenter as they like, out of town (even country) workers are allowed in, but at paying home owners are not able to self quarantine in their own home. Add to this that the bubble this has created among locals has given them a false sense of security and daily they are gathering, ignoring safe social distancing protocols because they there has not been a consistent focus on best practices. All media has been instead focused on keeping NRHO out. With no end date in site DC officials who consistently site "lack of resources" should be focused on developing an action plan to expand care if the need arises. I understand these are extraordinary times but exactly how long can the County of Dare keep me from a home that I pay mortgage, utility bills, and taxes on.? If they would like to purchase our property via eminent domain, great, if not we expect to be allowed access in the near future or I imagine the lawsuits will keep coming.
04/13/2020 08:08 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Randy Splawn	We need to reopen N.C. now.
04/13/2020 08:09 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Pam Andler	The economic impact of this persistent quarantine will be far more deadly than the covid 19 disease. Lives lost via despair and suicide or violence. Resultant poverty and hunger. Lost wages jobs and retirements!! Health issues such as dependency and addiction from stress and anxiety, heart attacks, and high blood pressure as well As many other co morbid risks will Rise. The satanist is do not support the ongoing government action! The cure is worse than the disease. Re open Wilmington! Reopen the state! By not doing so you are complicit in the destruction of lives— far more than covid 19 will be !!!
04/13/2020 08:11 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Shana Deitrick	Reopen the state. The numbers don't support this, it is hurting families and community members. -sequestering the very young, elderly and sickly, while allowing the strong to go out and back to life to build antibodies and protect our weak is the safest option. Quarantine a for sick people. There are approximately 10 million+ healthy people in this state that have been locked down for 3k cases. Please reopen the state. You're hurting everyone, not protecting us, and it sets a dangerous precedent.
04/13/2020 08:13 PM	Economic Support	Tannis Boswell	Please reopen NC at the first of May!

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04/13/2020 08:16 PM	Economic Support Working Group	H. Clon	Reopen NC immediately. These draconian measures are out of control & the government is stripping away our liberties illegally. We have constitutional rights!
04/13/2020 08:16 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Stacy Kennedy	#ReopenNC !!!
04/13/2020 08:19 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Charles Patterson	Please open up our state for work in all areas ASAP. We need to gp back to work now.
04/13/2020 08:21 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr. James Thompson	The Governor and our Legislative branch need to work together and understand this virus is going to run its course just like all others do. We should be looking at our state just like the Country looks at its states. Rural areas are as different as metropolitan areas as NY is different than NC. Cleveland County is different than Mecklenburg just as Watauga is to Forsyth. The governor should not be holding small rural towns to the same rules and regulation as Mecklenburg. Small businesses in rural areas where there is not a huge outbreak are damaged much more than those in metropolitan areas as customer bases are much smaller and chances of recovering are less likely. Pleas use common sense decision making and not based on what side of the aisle you sit. Sincerely, James Thompson, Cleveland County, NC
04/13/2020 08:25 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Wendy Konig	Please open the state ASAP. We've flattened the curve, NC numbers are great (hospitalizations, death rate, medical readiness). What are we waiting on? Put proper precautions in place to protect those that need it (elderly, comorbidities, etc). Let the rest of us get back to work to take care of those that need it! Thank you so much.
04/13/2020 08:25 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Open NC Kayla Seabolt	I understand the precedent of covid-19. With that being said, the government can NOT withstand the entire human race being unemployed. The government funding will cease to exist if the shut down continues. #reopennc
04/13/2020 08:26 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Katherine Broce	As a registered nurse currently working in an ICU, it is my opinion that each county needs to be responsible for any further stay at home orders. Not every community impacted as badly as some, if at all, nor is every hospital reaching max capacity and being overwhelmed. It's time to begin to open our economy back up, or the consequences of a prolonged shutdown will be far more reaching and dire than the virus itself.
04/13/2020 08:29 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Reopen NC Angela Ellis	We cannot continue to have our right to work be taken away. The cost of shutdown far outweighs the cost of the virus. The decisions made by Governor Cooper are based on limited and spotty data at best and they are a violation of his constituent's rights.
04/13/2020 08:32 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Karen Hinson	The state should allow relaxation of quarantine laws starting May 1 st. Restaurants and other stores should be opened. You can suggest people wear masks and stay 6 feet apart but things can not stayed closed much longer. You risk people's mental health and financial security. Basing all this on predictions is wrong,
04/13/2020 08:33 PM	Economic Support Working Group	MSgt USMC/ret Robert Nichols	#reopenNC NOW
04/13/2020 08:37 PM	Economic Support Working Group	President Micah Baxter	Please open back up our economy
04/13/2020 08:38 PM	Economic Support	Authority James Smith	look at other states. California has held their own. Reopen NC. What about heart

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	Working Group		diseases, cancer deaths, and flu. Show us hospitals are at capacity everywhere in NC
04/13/2020 08:38 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Authority James Smith	look at other states. California has held their own. Reopen NC. What about heart diseases, cancer deaths, and flu. Show us hospitals are at capacity everywhere in NC
04/13/2020 08:39 PM	Economic Support Working Group	H Maddox	Reopen NC
04/13/2020 08:40 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Denise Turner	I am concerned should the current shelter in place order continue past May, our economy might never be able to recover. I feel that essentials rules for business is picking and choosing who will come through this pandemic unscathed. I feel it is my responsibility to deem what is essential for my family's needs. It is not the responsibility of the government.
04/13/2020 08:41 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Wayne Roan	North Carolina needs to reopen for business with the necessary restrictions ASAP. As the government continues to quote models which have proven to be at least 33% wrong on projections, they are killing the small businesses in this state. With our expanded healthcare knowledge and capacity in this state, you would think we could find a solution for both health and economic safety for all North Carolinians. Please address why hospitals in this state are half-full with nurses being called out and we are 43rd in the nation in virus outbreak but our governmental leaders are still quoting inaccurate models as reasons to remain closed.
04/13/2020 08:41 PM	Economic Support Working Group	COVID19 Elizabeth Snow	Great job to the state of NC representatives! Thank you for a great response to COVID-19. Let's get our economy going again. Instead of extending quarantine-require face masks for all and start to open non essential businesses back up. Maintain social distance, curfew, doctors but no elective surgeries, limit shoppers in retail businesses (do not limit hours), no dining in restaurants-take out only, no large gatherings, etc. Everyone must wear masks though!
04/13/2020 08:41 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Janet Presson, R.N., M.Ed.	Reopen NC immediately!!!!!! The COVID-19 data does NOT support keeping our small businesses closed for another day! We own several short term vacation rentals in the mountains and we are watching our business and local restaurants, bars, etc, destroyed by this shutdown. I will NOT vote for a single incumbent who supports the continued shutdown!
04/13/2020 08:44 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Teresa BLAKE	Please open back up out state. If someone is afraid to go out then let them stay home. I am a single female who has to pay for my home, car and bills. I have a small craft business and this helps supplement my income. I must be able to do shows and craft fairs to sell my merchandise so I can pay my bills and also support the other local businesses. If we can't open the state back up then the governor and all the other politicians should go on unemployment and survive.
04/13/2020 08:44 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Hal Stewart	Open our business and allow us to practice precautions, We can protect the vulnerable and save of futures!
04/13/2020 08:50 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Robert Vinson	This virus has stopped the work I do and for a lot of other people. I believe we should open the economy up slowly and keep a social distance at all times.
04/13/2020 08:51 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Rev. Jim Hunsucker	We need to ease out of this shutdown. Start today!
04/13/2020 08:53 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Time to Reopen Dean Grubbs	In the beginning our Country was looking at a highly contagious virus and 8-10% death rate in hardest hit areas. Since then the Pandemic has gone global and we know who is most

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			vulnerable and the vast population whose greatest risk is mild symptoms. It is time to reopen businesses, restaurants and Churches. The virus is already on the decline but most must be free to live life like normal people even though that comes with many risks both known and unknown. No one wants to see their favorite gathering place out of business. Loneliness, grief, alcohol and drug addiction, and loss of employment can quickly dwarf COVID-19 in terms of treatment costs and deaths. Governor Cooper and the NC State Government is greatly appreciated for taking action. You bought precious time for great test kits and a through understanding of facing this new societal challenge.
04/13/2020 08:53 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Jonathan Payne	I'm an disabled army veteran, while you have this whole can't do this or that why are police officers ticketing people for surfing, riding down dirt roads etc. What your failing to see is the 22 veterans a day has now more than quadrupled due to veterans like myself to having to stay inside and not doing nothing. We strive to be able to do a daily routine and yes while we have to social distance what is me riding down a dirt road and not getting out, or fishing or any of that have to do with all this mess. But yet there can be tons of people within a foot or so of each other in Walmart, Lowe's and many other places! This is obsurd so to think our oh so great governor Cooper is literally running us to stay inside while a local mayor (Atlantic Beach) has his pier staying open for business, so where exactly is this difference?
04/13/2020 08:54 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms. Kathryn Richey	Please open the State to go back to normal. Those at high risk can take precautions!
04/13/2020 08:56 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Cameron Barber	This state needs to get back open. Our economy is suffering to save a couple thousand people who would have possibly gotten the flu or other virus anyway. Save our economy and get businesses back open!
04/13/2020 09:02 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Terry Kallam	The current data doesn't support the restrictions that have been placed on NC residents. We need to be able to go back to work. Distancing can be placed in restaurants and other service oriented businesses just like it has at Grocery stores and Hardware stores. Thank you
04/13/2020 09:04 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Economy Amy King	Please reopen NC. Lift the ban. . Our numbers don't warrant this. It's destroying our small businesses. Please do the right constitutional thing. Thank you!
04/13/2020 09:06 PM	Economic Support Working Group	President /Gym Owner Joshua Ritch	To Whom It May Concern: I would like to offer my suggestions and comments as well. As a gym owner, I have been completely shut down. My wife, a dental hygienist, has been completely shut down so close to 4 weeks \$0 income and no word on Gov assistance. As I look at the current "essential businesses" deemed "essential" by the Govenor, I know I personally can do a safer job by being allowed to do one on one personal training keeping a 6ft social distance. As I look at the Governors mandate that businesses allow a certain number of people in the facility at one time based on square footage, I know I can do that as well. I own a small business with under 10 members in the facility at one time. We have cleaning stations that are used every time a member leaves their station and we also have staff continually cleaning. I would love to start personal training immediately and would hope to start allowing members to work out in a controlled level at least by May 1st. I'll finish with

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			<p>this. If Ruth Bader Ginsburg can still use a personal trainer then why cant I?</p> <p>Thank you for your time,</p> <p>Joshua Ritch</p>
04/13/2020 09:06 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Catherine Ames	<p>We need to reopen NC. The economic devastation is far outweighing the health concerns. The Constitution is being trampled on by this tyranny. We can protect the at risk community without destroying the rest of our community at the same time. Reopen North Carolina!</p>
04/13/2020 09:06 PM	Economic Support Working Group	#reopen NC Rebecca McDonald	<p>Hey CB, I'm sending you a copy of a letter written by Tom Toby to Governor Roy Cooper. Ben & I agree with his letter 100%. I just wanted to share with you as commissioner our thoughts about quarantine and all other draconian acts being placed on us by the government etc. Also, I have been a supporter of you throughout your career as commissioner. I'm saddened you lost in primary.</p> <p>written by Tom Toby in New Hanover County, NC, who gave me permission to use his letter as I feel the same from Cherokee County, NC</p> <p>The letter sent to Roy Cooper, my county commissioners, and other elected reps</p> <p>To all,</p> <p>I am a free citizen living in a Constitutional Republic in the State of North Carolina, I am a citizen, not your subject to be dictated to. I am writing you all to demand that you end your unconstitutional and judicious over reach on the rights and liberties of the citizens of North Carolina and New Hanover county IMMEDIATELY. Our inalienable rights are granted to us by our creator and framed in our constitution, they are not yours to restrict and as a citizen of North Carolina and New Hanover County, I am here to remind you again that we are CITIZENS not subjects and to be quite blunt, YOU WORK FOR US. I do understand the need for concern during this virus outbreak, I worked in emergency medicine in New Hanover County for 26 years and I am married to a former molecular biologist that is a published scientific author on cell manipulation. She worked for both Duke University and UNC Chapel Hill, we are neither uninformed nor ignorant to viruses. I was on the streets dealing with SARS, Bird Flu, Swine Flu, regular Flu, Tuberculosis, HIV and everything else you can think of for 26 years. I am also good at math, In New Hanover County we have had 54 confirmed cases of Covid 19, of those 32 have fully recovered and we have had only one additional person admitted to New Hanover Regional Medical Center since Monday leaving our entire economy shut down over 22 people out of 233,000 in New Hanover County, .00009% of our population has ground this area to a financial halt and it's time to end this farce.</p> <p>Further, at what point do any of you think you are competent enough to tell us what is essential and what is not for our families day to day needs and by what authority do you have to close private businesses and limit what is for sale in stores? That is Socialism</p>

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			<p>plain and simple and we the citizens of North Carolina will not stand for it. I am speaking directly to you Julia Boseman and Bill Saffo who by report of other commissioners have stated that the two of you acted solely to increase the restrictions on the citizens of New Hanover County beyond state level restrictions without input from the rest of the commissioners or council members. If this is true I also want to know why the rest of Wilmington City Council and New Hanover County Commissioners allowed you to do so? That would make them all derelict in their duty to the citizens that elected them. Do you honestly think we are all that stupid? Governor Cooper and the rest of you democrat officials, stop thinking we are and don't think for a second that we are blind to you all towing the party line, we know what you are doing and we have had enough.</p> <p>Do any of you have any real idea what you have done to business or families in this state? Many may never recover. I see it only fitting that Governor Cooper IMMEDIATELY surrender his income until such time as his even more restrictive stay at home and social distancing orders are lifted. I demand that Governor Cooper also pay for the maintenance, upkeep, and staff of the governors mansion as well. You sir should not be allowed to continue to draw a salary or live freely off the citizens of North Carolina you're suppressing while we wonder whether or not we will have jobs or businesses to return to. A real leader would endure the same harshness his people do. Many of us are small business owners, we take risks and work hard to build something and during this we get the privilege of having to take interest baring loans to pay employees and stay afloat putting us further in debt. I have had to lay off 5 employees so far and I put those 5 jobs squarely at the feet of you Julia Boseman and Bill Saffo, you bare full responsibility for your stricter than state level business closures in New Hanover County. Your orders and directives are not laws and as stated above I believe are illegal since you acted with sole discretion outside of Council and Commission and I demand you lift these unjust directives immediately and that the rest of the respective boards take action against you.</p> <p>You have all violated my Constitutional rights rights to freely assemble. to worship, to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. We are under threat of being arrested for a class 2 misdemeanor and a \$650.00 fine for walking on the beaches that our tax dollars pay for, we can't use the boat ramps that we pay for, we can't use the parks that we pay for. Enough is enough and if you continue down this course you know that people are only going to stand for this only so long before it becomes civil disobedience, riot and revolution to get our great state back to where it needs to be. We are all equally responsible for our own health, safety, and well being, we don't need it dictated to us by lawyers and real estate agents following the party line. Disseminate the information, sequester the most at risk, let herd immunity do its job and GET US BACK TO WORK SO WE CAN DO OURS! Have you even thought of the secondary implications of your draconian over reach? Farmers are dumping milk and crops will rot in the fields. What are we going to do when the farmers are bankrupt since they can't get payroll protection because many of their employees are seasonal 2 months at a time a couple times per year? The impact on the stock market alone has done what may be irreparable damage to many of our elderly citizens that are living on retirement plans, losing their money hand over fist without the time or ability to recover. LIFT THE RESTRICTIONS AND GET US BACK TO WORK NOW!!</p>

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			<p>I promise you all that come election time we will remember these infringements on our liberties, the jobs, and businesses you cost us and will exercise the rights we have left to elect you all out of a job! Do the right thing now!</p> <p>Tom Toby, Extremely pissed off citizen and business owner</p> <p>North Carolina, New Hanover County resident</p> <p>"I prefer dangerous freedom over peaceful slavery"</p> <p>Thomas Jefferson</p>
04/13/2020 09:09 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Erika Eckelbarger	Enough is enough. We need to open NC back up for business. Let the people decide for themselves what their risk for this disease is... I've seen enough back and forth from the "experts" who clearly are grasping at straws themselves. We can't keep the economy closed long term. It's just not feasible.
04/13/2020 09:10 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Brent Deitrich	Thank you all for the work you are doing for our great state. As a small business owner, I have lost over \$30,000 worth of work as a result of this shutdown. I am a wedding photographer so my work is seasonal and there are mainly certain times of the year that's it's busy - this being one of them. This is putting an enormous burden on the wedding industry ... countless colleagues are out of money that they counted on as well. We've rescheduled most to dates for late summer / early fall but if the shutdown continues past April, our clients will reschedule again and push events further out - leaving us with no income for a half year or more. This is unsustainable - we need to be able to start working by the end of April. Please consider this when weighing that only 0.04% of our population are testing positive with an even lower mortality percentage. Peoples kids are going to start going hungry.
04/13/2020 09:11 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms. Maureen Smith	We are now at the point where the cure is becoming worse than the virus. Time to open businesses back up and allow our economy to get back on track.
04/13/2020 09:11 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Christina Canosa	The mandated quarantine is destroying businesses and families and there little to no evidence that it having or will have any health benefits. Reopen NC before our economy is further harmed!
04/13/2020 09:13 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Emily Sanchez	At this point, after so many weeks, we are at a much greater risk for loss and suffering because people are unable to provide for themselves and to work. People should be able to return to work and re-open their businesses. The vulnerable populations should be encouraged to isolate until things settle more. But healthy people need to return to work to keep our economy healthy and so they can pay their bills and feed their families. RE OPEN NORTH CAROLINA.
04/13/2020 09:14 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr. Tim Owings	<p>From NCDHHS 4/13/20</p> <p>NC total cases: 4,816 (+296, 11 fewer additional than yesterday)</p> <p>NC total deaths: 86 (+5)</p> <p>NC total completed tests: 63,388 (92.41% negative)</p> <p>NC total currently hospitalized: 313 (-18, 3 consecutive days reduction in hospitalizations)</p> <p>ICU Empty: 842</p> <p>Inpatient Hospital Empty: 6388</p>

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			<p>Ventilators Available: 1,823</p> <p>The stated intent of the executive orders restricting commerce and movement of the citizenry was to prevent the health system from being overwhelmed. If that is true then either they have been successful or were never actually needed in the first place and the ever-reducing estimates were as wrong as we now know them to be. Regardless, we must now reassess the benefit of continued restrictions against the potential stress to the state's health system.</p> <p>At present Onslow Memorial hospital could absorb every patient, on its own. I believe that demonstrates that the health care of the state is in good shape. There may be a need for specific counties to retain some or all of the restrictions currently in-place statewide, but the majority of counties would be in more than able to reopen their businesses without creating undue stress to the healthcare system. In the meantime, every day costs many more jobs some of which will take very long times to recreate or will simply be lost permanently, a CERTAIN detriment for North Carolina families.</p> <p>It is time to remove the statewide restrictions in favor of focused, county or municipality decisions based on their local needs.</p>
04/13/2020 09:15 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Sherry Seagraves	<p>I want my representatives, especially Roy Cooper, to stop violating our freedoms. To ask citizens to cooperate is one thing but to stomp all over our civil liberties is another. You need to do whatever it takes to get our state back to work and back to normality as soon as possible. Follow the president's lead and stop overstepping your authority! Get us back to work!!</p>
04/13/2020 09:15 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Kristy Massie	<p>To whom it may concern:</p> <p>The shelter-in-place order needs to end no later than April 30th. The covid-19 issues have not posed enough of a problem to ruin the State economy and keep people out of work and from living life. The predicted peak time (in at least one of the models—who knows what model is there now) is past, and the people of North Carolina are not overwhelming the health care system; in fact, such a low percentage of North Carolinians have contracted the virus that I'm frustrated that we've been dealing with this SAH order to date. Regardless, the curve is effectively flattened, and the community knows it. Several weeks into the order is already leading to increased stress, tension, and anger among people, not mention significant financial hardship. Continuing beyond the original parameters will lead to trouble, both in the court house and in trying to compel compliance. It's time to reopen North Carolina.</p> <p>Sincerely, Kristy Massie</p>
04/13/2020 09:16 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Jonathan Fouche	<p>Reopen NC now</p>
04/13/2020 09:17 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Bill Dollbaum	<p>It's time to start relaxing the restrictions. The Virus wasn't what it was purported to be. The economic disaster it's creating is costing more lives than the virus.</p>
04/13/2020 09:20 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Wetona Warren	<p>Please open NC now. This quarantine is doing way more harm than good. People are dying of other things because of depression and procedures being on hold. We cannot continue living this way.</p>

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04/13/2020 09:23 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Leslie Kwait	The stay at home order until the end of April was a strategy to flatten the curve of Covid-19 infection, allowing hospitals time to prepare and to avoid a peak that overwhelmed healthcare facilities. In the weeks that have passed, these goals are being met. Hospitals are preparing, ventilators are being produced and made available, and a massive peak of infections has not occurred in NC. But what has happened is a massive number of people laid off, small businesses sinking and possibly closing permanently, single parents struggling to provide care for their children and work, and provide them with an education. We the people know we need to protect ourselves, we know the importance of distancing to avoid infection. We as a society need our livelihood back, and our liberties back. We can continue to protect ourselves from a virus through personal measures without the mandates enforced on us from the government. Open NC NOW!!!! We need to save our economy!
04/13/2020 09:23 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Senior Pragmatist Jackie Wieland	I totally agree with the recommendations of wearing a mask and gloves in public/group settings during the upward trajectory of the number of COVID-19 cases. However, I am deeply concerned over destroying the NC economy and mental health of many of its citizens in forcing isolation. I worry about the businesses forced to close, permanent job losses and increased suicides & drug abuse. I seriously doubt our forefathers would approve of taking away our civil liberties for a virus that has infected 4816 and killed 86 citizens (2019 NC population is 10.49 million) as of April 13th. Please think long-term when you make your decisions.
04/13/2020 09:26 PM	Economic Support Working Group	The Living Person Trevor Maffucci	Open the Economy of NC immediately. The Living People of NC are responsible for their own pursuit of well-being and health and do not require the heavy hand of the State to interfere in the free movement and decisions of We The People. The State of NC will provide up to date RECOMMENDATIONS to The People as opposed to draconian mandates from the Governor. This allows for We The People to make local decisions based on individual discretion, advised by the elected officials who are paid to simply advise and encourage. This allows for a more effective balancing of health and economic stressors. The black and white heavy hand approach is un-creative, and comes from a position of surprise and a lack of preparedness.
04/13/2020 09:26 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Kimberly Henry	Due to the relatively small percentage of Covid 19 cases in the state of NC, I respectfully suggest that we begin to ease restrictions on the younger and healthy population, and allow all those who are not over 65 or having pre existing conditions to return to work and school. While my husband has been able to work remotely, my son is a pilot, and if businesses are not working, they lose much of their business commuters into Charlotte. I also request that schools be allowed to open, so that teachers and students can access where they are academically, and decisions about summer school can be made.
04/13/2020 09:28 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Re-Open NC Hannah Frederick	Small business is suffering and the state and federal help being given is hard to apply for and receive. We need to be allowed to make a living. Our constitutional freedoms are being trampled. There are ways to protect the vulnerable populations and allow people to make a living and put food on the table. Reopen North Carolina.
04/13/2020 09:30 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Steve House	Can you please confirm what statute gives the Governor the power to close private businesses and churches? We should quarantine the sick not everyone.
04/13/2020 09:30 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Alexis Pierson	As our experience with COVID 19 becomes less about statistical models and more about actual experiential data, it's becoming clear that the extent of economic shutdown and

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			social distancing that we engaged in may have been exaggerated at best, and unnecessary at worst. If the entire country was impacted the way that New York City or Seattle have been, then I would be more convinced that our approach was warranted. However, the devastation seen in major cities appears to be more the exception than the rule. North Carolina is a diverse state, with communities of varying size and resources. As a member of a smaller, rural county, we have seen few cases and almost no deaths. Our hospital is prepared, but empty, with no COVID 19 patients to fill the beds. I strongly believe that the governor's office needs to approach the reopening process not as a whole state, but on a county by county or city by city basis, working with local officials to determine what is appropriate for each area. Encourage the elderly and those with co-morbidities to continue to shelter in place if that's what they desire, but allow those that are able and willing to work, work. There is no justification for the state to continue taking away the livelihoods of its citizens.
04/13/2020 09:38 PM	Economic Support Working Group		It is time to reopen NC for business. There are 10.5 million residents in NC and only 81 Covid deaths. The fiscal devastation far outweighs the health consequences. There will be more deaths due to patients not receiving care for other conditions and by suicide due to financial stress than deaths from Covid.
04/13/2020 09:41 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Sonya Cox	I'm going to make this as palatable as I can. I'm willing to risk my life and those of who I love. We have very little rights left. The government has complete control of the economy (which may not recover). I am a Barber, I've been out of work for three weeks, no income at all. Every place you love and everything that makes life worth living is being controlled. Fear is a powerful thing. If you think staying home is the brave thing to do, you are highly mistaken. The brave thing to do is to protect your rights and the rights of those around you, even if it means the ultimate sacrifice then so be it. That's bravery at its core. If you want to stay home...I get it. I want nothing more than everyone's health and safety, but at what cost? Everyone is scared, but everyone should have the right to make their own decisions. This is not the America I grew up in and is sure not how this country was founded. When this is all over we will as a people have lost all that matters. This virus is the least of our worries. People are going to die, the same # regardless of how much we flatten the curve.. This isn't the first pandemic and won't be the last. If you shut the world down and give people in power infinite control you will not get what's rightfully yours back. Don't give up living because you're scared of dying. The census is down at all hospitals, people in the healthcare industry are laying off and losing hours. I hurt my knee in an accident, I can't even see an orthopedic ... It's been two weeks.... Please...Sincerely wishing everyone the best. - Sonya Cox
04/13/2020 09:42 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Kati Nae	Committee members: I respectfully request you consider the economic and social crisis this shutdown is invoking. Allow healthy people to work. Open our beaches. Give suggestions, not mandates and let people decide what is essential for them. Physician offices, dentists, and other health care offices need to open for routine care visits. Hourly workers need a paycheck. Hairdressers need to work. Small businesses need to run. If you can justify the traffic in the ABC stores for the benefit of the alcohol dependent population, please consider the justifications that can be made for many hardworking taxpayers who are frustrated with the system that told them they can't work & then give the run-around when those same people try to collect promised 'stimulus'. Protect the small vulnerable at-risk percentage with reasonable precautions, but let the

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			<p>low-risk people exercise their freedoms.</p> <p>We cannot shut this country down every time a virus pops up that we don't have a vaccine for. Historically, there has NEVER been cause to do so. I would submit there is no just cause now.</p> <p>There are reasonable precautions: limited numbers of congregations, temperature checks, keeping symptomatic people in quarantine, hand washing stations, wiping grocery carts, safe food handling to name a few.</p> <p>Be REASONABLE. North Carolinians don't want this virus. We'll take reasonable precautions. But we will not stand for tyrannical impositions on our social, mental, and economical well-being.</p>
04/13/2020 09:43 PM	Economic Support Working Group		Open NC!
04/13/2020 09:47 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr William Marshall	<p>We can safely re open restaurants and all other businesses by following the 6' recommendations from the cdc.</p> <p>Many small businesses are going to fail if the limitations to businesses are extended.</p>
04/13/2020 09:52 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Robert Anderson	<p>As a citizen of this great nation I am troubled how easily our constitutional rights have been taken from us. Take for example Amendment 1 the right to assemble shall not be abridged. I don't recall an exception stating in case of emergency. To me the health department should be providing guidance on the true risks of this pandemic and how we can help, but the governor nor any county commission or mayor should not take our rights. Keep in mind during the revolutionary war our forefathers were dealing with small pox. Get the state back open for business.</p>
04/13/2020 09:53 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr. Charles Edwards	I strongly oppose the continued detriment to NC's economy because of the current stay-at-home order. I will vote accordingly.
04/13/2020 09:58 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Reopen NC Marcia Folnsbee	Please reopen NC
04/13/2020 09:59 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Michelle Clark	Please do what is right for the people of this state and reopen North Carolina. Isolate the sick! Not the healthy. Let the at risk population have the choice to self isolate.
04/13/2020 10:05 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr. Joseph Paskiewicz	<p>At this point, 49 counties, almost half of NC, have reported zero (0) deaths. 313 currently hospitalized due to Covid-19, in the state. 86 deaths in 45 days is not a pandemic. Meanwhile, 165 flu deaths have been reported to the NCDHHS this flu season. The businesses of North Carolina must be allowed to reopen. The people of North Carolina, both business owners and customers, are quite capable of following the recommendations of distance and cleanliness. If a business is non-essential, they will find out when no one shops there. The ramifications of the shutdown are already far more severe than the effects of the virus. Reopen North Carolina as soon as possible.</p>
04/13/2020 10:14 PM	Economic Support Working Group	#Reopen NC NOW Jill Jankoski	<p>10.6M NC residents, 4816 Covid-19 cases, 86 deaths, 313 hospitalized...and BILLIONS in lost revenue particularly among small business owners, the ENGINE of NC & America! For faulty curve #s... it's time to REOPEN NC... PEOPLE = ECONOMY!!! This URGENT!! I'm a small business owner as are many friends. This shit down for less than 1/2 of 1% of NC is ridiculous! 1/2 of 1%! If "leadership" can't do math, or stand for liberty, "leadership" needs to resign. We are dangerously close to many small businesses never coming back. That's NOT OK.</p>

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04/13/2020 10:14 PM	Economic Support Working Group		Please open North Carolina again. God bless!
04/13/2020 10:17 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr James Medeiros	I believe that it is time to reopen the state. NC is not like other states. Less dense. More rural. At risk groups should be encouraged to stay at home but other folks should be free to run their businesses and go about as they choose. No epidemic here.
04/13/2020 10:18 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Reopen NC Tommy Wentz	<p>#ReopenNC</p> <p>Please consider the hardship of the American small business owner..we need to reopen NC NOW. Keep the vulnerable at home until May if you must, but open business back up ASAP The tests are flawed, the numbers are overinflated, No substantial evidence Covid19 is spreading in NC</p> <p>Small businesses are barely hanging on People are losing their jobs making it extremely hard to make ends meet and provide for families We can't wait until May, we need to open now Everyone is aware of the dangers and businesses are taking the proper precautions There are medicines already readily available that are being used to treat and prevent Covid19 There is NO need to prolong this shutdown or quarantine</p>
04/13/2020 10:22 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Private Salon Owner/ Styl Melissa Cook	Please let us go back to work.
04/13/2020 10:39 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Employee Laurie Acree	I am essential in home furnishings. I have people counting on me for their incomes. Here in N.C. and all over the world. Please let us carefully get back to work. Thank you.
04/13/2020 10:39 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Kristina Solloway	I would like to see NC reopen for business as usual, but in order to err on the side of caution, reopening should be methodical and careful. Reopening is about due.
04/13/2020 10:39 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Anne Huminsky	<p>Both my son and I are employees for the YMCA of Greater Charlotte. Neither of us has worked since March 16th. This is a pivotal time of year for the Y to provide safety training for all summer employees. I am one of these trainers. If the Y doesn't reopen by May 1st, it will jeopardize the ability to adequately train staff for summer camps. If counselors can't be trained, and camps can't open, parents will be without affordable childcare for the entire summer. There is a snowball effect here. Please Reopen NC by May 1st.</p> <p>I appreciate your service and time to the great state of North Carolina. Thank you.</p>
04/13/2020 10:42 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Angie Insko	The goal of the stay at home mandate was to prevent hospitals from being overwhelmed. Clearly that is not a problem. What is a problem is the small businesses that are struggling. Not to mention all the kids out of school which means parents can't work. Focus efforts on protecting the high risk folks and get everyone else back to work and school.
04/13/2020 10:44 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Amy Wiedell	We need to get back to work in the next 2 weeks so our economy doesn't collapse!!
04/13/2020 10:58 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Founder Tracey Newkirk	Requesting a more constitutionally sound approach for dealing with Covid19 that does involve violating my constitutional rights.
04/13/2020 11:04 PM	Economic Support	Ms. Norma Avalos	We need to get people back to work. We must get our state back on track. We cannot be

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	Working Group	Taylor	dependent of the government.
04/13/2020 11:04 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Unemployment issues Don Hickey	Please utilize our National Guard to help out at processing unemployment claims. Open a 24 hour call center to help answer these calls and process claims. Something needs done, this is a broken system we know but it can be fixed with a little drive to make change. Please please actually do something!! Other states have done this and it has helped move things along !! People are scared and they deserve and need your help!!
04/13/2020 11:18 PM	Economic Support Working Group	DO NOT REOPEN NC Joanne Levitan	I strongly oppose reopening North Carolina. It is critical to flatten the curve so that our hospitals do not get overwhelmed. It is way too soon to lift the stay at home orders.
04/13/2020 11:21 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Linda Coombs	Please work to open North Carolina, I personally know families that had family owned restaurants that will never open again. Nurses Respiratory therapist and many medical professionals that are out of work because the hospitals are empty. I have an uncle who has a mass in his body that may be cancer, he was suppose to have it removed and tested. That has been postponed and not only could cancer be growing inside of him, he is suffering mental anguish over this. NC is far enough into this to safely reopen. We can not and will not sustain this way. I am now suffering anxiety attacks and can't get help, my family is at much greater risk than this virus ever thought about causing. Living is not Surviving.
04/13/2020 11:24 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Tata Lewis	As a taxpayer in NC, as a free citizen, I am requesting that the state of North Carolina open by May 1st. Isolate the sick and compromised. Allow all business to open!
04/13/2020 11:24 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Edwin Llerena	Open up the state lift the restrictions o want to get back to work ty
04/13/2020 11:25 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Pamela Reichert	Reopen North Carolina now. Advise those individuals at risk to wear a mask when going out and protect themselves by staying at home as much as they can. I should not have to be tested, tagged or vaccinated in order to exercise my Constitutional right.
04/13/2020 11:28 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Roxan Wetzel	I do NOT support keeping North Carolina Stay at Home order in place past April 30th! Small Businesses are suffering, some will not recover. Those who are vulnerable need to continue to shelter in place, those who are not vulnerable need to get back to work!
04/13/2020 11:39 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Milvia Caban	It is time to reopen NC. Governor Cooper is implementing unconstitutional measures. People have the right to work and earn money to feed their families. Governor Cooper is ignoring the data we all have access to on the NCDHHS website where it clearly shows that we remain at a 7% of confirmed cases even as we increase testing - that is 0.04% of our 10.8 million citizens. Governor Cooper is forcing over 400,000 people (so far) out of employment when the current data does not justify his drastic measures and executive orders. The damage affects all the small business suffering and losing all investment. Small businesses are the back bone of our economy. We, the people of North Carolina, employ you and Governor Cooper. We ask that you stop this government overreach. Your re-election depends on it. Call for the assembly to meet soon and make Governor Cooper let North Carolina get back to work.
04/13/2020 11:43 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Lionel Perkins	The Outer Banks being closed to non resident property owners is not legal and should be reversed. The AG or Governor should weigh in. This would economically be good for NC
04/13/2020 11:44 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms. Tracy Bengtson	With the new data acquired in the last few weeks of near universal isolation, it's clear that the draconian restrictions are not necessary to stop the spread of coronavirus. Please free

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			<p>up our state. Abortion, abuse, debt, anxiety, depression are all increasing. People have lost jobs and don't know how they're going to make it in the future. Businesses have closed with no hope of reopening. This is tragic, and our constitutional liberties are being trampled as our economy is wrecked. It's possible to protect one another from infection while continuing to live our lives in the freedom given to us.</p> <p>While the average taxpayer suffers, a few industries continue as usual, including the government. We must not allow individuals to carry this unbearable burden. Some steps you can take immediately include:</p> <p>All top government officials should not get paid until this is over.</p> <p>State taxes should be suspended.</p> <p>All nonessential government workers should have their salaries and hours cut back 30 percent for every week this goes on.</p> <p>All county councilmen and state legislatures must permanently strip executives of emergency powers beyond 24 hours without consent from a legislative body.</p> <p>No regulations on individuals or family activities that are not in violation of CDC distancing guidelines.</p> <p>No federal bailouts for the states.</p> <p>In addition, allow people to go back to work, worship, and business as they choose, while taking proper precautions that we as adults are responsible for taking. Expand antibody testing. Immediately stop the illegal seizing of individual's constitutional rights. Share facts, to counter the media and political hype.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>
04/13/2020 11:51 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Dena LaRue	<p>Mr. Cooper,</p> <p>We need to see actions being taken towards opening our State back up for business. We can't sit back and allow this to cause more damage than the virus itself.</p> <p>I'm a citizen, living in a Constitutional Republic within the borders of North Carolina. I'm a citizen, not your science project. I'm writing you to demand an end to your unconstitutional and judicious over reach on the rights and liberties of the citizens of North Carolina and Onslow County.</p> <p>Our inalienable rights are granted to us by our creator and framed in our Constitution, they are not yours to restrict and as a citizen of North Carolina and Onslow County, I'm here to remind you again that we are CITIZENS not your subjects! YOU WORK FOR US and I'll remind you of that come November.</p> <p>Yes, there is a need for caution and concern during this virus outbreak, but this overreach is an abuse of power and it needs to end!</p> <p>Furthermore, at what point do any of you think you are competent enough to tell us what is "essential" and what is not for our families day to day needs and by what authority do you have to close private businesses and limit what is for sale in stores? That is Socialism plain and simple!</p> <p>We the citizens of North Carolina will not stand for it! Do you sincerely think we are stupid? Governor Cooper and all other Democrat officials, you need to stop thinking we are and don't think for a second that we are blind to you all towing the party line, we know what</p>

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			<p>you are doing and we have had enough!</p> <p>Do any of you have any real idea what you have done to businesses, or families in this state? Many may never recover.</p> <p>I see it only fitting that Governor Cooper IMMEDIATELY surrender his income until such time as his even more restrictive stay at home and social distancing orders are lifted.</p> <p>I demand that Governor Cooper also pay for the maintenance, upkeep, and staff of the governors mansion as well. You sir, should not be allowed to continue to draw a salary, or live freely off the very citizens of North Carolina that you're suppressing while we wonder whether, or not, we will have jobs to even return to.</p> <p>A true leader would endure the same harshness his people do. Many people are small business owners, they take risks and work hard to build something. Then, they are offered what's called "a privilege" to take out an interest bearing loan to pay employees and stay afloat, putting them further in debt.</p> <p>You, Governor Cooper and all who voted like have violated my Constitutional rights. The rights to freely assemble. to worship, to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. We are under threat of being arrested for a class 2 misdemeanor and a \$650.00 fine for walking on the beaches, the boat ramps and the parks, all of which we pay for! Enough is enough! If you continue down this course, you know that people are only going to stand for this only so long before it becomes civil disobedience, riot and revolution to get our great state back to where it needs to be. We are all equally responsible for our own health, safety, and well being, we don't need it dictated to us by lawyers and real estate agents following the party line.</p> <p>Disseminate the information, sequester the most at risk, let herd immunity do its job and GET US BACK TO WORK! Have you even thought of the secondary implications of your draconian over reach? Farmers are dumping milk and crops will rot in the fields. What are we going to do when the farmers are bankrupt since they can't get payroll protection because many of their employees are seasonal 2 months at a time a couple times per year? The impact on the stock market alone has done what may be irreparable damage to many of our elderly citizens that are living on retirement plans, losing their money hand over fist without the time or ability to recover. LIFT THE RESTRICTIONS AND GET US BACK TO WORK NOW!!</p> <p>I promise you all that come election time we will remember these infringements on our liberties, the jobs, and businesses you cost us and will exercise the rights we have left to elect you all out of a job! Do the right thing now!</p> <p>Dena LaRue</p> <p>North Carolina, Onslow County resident</p> <p>"I prefer dangerous freedom over peaceful slavery"</p>

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04/13/2020 11:55 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Small Business Owner Silas Bowling	Thomas Jefferson Need to reopen NC in as fast and reasonable as way possible! This atmosphere of fear and trepidation is absolutely hurting our business. Business sales, Church offerings, City & County Sales tax have all taken a hit and with that, 600,000 jobs have been shed from the NC economy. We need local, rational, realistic solutions not top down federal mandates that might be right for ultra density NYC, but are NOT right for rural and spacious North Carolina!
04/14/2020 12:00 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Reopen nc William Fischer	Open the state back up on May 1. Our businesses can't sustain this much longer.
04/14/2020 12:04 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Danielle Robinson	In respect to the many people of Faith in NC, religious services should be deemed Essential, with having the Pastors write and submit a plan of operations that include multiple hand sanitizers distancing between family groups from other family groups and other options towards responsible crowd management. Not deeming religious services as necessary is a bad idea.
04/14/2020 12:07 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Frances Jones	Please do not extend the "Stay at Home" order past April 29. The current widespread loss of employment is having a serious detrimental effect on the well being of our citizens emotionally, physically, and financially. North Carolina will be most successful by enabling her citizens the right to exercise their civil liberties by challenging the citizens to use their wisdom and talents to take personal responsibility for defeating the virus. We all know what we need to do to be safe. Honor us as citizens by allowing us the freedom to act responsibly. We want to succeed and help others; sitting at home is not the answer. The blanket restrictions across the state are unnecessary. The decisions need to be made at the county level by the local city and county officials elected by the residents to reflect the state of that community. There are counties in North Carolina with no cases. The decisions for those counties are obviously different than for counties with many cases like Mecklenburg and Wake. To support this freedom of citizens to decide for themselves the state could have statewide provisions for any employee who has an underlying condition or the development of the disease the ability to stay in home quarantine until they are well enough to return to society without the fear of losing their employment. The same protection should be given any parent who must stay home with a child who is unable to attend school or day care because it is closed by the county. Not every county operates on the same school schedule which means it is also best for the county to decide school closings. Thank you for this opportunity to express suggestions and concerns.
04/14/2020 12:07 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Daniel Buchanan	STOP all business activity with CHINA! Bring our businesses home. Pharmaceuticals with our huge biotech base! Undo the Smithfield deal. To date 23,000+ American lives have been lost at the hands of Communist China and Xi Jinping. Stop trade, student exchange, technology info exchange! Our citizens, economy, infrastructure and defense come first! Bring back the three R's to our schools. Teach NC and US history starting with the Constitution! We're losing our heritage. We're losing our identity as Americans and Tarheels! Protect the right to Worship! Reduce an unnecessary tax burden on citizens. Sll we see are hands out constantly asking for more!
04/14/2020 12:21 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Anja Rainwater	Open up our state again on May 1st. Too many people are hurting from this shut down. WE NEED TO GET BACK TO WORK. Our state desperately need to get the economy going

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04/14/2020 12:23 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr. William L Thigpen	<p>again. The scales have tipped and there is way more hurt and damage from the shut down than from the current risks from this horrid virus. Lift the banns and save our businesses and our jobs.</p> <p>I implore this committee to recommend that North Carolina remove the stay at home orders and reopen the state for work. There is plenty of evidence to show the models have not been correct about SARS-COV2 and that shows we are not overwhelming the healthcare system. There are experts from Stanford, RockefellerUniversity, Oxford, and Carnegie Mellon that state these lock down measures are not truly effective and there are other ways to handle this crisis. No one will debate this virus is serious but there are other ways to address this problem. Here are a few questions and suggestions.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How can we "flatten the curve" of cases or deaths if we do not know when the curve started? There are indications this virus has been here much longer than we have been testing for SARS-COV2. If you look at the CDC numbers for pneumonia COVID 19 could have very well been the reason for such high numbers of pneumonia going back into late 2019. There is also evidence that shows many more people have had this and had mild symptoms never requiring a doctor visit. Thus the case fatality rate could be much lower than is being purported. 2. The LockDown strategy was sold to the public as a way to keep from overwhelming our hospitals. Currently, we only have 313 hospitalizations for this virus in the whole state of North Carolina. The fact that North Carolina hospitals have not even been close to being overwhelmed should allow for relaxing of these stay at home orders. People are not going to hospitals now for need surgeries and treatments of other illnesses and have been told they are not allowed to perform said treatments during this time. This is wrong. 3. Could the stay at home orders spread the virus more and prolong the virus with another wave once we come out of this? Having families cooped up in homes spending long times together actually is where a large part of transmission comes from as one CDC shows. 4. If we continue this lockdown how are we going to develop herd immunity? According to Knut M. Wittkowski, a world-renowned epidemiologist who headed the Department of Biostatistics, Epidemiology, and Research Design at the Rockefeller University, New York for 20 years, "With all respiratory diseases, the only thing that stops the disease is herd immunity. About 80% of the people need to have had contact with the virus, and the majority of them won't even have recognized that they were infected, or they had very, very mild symptoms, especially if they are children." A continued lockdown, as noted in point #3 is just going to prevent herd immunity from developing, thus it is almost guaranteed that we have a second wave as soon as we stop the social distancing. So we are going to kill our economy, causing deaths from economic destruction and mental health issues brought on by such despair, in addition to bankrupting our healthcare system from not caring for other illnesses and yet we will be back to square one within a few days of ending the shutdown. 5. We all know the economic ramifications of these lockdown measures can be devastating. We have all heard stories of local businesses who are shutting their doors and will never open again, taking with them the culture of NC and more importantly jobs that represent families who now cannot properly provide for their family. Nearly 20 million people nationwide have lost jobs and that number will only increase as these lockdown measures stay intact. This will lead to a recession or worse a depression in our state and

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			<p>country. The consequences will be reprehensible because it will have been something we could have mitigated by taking different mitigating actions against this virus, ones that would not have killed our economy with those who unfortunately lost their lives from the virus. These types of events will increase the suicide rate, alcoholism, stress related diseases, malnutrition, etc... Many more will die from these types of conditions that will even the virus. We must be wise in our actions to care for all of our people, not just those who fall victim to this terrible virus. We must not let fear drive us, but be sober-minded in our thinking, by not being myopic in our planning, thus looking at the whole and not just a part.</p> <p>Thus I contend that we do the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. End the Stay at home order no later than April 30, 2020. 2. Encourage people to reopen businesses with the following caveats <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Highly encourage mask-wearing and personal and corporate hygiene (washing hands, sanitizing surfaces etc.) Present PSA's about the use and importance of such actions. 3. Start rampant testing even for those who may be asymptomatic. If we know who has it they will be less likely to spread it to those who are the most vulnerable. 4. Quarantine the sick, the immunocompromised, and the elderly, age 65 and up. 5. Use the antibody testing to figure out who has had it so we can get a serological number and determine how deadly this virus is. At this point, we really do not know. This will also show who does not have to worry about getting this again. 6. Increase dosages available of Hydroxychloroquine for NC healthcare providers and do additional studies to make sure it is as effective against this virus as it anecdotally seems to be. 7. Provide emergency assistance for businesses that are on the verge of going out of business, as it is going to take time for people to start shopping again. The government is the reason they were not allowed to operate as the government was the one who picked essential vs, non-essential (aka: winners and losers) businesses. 8. Provide PSA's to encourage the public to get back out in society and not be afraid of shopping, eating out, and living life again in public, with the above caveats stated of course. <p>With these common-sense solutions, we can strike a balance of protecting the most vulnerable among us and restarting our vibrant economy, which will only enrich the health and well being of North Carolina citizens during this trying time. Thank you!</p>
04/14/2020 12:38 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Katrina Gray	<p>Dear Sirs and Madams,</p> <p>These are unprecedented times. We know there will be hiccups. But you MUST act NOW regarding the DES claims process, the lack of telephone coverage and non-working website. I have been calling the UI claims number all day, every day since April 2, 2020 because I had an error on my claim and your website would not allow me to correct it. Do you know what I get on the other end of the phone line? A recorded message stating that you are too busy to answer my call or you have a situation requiring evacuation of the building. I have sent emails through the contact us link. I have posted on the Facebook pages of DES and Gov. Cooper and I have yet to get any response. This is unacceptable. People need to pay bills, we need to buy food and medications!</p> <p>Get your website fixed, get more people in your call centers and work around-the-clock to</p>

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			get this done! This needs to be priority number one!
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04/14/2020 12:39 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Nicole Hessler	<p>At what point does the solution to the Covid-19 Virus become worse than the virus itself? I for one am more worried about what this quarantine and business /work shut down is doing to our country and our way of life. At some point the solution of shutting this economy down does become more dangerous than this virus. That's hard for some people to hear and I get that, but your feelings and your fear don't make it any less true.</p> <p>For instance, when we go to war, what are we going to war for? Answer; It's to preserve our way of life. Period. And we have been willing for generations to sacrifice lives to that end. This is not any different.</p> <p>This incredible engine that is the American economy IS our national defense. We rely on it and need it for our survival. Otherwise we will be over-run or just become another 2nd or 3rd world country. Why would we allow that to happen? Fear? Cowardice? If we allow that to happen, we would be destroying everything the greatest generation and all those generations before us fought and died for.</p> <p>It's sad that we allowed fear to shut down the greatest country with the greatest ever economy over a virus that "IF" you get it you still have a 98% recovery rate. And if you take Hydroxychloroquine the recovery numbers are closer to 99 – 100%.</p> <p>Re-Open North Carolina Now!!!</p>
04/14/2020 12:42 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mike Duncan	<p>I have a small business that is currently handcuffed by this lockdown. Businesses are being called non essential. My business IS essential to my family. The measures that have been taken are way past what is allowed by our rights and constitution. More people will be harmed from this precaution than will be from the virus. Many other experts have much more logical measures to deal with the virus. More of a surgical approach. https://www.thecollegefix.com/bulletin-board/cdc-advisor-says-real-fatality-rate-of-covid-19-is-too-low-to-justify-drastic-crackdowns/</p> <p>If the measures are not soon lifted our economy will be devastated. Please look at all aspects of the decisions ghat were made. Currently in NC there are a little over 300 people in hospitals because of the virus. 300 out of around 10,000,000 in NC. Please overturn the governors dictatorial decision!</p>
04/14/2020 12:57 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Crystal Stewart	<p>I am a hair stylist and new salon owner Of just 5 yrs. this year. So I am self employed.. I work with 3 other stylist. They all pay booth rent so they are independent contractors. We have no back up plans to pay our bills . We have been out of work now for 3 wks. But had been working very little prior for over month because of fear of the virus. We don't make enough money to have back up plans in such a short time. An to our knowledge. There is no help out there for us as True Small business owners like our salon and stylist need. We ask that there be some way to get financial help for self employed or independent contractors .. Sense we can not return to work until we get permission from the government</p> <p>Thank You</p>

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04/14/2020 01:04 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Brad Thompson	<p>The actions that have been taken by national and state governments in order to control the COVID-19 virus has been detrimental to all. Were the actions substantiated; possibly. However, I feel that the actions that were imposed were not fair to all businesses and individuals. By allowing certain businesses to stay open and having others close was entirely ridiculous. Tell me how policies such as closing small businesses and allowing larger businesses such as Lowe's, Food Lion, and Walmart to remain open with minimal social distancing helped to control this virus? The Governor just made policy for stores to limit the number of people within the store while within the past 2 weeks there could be 200 people in a Lowe's on a Saturday and no social distancing policy was being imposed. While all of this was going on, the virus cases in North Carolina have basically equalized with very few new cases being reported. If the state administration was so serious to combat against this virus, they should have shut everything down for 2 weeks and re-evaluated. Instead, by cherry picking what could and could not stay open, the state made sure they could continue to get tax dollars. The ABC store is NOT essential. It's only essential for tax dollars that benefit the state. To many small business owners, the government picked themselves over the constituents that they are suppose to represent. In regards to how to get NC open again, businesses should be able to open their doors again and let the public use their own common sense on if and when they want to go back out. I believe small business owners are smart enough that they can put tape on the floors to continue the social distancing measure a little longer and can even limit the number of people that come into the establishment at a given time. The state does not have a right to take away these rights when they are keeping their own businesses open (ABC stores). Also, churches should always be allowed to have their doors open. Denominations, churches, and conferences can decide if they want to continue with virtual church for the time being, but they should be the ones to decide if the church doors stay shut for the near future and not politicians. I don't want this comment to be fully negative sounding. This is a trying time for everyone and it seems we're all doing the best we can. However, I feel that common sense has been somewhat lost and so has some of our rights as United States citizens. Is this virus bad? Yes. Do we know the full extent of the virus? No. However, thousands die from the flu every year, including ones that have had a vaccine. Therefore, what makes this virus worse than the flu? Panic brings out the worst in everyone and I think it's time that North Carolinians stop panicking, use decent common sense, take care of one another, and open the businesses back up so that some sort of normalcy can return and put people back to work. The people and business owners of North Carolina are smart and can make smart decisions regarding what is best for themselves and their businesses. Therefore, show us how smart we are by putting you officials in office.</p>
04/14/2020 01:18 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Baker/barista - furloughed Lezlie Rusin	Please reopen North Carolina now. We can open safely and quarantine the sick- not the healthy. Let's protect our most vulnerable while also protecting our economy!
04/14/2020 01:33 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Miss Sarah Gochenour	Whereas the Governor is required to seek the authorization of the Council of State , in invoking Orders, and has failed to do so, I am calling on the General Assembly to address immediately the unlawful Executive Orders made by the Governor. The results being the shut down of the economy of North Carolina, and having stripped us of our right to free assembly. We must immediately override these unlawful actions and allow businesses and church groups to operate in the manner they deem most appropriate, without threat of fines and or incarceration. While some of our citizens have fallen ill, ALL of the citizens of this state have been adversely effected by this shut down. In a time when we need it the

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			most, North Carolinians have been effectively banned from coming together as a group to bring messages of peace and comfort to the grieving and hope to the hurting. All businesses are essential to their owners, who have invested their time, money, hopes, and dreams, in them, and to the employees who need their paychecks and tips, to survive. So, I come to you today to implore you live up to the phrase proudly stated on our license plates "First in Freedom" and lead our country, by taking the decisive action to reopen North Carolina, in this week of the 12th of April in year of our Lord 2020.
04/14/2020 02:10 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Jessica Willard	I have lost my source of income due to the fact restaurants have been shut down. I would like the stay at home order to end in April, so I am able to work and pay my bill! I have been unemployed for almost a month and still have not received my check yet. I am asking for you to open up the restaurant and give us people back our job please and help the small business as well.
04/14/2020 02:45 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms Margaret Mosca	These 'orders' are unconstitutional. A governor does not make laws. Law enforcement cannot enforce unconstitutional laws.
04/14/2020 02:48 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms. Margaret Mosca	These 'orders' are unconstitutional. A governor cannot make laws. Law enforcement cannot enforce these unconstitutional orders. These orders must be rescinded or lawsuits will follow.
04/14/2020 03:59 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Rhonda Helms	Reopen North Carolina. People are loosing everything over this.
04/14/2020 04:04 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Tabitha Woodard	We need to get NC back open. BILLIONS NC business (humans), particularly Small Business owners, are losing for .00041% of the population.
04/14/2020 04:10 AM	Economic Support Working Group	please reopen NC may 1! chelsea le chatelier	as a citizen of this state for 30+ years, this is absolute madness that small business has to be shut down for this long. please open NC back up so people can work! you're wreckinf our economy and putting people in a hardship by not letting them work.
04/14/2020 04:13 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Dr Mary King	We need to open NC businesses 01 May 2020. The cases in NC 4,800 and 80 deaths out of 10 million people does not warrant stay at home measures to continue. This is government overreach and will be detrimental to the people you serve as a public servant. Shelter the elderly, the sick and immune compromise. The people will not allow this much longer and your seats will be filled with patriots of this great NC state.
04/14/2020 04:14 AM	Economic Support Working Group	We The People Erin Muldoon	You are stifling us by violating our God given Constitutional rights. You have allowed only certain businesses to remain open and out lical lived businesses out of business for good. We are being tild where to go and what to wear and being lied to by the media and more regarding the actual state of what is happening. We did not elect you to babysit us. You do realize YOU WORK FOR US, you were not elected to allie us our rights, we are ENTITLED TO THEM. Open our state back up for us to salvage what we can and try to piece our lives back together as normal. Notice we still have to pay our taxes and mortgages yet you have allowed us to be put out of work and doing nothing to assist us in our financial nightmare. We will live our lives as normal as possible, you cannot keep us caged as animals.
04/14/2020 04:53 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Lisa Kittrell	Reopen North Carolina please..
04/14/2020 06:13 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Richard Hudson	NC leaders need to be working 24/7 on the CV-19 disaster. We hear nothing from the NCGA and Roy Cooper is decimating our state. We all need to use common sense to make ourselves as safe as possible, but we also need to be free. By emergency order our state

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			government has wrecked a robust economy, which in my opinion had been political attack against the Trump Administration. Quit listening completely to academia and science and use some horse sense to get us back to work.
04/14/2020 06:14 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Jeff Johnson	REOPEN NC NOW...
04/14/2020 06:37 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Kenneth Beason	We need to GET BACK TO WORK PERIOD. And as far as Mr. Cooper bill to STOP VOTING at the polls that is Unconstitutional
04/14/2020 06:49 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr. Robert Peele	I had a staff of 8 teachers and 140 kids attending my music school before this. Now I have about 40 online students and 6 teachers. I've applied for the Payroll Protection Program but 9 days later the application is in limbo somewhere. After 10 years of serving the Garner community and educating our children, the school will likely not recover from this and will have to close our doors. 98% of the people that contract this disease will survive it, the NCDHHS statistics are very clear on this. That's a very high survivability rate for such a massive and draconian response by NC government. Please open NC as much as possible and start saving the small businesses like mine that actually can be saved. This isn't 1918, our society is technologically advanced, we can do it safely.
04/14/2020 06:54 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mark Wallace	My wife and I have eight kids whom we cannot support with the shutdown of North Carolina. I build houses here in Salisbury NC and the man I build them for isn't going to build any with the ahut down so I am completely out of work with no income at all being self employed and no way to work. I have been building(framing) houses 22 years and have done well. I am broke and my wife has lupus and unable to work. Please open back up NC
04/14/2020 07:10 AM	Economic Support Working Group	John Hinnant	Tenth Amendment The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people. The legislature needs to weigh in and not let the governor do this alone.
04/14/2020 07:17 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Sherrie Bailey	We have to reopen NC! I also am strongly against the "immunity pass"!
04/14/2020 07:28 AM	Economic Support Working Group		It is time reopen NC- small businesses must reopen to survive
04/14/2020 07:29 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Jonathan Currin	As a small business owner, even though I'm essential, I'm worried about the lives lost of those who have become unemployed and we need a plan to reopen NC as soon as possibly. The side effects of the current policies are more detrimental to our society than we understand.
04/14/2020 07:33 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Tim Reichert	Reopen the State!!!
04/14/2020 07:34 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Betsy Avery	We are small business owners and we need to reopen NC before we have to close our business. Our family needs to eat and pay our bills.
04/14/2020 07:37 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Jeanmarie Casanave	We cannot keep the stay at home order any longer. Please demand that we reopen for business and other states will follow! Protect the most vulnerable in nursing homes and lets move on to save what is left of what was the greatest economy we have had in a long

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			time! Speak loudly!
04/14/2020 07:45 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Flattening the Curve Stacey LaCock	<p>Thank you for your great work for our state. As a recent transplant to N.C. (less than 2 years) we love everything about living down here and the amount of caring and sacrifice our leaders do for us. As you meet to begin discussing what to do during this pandemic, please consider the following facts.</p> <p>We went under stay at home orders to flatten the curve. We knew beforehand this would cause cases to continue, however we were protecting the surge in hospitals. Currently, we have just over 300 hospitalized. That is 0.002 percent of our states population.</p> <p>The amount of positive cases is 0.04%.</p> <p>I believe the facts show we have DONE OUR GREAT JOB to protect healthcare. Businesses and self-employed people like myself are losing money daily, putting more strain on our economy as we look to feed our families without income to provide.</p> <p>Please highly consider re-opening our state so your citizens can get back to work, finding pride and strength and joy in providing for their loved ones. Our hospitals are not at risk for overcrowding. We have been successful. It's time, with safeguards and protocols in place, to allow us to get back to work.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>
04/14/2020 07:48 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Debbie Cromartie	<p>North Carolina is now a socialist government. You have followed the actions of communist countries. You have decided which products/services N.C. residents can buy and which businesses are allowed to operate. You have forced citizens into isolation without hope of recovering, without the means to help themselves. No one can quantify the mental devastation you have caused to the people of N.C. , by taking away our rights. We the people have faced tough times, gone without funds to support our families, but we had the choice and opportunity to find employment. We don't have the means to support our families because you took our jobs. You took our freedom.</p>
04/14/2020 07:48 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Thomas Lombardi	<p>North Carolina needs to be reopened for business. The spread of COVID19 has been stemmed, and it is time to get back to work. We can not allow our small businesses, and farms be destroyed.</p> <p>Thanks you.</p>
04/14/2020 07:49 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Heidi Coughlin	<p>Hello, I am writing to express my concern with The Governor's overreach of the citizens of NC. It seems Gov Cooper is running unchecked by Legislature body. How can one person be allowed to ruin so much here of people's lives economically, socially, Constitutionally. We the People have the Right of Assembly. Yet if we gather at a park, store, etc there's a chance we could be arrested... this all smells of Nazi Germantown. It's come to the point where fellow citizens are calling the police because someone is out or even a contractor is working outside on a house. This craziness MUST STOP. Small businesses are hanging by a thread. I fear Cooper's actions will cause dyer repercussions. This has got to come to a stop ASAP!!! In the long run these actions will guarantee alot of people not being re-elected . Please take the politics and The Trump hating out of this. Look in the mirror are you one of these that would rather see North Carolinians struggle before President Trump have a great economy. Please take the politics out of this</p>

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			Thank you Heidi K Coughlin 7969 NC 39 Hwy Zebulon, NC
04/14/2020 07:51 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms Denise Akulis	Reopen our state now!
04/14/2020 07:56 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Jasmine Peebles	Hello, For a month now our economy has come to a crashing halt in the name of public safety. One reason I appreciate president Trump leaving the states to make these decisions that are best for their perspective states is lawmakers are able to see exactly what's going on in our state. With a population of over 10 million and only 81 deaths and less than 5,000 positive tests, it does not seem in the best interest of the state to remain on lockdown. This lockdown has gutted small businesses, education, etc and if it continues the irreparable damage will affect generations. Please consider lifting the ban.
04/14/2020 07:57 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr. Jo Whitehill	Reopen NC, it is time. So many are suffering more from economical devastation then the virus.
04/14/2020 08:05 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Jennings Wright	<p>We MUST open the businesses in this state!! The predictions of the supposed devastation from Covid19 have proven DAILY to be false, meanwhile we have millions who are actually unemployed, actually going bankrupt, actually abusive due to the social isolation, actually turning to alcohol and drugs to cope, actually contemplating or committing suicide. Small businesses like ours are barely hanging on, and there is no relief in site from PPP due to the lengthy delays everyone is running into to get any money at all. It's been half of the "8 weeks worth of relief" time already, at a time many businesses are coming out of their slowest quarter of the year.</p> <p>North Carolina cannot sustain a shutdown, even with actual data to back it up. There is no such data.</p> <p>North Carolinians will not be held under virtual house arrest without cause, and there has proven to be no such cause.</p> <p>North Carolinians are smart enough to protect themselves if they are at risk, and generous enough to not want everyone else to suffer catastrophic damage on their behalf. We CAN protect those whose need and want it without plunging our state into a Great Depression.</p> <p>Please make the reopening of the state your number one priority on April 28!</p>
04/14/2020 08:06 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Reopen NC Mary McQuaig	Please consider reopening NC. My family has personally suffered from COVID, but in the end have all recovered. Which we are thankful. The virus itself for us was no worse than a regular sickness which I'm thankful for, but the stress of not knowing where the money to pay bills is going to come from is a much larger impact than the virus itself.
04/14/2020 08:06 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Jessica Ford	Please reopen North Carolina. This shut down is bleeding our economy. Allow people to make their own choices in regards to self isolation based on their personal needs. Healthy people should not be quarantined because we need to build herd immunity. A shut down of our regularly functioning economy is an absurd way to react to a virus and sets a

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			dangerous precedent.
04/14/2020 08:09 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr. William White	Stand up and tell people the truth. Tell businesses to open their doors. Tell people to live their lives. Tell people their Creator has given them certain inalienable rights and they should use them.
04/14/2020 08:11 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Karen Dioli	The shutdown is killing our communities. Yesterday the Winston Salem Journal headline on the front page was "ONE new case of Covid-19 reported in Forsyth County" So completely irresponsible to headline with this. How about reporting on the new cases of suicide, domestic abuse, heart attacks, opioid overdoses, child abuse all due to the shutdown? The cure is worse than the disease #ReopenNC
04/14/2020 08:16 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Covid 19 Michelle Merritt	I am a one owner salon and have the ability to work on one client at the time. Why is it that I have to be out of work but furniture stores, nurseries, abc stores, ect are still allowed to be opened with large crowds of people continuing to be in the same area but more so, how are they considered essential?
04/14/2020 08:16 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Edmund Wright	<p>We are getting extremely angry as officials and bureaucrats stand before us daily - missing not a single paycheck or penny of their pension - and blithely, without regard or understanding - cancel our entire lives. It's absurd, and this incredible over reach is going to kill millions in the coming five to ten years from heart attacks, strokes, suicides and everything else that is made worse by financial distress, anxiety and depression.</p> <p>Workers at state liquor stores and Walmarts and Costco and Target and Grocery stores have been working...and they are not dropping like flies...proving that this extreme lockdown is unnecessary and it is certainly devastating.</p> <p>Peoples lives are being destroyed and it's getting worse daily - and there will be hell to pay for this in so many ways for so many years. People will not be able to pay their taxes - nor will they be willing to pay them - to a state, a city or a county that cancelled their income while holding their peacock press conferences of the fully paid every day. You have no idea what you are doing to the real world...the world that PAYS FOR GOVERNMENT. You are killing it.</p> <p>Open the state now. If liquor stores can open, if COSTCO can open, if Walmart can open....THE STATE CAN OPEN. Stop being fools.</p>
04/14/2020 08:16 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Leigh Ann Raiford Odom	Please consider opening businesses back up on a limited basis to get economy back up and running!
04/14/2020 08:17 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms Holly Arbogast	Please get the unemployment claims moving for the the people of North Carolina. It is a nightmare to get your claims moving. You cannot reach anyone at the office because of the phone lines being backed up and if by some chance you do get through you are waiting literally hours for someone to pick up and help you. There are so many people hurting out here and nobody is listening. The rule on if your employer doesn't respond in 10 days it will be approved is not happening and we are receiving no response on our claims. We are 50th in the country in how much your constituents are receiving for money and you are not hearing our needs. Please get this moving.
04/14/2020 08:18 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms Cynthia Papia	End of the month we need to let people and businesses open while continuing sanitary practices (which all should have been doing all along), and let people keep using face

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			masks if they want, keep stressing hygiene (which everyone should have always been doing), etc. People will do social distancing for a while without being ORDERED to and if they don't feel comfortable, they can keep doing what they want as far as staying home. We can keep balance between mental health and getting back on the road to being fully open.
04/14/2020 08:38 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Emily Newcomb	Looking forward to the plan to open N.C. Per the IHME forecast we have peaked and will decline to 0 by early May.
04/14/2020 08:46 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Covid19 unemployed Melissa Baggett	I am beyond disappointed in my state! We were not prepared! I own a local hair salon. Not only were we stripped of any chance to remain in business but we qualifled for no help right away! We are still sitting home with NO options we can not even file for unemployment until April 25???? At that time we will have been home for an entire month with no way to contribute to the needs of our family! We need to go back to work as early as we can in May. Even if we are allowed to go into homes that's 2 people not a gathering! People can then choose if they want services in their home or if they wish to wait until things have cleared! I've done my part and would gladly do anything to avoid anyone getting sick but our economy is going to suffer and we are not getting the help promised! There has to be a compromise in which people can continue to remain distanced but yet still be able to provide and work! I have a grocery bill for 4 kids plus the normal bills such as a mortgage, utilities, cars, etc. the amount I was told I qualified for from the CARES act for Payment Protection will only cover 1 month of rent and utilities at my salon! Someone didn't consider how the salon business is operated when they came up with that plan! Please put us back to work!!
04/14/2020 08:49 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Open NC Jason Worrell	The financial effects of this shutdown will greatly exceed the health concerns. We live in a free republic and any limitation on free and healthy people is tyrannical. Period!
04/14/2020 08:53 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Covid-19 Erica Freed	I have seen many at risk people shopping with the public. Many elderly individuals and even a women who states she has respiratory issues and survived cancer are the sorts of people I am seeing. The at risk individuals are the ones who need to stay home. For the individuals that have no family or friends bringing them their groceries and other necessities, NC should set up some sort of delivery service for those individuals. Or at least some training on how to order groceries for pickup and delivery. The public at large must be able to move freely for work and shopping. The economy cannot be sustained for much longer. I have already seen businesses posting on their Facebook pages that they are closed for good. And this is due to an elected governor mandating they close down or severely limit their contact with customers. Reopen N.C.!
04/14/2020 08:53 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Safety for liberty Archie Massie	Ladies and gentlemen, the one question that we have to ask ourselves is this. Is there ever a justification to remove people's constitutional rights. The answer is either yes or no. And if the answer is yes, then we are not really what this nation claims to be, FREE. None of us want any one to get sick, much less die, but we certainly do not want to give away our liberty and our economy either. I looked at the numbers this morning and the fact is, less then .03% of NC has this virus but we have now shut down the entire economy, criminalized leaving home and assembly, and put the fear of God in law abiding folks. It just isn't warranted and the people of NC see that. I have a feeling that the governors biggest concern is not going to be the virus, it's going to be all the law suits the state will have to defend themselves against when this is over. So ladies and gentlemen, enough is enough, stop throwing the baby out with the bath water. Your killing us....

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04/14/2020 08:56 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Reopen NC Seth Ward	As a small business owner that employs 7 taxpaying citizens please re open North Carolina for business. You will be left with no one to pay for this great state if everyone is unemployed. Please consider how these closures are effecting the life blood of our economy. Voters are waiting for someone to step up and show who represents them. Will it be you? Or will someone else be voted in to represent them?
04/14/2020 08:58 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. JOANNE HARRISON	I have believed for some time that testing is the answer. Let's do more. Negative testers can work, positive testers can't. Continue to protect the most vulnerable, ie those in nursing and assisted living homes, high health risk individuals. My area of WNC has MANY people working without big numbers of general population requiring medical care. Doesn't that tell us something? Sensible, gradual return to work is doable. Gradual return to social interaction is also doable.
04/14/2020 08:58 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Ami Hill	How am I supposed to get any assistance? I opened in March 2018, I kept my full-time job while running bmy business until April 2019 when I was laid off. I have put everything back into the business, taken no paycheck and lived off of my savings for the last year. I had an almost 50% increase yoy, I've built a brand, won best of the beach last year, was just interviewed by our state magazine for an article in August or September. I was on track to begin to pay myself in June, that is until the coronavirus and the government cut me off at the knees on March 16. I invested almost \$50k of my life savings into my business to start it up, I have business debt and thousands of dollars of advertising I'm ohe hook for this year. And thus far I'm not eligible for any assistance bc I don't have payroll and I have to wait til April 25tg to see if I might qualify for self employed unemployment but since I don't have payroll how will I be eligible for that? Oh and forget the 20 years where I worked and paid into the system, they mean nothing. When I was laid off last year with 50 fellow employees I was the only one not eligible for unemployment, punished bc I took initiative and started my own business when I saw things coming rather than sitting around and waiting to be let go. I can't be alone here??? I did the right thing in building my business, I've done nothing bro deserve this, we have other expenses than payroll. Why do I deserve to lose everything? Welcome to the American Nightmare
04/14/2020 09:00 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Donna James	We were informed that it was necessary to close NC Businesses/NC Economy to prevent our healthcare system from being overrun with Covid 19 patients. I have monitored the NCDHHS website for two weeks and there has not been a shortage of hospital beds. As of April 13, NC has a total of 14,763 hospialt beds in the state as of this date there are 6,388 available beds and a total of 3223 ICU in the state and at this time there are 842 available beds. These numbers have been consistant over the past two weeks, plenty of beds available. There have been reports of hospital workers hours being cut because there are no patients to care for. The state has 10.49 million people and we have 4816 confirmed cases with over a 98 percent recovery rate. Instead of promoting fear why are we not promoting a healthier lifestyle, building up our immne systems to combat this virus and the next one coming down the pike. We need to work hard to open our state immediately, people are suffering and need to get back to work.
04/14/2020 09:12 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Gloria Salim-Brown	Please open up the market for more harm is being done to people who can not pay their bills! They are getting frustrated with their family, many are not educating their children at home, alcohol abuse is prevalent, many children are in abusive situations, food is scarce for many underprivileged homes. The list goes on & on!
04/14/2020 09:13 AM	Economic Support	Ms B Laura Steider	what programs are available for senior citizens who live alone and depend on soc security

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04/14/2020 09:15 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr. Phillip Lamberth	Follow our president Trump's lead. Get behind our president and support him. He's our leader right now.
04/14/2020 09:17 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Anne Veal	Gradually re-open North Carolina. Outdoor seating in restaurants, breweries, and wineries.
04/14/2020 09:20 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Jesse Rinehart	The idea that free citizens will only act in the goodwill of others by coercion of the government is ludicrous and dangerous. The Governor and legislature must trust NC Residents to do the right thing by following CDC guidelines, every day that civil liberties are infringed upon is a testament to your lack of trust in your fellow citizen. As compared to Influenza and other Influenza Like Illnesses (ILI's), the COVID-19 is at or below outpatient care percentages form historical reports. Yet in the past we did not have these government mandates. I ask you to take into consideration the irresponsible actions of a state-wide blanket policy as our state is vast and differentiated by culture and geography. Our citizens have stayed home and hospitals have not been overwhelmed. In fact just the opposite has happened. Hospitals are laying off doctors, nurses and staff because they are being underutilized. Take into consideration the millions of NC residents who have forgone medical procedures while the State hyper-focuses on COVID-19. Please re-open North Carolina immediately.
04/14/2020 09:31 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Tracy Hayes	I implore the Committee to recommend that the stay-at-home order in our fine state not be extended past April 30. When the drastic measure was taken to shut down our state, we were operating with understanding based on predictions, blindly trying to make decisions without enough information. Now we have so many more numbers and facts about this disease, and it is quite clear the threat is nowhere near what we thought it was. I urge you to make recommendations based on what we actually know about this disease. Hospitalizations are dropping, the death rate is a tiny fraction of what it was projected to be. Meanwhile, the people who have been furloughed or lost jobs are the people least likely to be able to recover from it. Never, in the history of the planet, have the healthy been forced to stay home to stop the spread of disease. Quarantine has ALWAYS been for the infected or vulnerable. There is simply no good reason to restrict the healthy from working to feed our families when we can urge the vulnerable to continue staying home. Finally, be liberty-minded. Recognize that the citizens of this state will not stand by quietly while shackles of slavery are placed upon us. Thank you for your work on this matter.
04/14/2020 09:41 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Reopen NC Desiree Parker	Please reopen NC for work, I am a hairstylist and single mother, my children depend on my income to be taking care of them. I cannot wait until June to get back to work, I need to work NOW. I'm trying to understand how people can go to essential public places and a simple hair salon cannot be open when we can control how many people are in our chair or salon but you walk in walmart with hundreds of people and that's ok. Our working economy is struggling with little to no help, just let us get back to work, so we can take care of our families the way they are supposed to be taken care of. Re open NC May 1st like you all orginally planned.
04/14/2020 09:53 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Pamela Briscoe	It is imperative that NC open up immediately. North Carolinians are struggling financially. NCESC is not equipped to handle the volume of applications for unemployment benefits. People are experiencing an increase in depression and anxiety.
04/14/2020 09:54 AM	Economic Support	Michael Soos	As Brian Wesbury (Chief Economist-First Trust Advisors) said, The longer the shutdown

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	Working Group		lasts, the more permanent damage to the economy. Capacity would eventually come back, but it would take time, perhaps years. Businesses that had just the right mix of managers, workers, and suppliers, can't just magically re-create that mix by snapping their fingers when this is done. The US economy is not Sleeping Beauty, ready to wake up at first kiss by the government. Things need to change. Why can't landscapers work? Construction crews in many states are still working. Why can't factories or machine shops that normally produce 8 hours a day, go to 24-hour production schedules – three, 8-hour shifts with fewer employees? If I can pick up food, why can't I eat somewhere 6 feet away from others? There have to be a million ideas. Let's start thinking about them, because the costs of the shutdown must be balanced with the benefits. It may not be possible to "do no harm" in the response to this pandemic, but we can at least try to "do the least harm."
04/14/2020 09:57 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Stay Home Stay Healthy Cheryl Warren	Please continue the stay home order. It is working now. Do not open this back up and allow the virus to explode a 2nd time. While everyone is abiding & supporting the order in place, it needs to remain in place. Once it's opened it will be even harder to get public cooperation by quarantining. It's working. Everyone is adhering to order. DO NOT reopen until safety and consideration is given for the citizens.
04/14/2020 09:59 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Walter Wooten	Please address the appalling lack of customer support at the NC Division of Employment Security. I have been trying for weeks to help someone simply log in to the system so that they can file an unemployment claim. Because of a glitch, this person was not able to verify (using their email) and consequently is "locked out" of the system. I was finally able to get a hold of a person yesterday and they told me they could not help me. I repeat, they told me they could not help me. Please do what you can to bolster this department at this time and make it functional for the citizens of this state in this time of crisis. If a safety net system like this one does not work during a crisis, what is the point of having the system at all? Thank you for your time and consideration.
04/14/2020 10:04 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Carl Hilderbrand	As a resident of Onslow County, our Covid-19 contraction percentages are extremely low when compared to our actual population. I see no reason to continue these draconian measures that violate our Constitutional rights and civil liberties. Restricting the movement of healthy citizens is tyranny.
04/14/2020 10:11 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Christine Wertz	When we have facts, the right decisions are obvious to all. Unfortunately, no one knows how many people have had Covid19, so we have no way of knowing how contagious or deadly it is... or isn't. As a result, lawmakers are being forced to make consequential decisions with no reliable reference points or measurable goals. So for some, the temptation will be to just "err on the side of life - all lives matter, and if extreme measures save just one life..." But this is neither rational nor compassionate. It is an irrational, lazy approach to making hard decisions. Logically, we know that Covid19 will always exist somewhere in the world; and we cannot keep the world in an indefinite lockdown. So, using what we do know factually - some people get it and remain asymptomatic, some people get it and die - just like we do with any other threat to our well-being, we need to let people manage our own risk, and adjust our own lives accordingly. It is irrational to quarantine healthy people and to think the state can sustain a workforce that is not working. Since we do not have all of the facts that would lead you to an obvious solution, you MUST find a balance. Shutting down all activities and holding healthy citizens under house arrest is irresponsible and lazy legislating. Stop it. Life matters. Let us live ours.
04/14/2020 10:15 AM	Economic Support	Mrs. Athenia OConnor	As a senior resident I am concerned about the closing down of so many businesses. It is

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04/14/2020 10:25 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Dr. Sarah Boyce	Please develop a plan to reopen NC by May 1st. The current situation is untenable. People do not need to be left in limbo about their future. Small business owners are desperate to get back to business. Precautions can be taken. Approximately 100 people have died in NC from COVID-19, hundreds of thousands have file unemployment. The current numbers do not warrant the current closure measures. The predictions of 250,000 confirmed cases are unfounded in the face of approximately 5,000 confirmed cases today. The "cure" is quickly becoming worse than the disease.
04/14/2020 10:28 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms. Katherine Barr	There is a growing group of people who are pushing Governor Cooper to relax social distancing guidelines and to adhere to April 29 as the end of these guidelines no matter what. I urge the Committee to consider the science and data surrounding COVID-19 when making these difficult decisions. Business is a very important concern in this pandemic, but so too is public health and avoiding overwhelming the hospitals of our state. Thank you for your consideration.
04/14/2020 10:32 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Barbara Cameron	Please listen to our public health experts and do not lift the stay-at-home order at the end of April. As of now, we are on a track to keep the death toll low and not overwhelm our hospitals. Lifting restrictions early could have catastrophic consequences for our citizens, especially our most vulnerable ones--not to mention overtaxing our already overworked health care providers.
04/14/2020 10:34 AM	Economic Support Working Group		Please look at the real factual data before make decisions. The numbers are low and you can trust North Carolinians to protect the vulnerable, continue to social distance, wear masks and go back to work at the same time!
04/14/2020 10:37 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Sally Berra	I am retired and getting older every day. Please give me a little more time before I go. Don't rush opening up.
04/14/2020 10:42 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Tina Hunt	It's time to open up the state. The longer we have the stay at home order the more issues we will have down the road. Ex: depression, PTSD, sense of failure, no money really flowing, etc. If you was serious about it you would have done at shelter in place at the beginning, closed the parks, 6 foot rule and all. You should know you have to be strict on the front end not the back end. I have personally obeyed the stay at home rule, but why should I continue and others are not. Do the right thing open businesses and schools up. Stop the political bullying!! Talk about the positive and stop being negative!!
04/14/2020 10:43 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Shannon Colangelo	According to Elaine Marshall, Secretary of State, "at the present time, it is impermissible to perform a remote video or other remote notarial act until the General Assembly approves such actions." This prevents freelance court reporters from performing the oath before a deposition can be held remotely. The only way we can legally have the witness sworn in is in person. Please approve the ability of public notaries to perform the oath remotely via video-conference where we can see the witness and their identification. This allowance can be separate and apart from the notarization of documents if need be.

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			<p>Apparently, due to this COVID-19 crisis, Guilford County is swearing in new notaries via video-conference, which seems to me to be a double standard that the government can issue the oath remotely, but notaries cannot. (https://www.guilfordcountync.gov/our-county/register-of-deeds/notary) "For the health and safety of our staff, customers and the general public, you will no longer be required to physically visit the Register of Deeds office to complete your Notary Oath Appointment. This is effective Monday April 13th 2020. Notaries may be sworn in virtually online via video conference by appointment... For virtual Notary Oath Appointments, you must have access to a smartphone with a camera and internet access as well as the Android or iPhone Google Duo App. All others may call (336)641-7556 to set up an in office Notary Public appointment time."</p> <p>I am asking on behalf of myself and all freelance court reporters that the same allowance be given to us so that we have the ability to work remotely during this time. The last day I worked was March 19th, which this Friday makes a full month. That is unacceptable when so many states have issued special orders to enable their court reporters and notaries to work remotely.</p>
04/14/2020 10:50 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Rachel	As a constituent and a citizen of NC, I must ask that the governor and the general assembly continue to follow the advice and guidance of leading public health experts and PUT PUBLIC HEALTH FIRST by maintaining the necessary restrictions for as long as is necessary to ensure the health and safety of our citizens. Thank you.
04/14/2020 10:52 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr. Scott Allred	I contacted Jon Hardister last week about my concerns of the Stay at Home order from Roy Cooper. Without intervention from the General Assembly and/or a grass roots effort from the public, I feel that Roy Cooper will be unduly influenced by the medical community (and the media) to excessively extend the Stay at Home orders and continue to enact additional draconian controls over the public. I feel it is time to move past the "Essential Business" discussion and work to get the Stay at Home orders removed so that all business can be essential again. The quicker this happens; more businesses will survive and the need for stimulus dollars will decrease.
04/14/2020 11:01 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Susan Fox	<p>Dear House Select Committee,</p> <p>As a citizen of North Carolina for all but about 5 of my 62 years, I wish to make clear my stance concerning decisions you will be making that will effect the future of our state. As a United Republic we have a Constitution establishing your legal limits as representatives for our country. The Bill of Rights clearly lays out our rights as citizens of this great country.</p> <p>My concerns:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. I am adamantly against even the discussion of mandatory vaccines under any circumstance, including COVID 19 . This is private doctor/patient decision. 2. The overreach of some of our state and local officials with regards to social distancing and stay in place orders. 3. As a small business owner, defined essential, we are still working and adhering to the guidelines. But, the need to reopen businesses you deem non-essential needs to happen as soon as possible. The economic collapse that will ensue if not, could and will be more damaging to our health, state, and nation, than the COVID 19. <p>Please consider the far reaching ramifications of your decisions. May God bless the bounty of our great land.</p>

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04/14/2020 11:03 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Do Not Lift the Ban Reginald Cooke	Lifting the ban to early will only allow people to recongregate and cause cases to spike again. We are not at peak and even if we were , re-introducing people back out will allow them to think everything is fine and it is not fine. We are seeing a resurge in cases of those that "recovered" and now have it again. Too may unknowns and I am not ready to sacrifice my family or yours as guinea pigs to allow politics to prevail over medicine. Sorry not sorry!
04/14/2020 11:22 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Hannah Schoen	My own economic position is secure because my husband is military but I fear for many neighbors and friends that this shutdown continuing will bring them to their knees financially and then will have health affects and many other affects that we don't even know right now. Please reopen the state. Quarantine the SICK but do not restrict movement of the healthy. Encourage those that are immunocompromised or high risk to continue to take precautions. But reopen the state before more harm is done!!!
04/14/2020 12:01 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Calinda Jones	Please reopen NC as planned on April 30/May 1st. Continued recommendation of social distancing is advisable, but we know our risks, let us make our choices. Do not dictate what is essential to us and what is not. Over the US, a 1 point increase in unemployment directly results in tens of thousands of deaths by way of heart issues, suicides, homicides, and other deaths of despair. This NEEDS to be included in any model determining the relative danger of the illness versus the danger of overreaching lockdowns. Please open NC.
04/14/2020 12:03 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms. patricia crews	Please reopen NC now. The models predicting the number of infected and deaths are wrong, we are not NY or Washington State. We are destroying our economy and way of life over this non crisis. With SENSIBLE guidelines and businesses and customers choosing what is best for them, we can make this state great again.
04/14/2020 12:05 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Sara Bender	We are residents of Charlotte North Carolina that stand for The Constitution and demand our officials Reopen NC no later than April 29, 2020. We are losing our small businesses, which are the backbone of our economy. The shutdown is not warranted, nor sustainable for our area. The vulnerable can be isolated or protected in other ways, without sacrificing our entire state economy. The population of State of North Carolina is approximately 10.5 million. As of today, there are only 4,884 confirmed cases of the Corona Virus, and 107 related deaths. This is a very small occurrence out of a population of 10.5 million and we know from statements made by Dr Deborah Birx that deaths of all kinds are coded COVID deaths even when it was not the cause of death, but only a possible accompanying co-factor. In fact, the Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation (which is the model used by the White House to make policy decisions) has projected 522 total COVID19 deaths for NC. It's time to put an end to this and REOPEN NC.
04/14/2020 12:06 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Kathleen McDermott	Please reopen on May 1st. This is devastating to our economy. The cure cannot be worse than the disease and that is where we are now.
04/14/2020 12:17 PM	Economic Support Working Group	MS Donnicia Pepper	Please reopen NC. The Covid numbers do not support the economic harm that is being done. I believe this stripping away of peoples rights and destroying business and peoples lives is unconstitutional. It is time to resume life, try to salvage the economy and give people a chance to determine their own financial future. How can you live with yourselves knowing you chose winners and losers in this and destroyed lives? I understand the challenges of the virus, but this is no life.

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04/14/2020 12:21 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Dave Glover	My renters don't work, I don't get rent!
04/14/2020 12:21 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Thomas Fitzpatrick	The data/models used to inform the governor's policy decisions need to be made publicly available. The national models have been grossly overestimating the impact of the virus, even with the social distancing and other risk mitigation factors included. We all understand that the situation is rapidly evolving, but we can also see the trend towards a much smaller impact than anticipated. The regulatory and policy overreach by the governor must be justified by facts and data.
04/14/2020 12:22 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mandy Huffman	As a self employed ceramic artist residing in Western NC, my concern is the lack of help for sole proprietors and small business owners and the complete disregard concerning the economic downfall that is taking place as we continue this statewide lockdown. I cannot get unemployment. The website will not even be set up for another 2 weeks for self employed people. We cannot get answers from SBA and the PPP loans are for businesses with payroll. How does that help us???? Why are the hospital census numbers way down and nurses being flexed off when we supposedly are peaking right now in new cases???? Where is the data to support keeping the economy shut? we need help and answers and all we get in double talk and the run around. You guys supposedly work for the tax payers and yet, you are not the one suffering
04/14/2020 12:27 PM	Economic Support Working Group		hi
04/14/2020 12:31 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Sheryl Chandler	open NC. You are hurting far more people than you are helping with this shutdown.
04/14/2020 12:32 PM	Economic Support Working Group	homeschool Leigh Fowler	I heard you were getting messages pressuring you to open the economy soon. I request that we let science lead the way, waiting to begin the reopening process until the models indicate the time is right. Please don't feel rushed. We all know this is a difficult decision that involves weighing complicated factors. My hope is that our state will act slowly and deliberately, not bow to the pressure of any one group.
04/14/2020 12:37 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Reopen North Carolina Carrie Harciga	Please open all businesses and trust the citizens to do what is best for them and their families!
04/14/2020 12:41 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Betty Jones	It's time to reopen NC. This is killing off our small businesses.
04/14/2020 12:41 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr. Gary Kanady	We need to reopen NC to economic activity. We should include guidance on social behavior to include avoiding unnecessary social gatherings, wearing facial Coverings in public , using virtual conferences, and working from home where practical.
04/14/2020 12:45 PM	Economic Support Working Group		Gov. Roy Cooper is destroying our state and needs to be stopped. You are employed by the tax payers. By shutting down NC you have crippled the economy. Many will not recover from.
04/14/2020 12:48 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Kerri Williamson	Please continue to protect all of us by maintaining the stay at home order until such a time as health officials say we can safely begin to reopen the state. Thank you for all you have done so far.
04/14/2020 12:50 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms Kelly Yelland	Please consider the financial and economic impact hitting small businesses throughout our state due to COVID-19. The measures in place do not provide financial relief as unemployment is backlogged. People have been without pay especially in Dare County in

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			excess of 35 days now. Let us re-open our state for economic commerce. Not only can the financial impacts destroy businesses and individuals sadly it is also contributing to the increase in domestic violence incidents across the nation.
04/14/2020 12:50 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Unemployment is NOT worki	We have applied for umemployment as small business owners and have been denied multiple times. Why is no one fixing this problem asap? Switzerland is open... We are not children and we need to build immunity and stop the violation of our constitutional rights now! There will be many lawsuits over government breach. Tell us the real truth about what threat we are facing. Put an end to income taxes and help the whole economy recover quickly. Show us you really care about your voters.
04/14/2020 12:50 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Maytee Sanz	Our workers, especially those that are not US citizens are suffering and have no lifeline to support their families. As a state that has so many farm industry workers and food industry workers, we need to support those that help feed us.
04/14/2020 12:54 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Dorcas Stolper	I support providing paid sick days, family leave, and full unemployment benefits for all impacted workers, including "gig workers", as well as support for vulnerable small businesses. Do the right and moral thing by supporting impacted employees with these critical benefits.
04/14/2020 12:56 PM	Economic Support Working Group	owner Scottie Smith	Please reopen our state now. Let it be up to the individual as to whether they will open and the individual as to whether they should risk being in public. Provide us with the data that will help each of us make a common sense decision not out of fear but out of logic.
04/14/2020 01:03 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Janet Riggs	It is time to reopen North Carolina. There are other people suffering, not just the small percentage of people getting coronavirus. Please help us. Please let businesses reopen. Let employees work to support their families. Let the immune vulnerable and elderly stay sheltered. But let the rest of us have our freedom back.
04/14/2020 01:06 PM	Economic Support Working Group	ReopenNC Ted Siewers	Vote out Roy Cooper in November! Reopen N.C.
04/14/2020 01:14 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Melissa McVey	This full quarantine is not allowing support for our economy. Research suggests that allowing smaller quarantines of those who are elderly, young, or immune-compromised is a better course of action. By allowing the general "healthy" population to continue basic tasks (schooling, businesses, etc.) we allow the general public to build up antibodies and begin an immunity base to Covid-19. We can still have recommendations for safe practices (mask wearing, limited errands, small group gatherings, etc.) but we must allow the public the opportunity to function in a semi-normal economic state while building a natural defense to the virus.
04/14/2020 01:15 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Kathryn Wall	The state needs to listen to epidemiologists, medical professionals, and scientists on when to reopen the state's businesses and public spaces. People in my community have been visibly ignoring the stay at home orders (kids on playgrounds, crowding each other in stores, running in tight packs at parks, holding cookouts, etc.) and if we give people a reason to say "let's just get back to business as usual," it could be catastrophic for our state's health care system and for the most vulnerable among us. If Americans could come together and sacrifice in WWII or after 9-11 or in the pandemic of 1918, we can do this...please don't cave to pressure from people who are not listening to science.
04/14/2020 01:16 PM	Economic Support	Mrs Sarah Harper	I would like to see NC reopened no later than May 1. Keeping NC closed will do more harm

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	Working Group		to our state than the virus! I am also vehemently against mandatory vaccines including any future covid 19 vaccine.
04/14/2020 01:18 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Holly Wengenroth-Mealer	In order for North Carolina to be able to provide excellent care to all of her citizens, she needs to re-open her economy immediately. We have an intricate economic system in which all elements are essential. Shutting down our economy will cause more harm than allowing it to work.
04/14/2020 01:21 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Reopen NC NOW Denise Kelly	Enough is enough. This very unnecessary shutdown has gone on long enough. NC needs to be reopened for ALL businesses no later than April 30, 2020. ALL JOBS ARE ESSENTIAL!
04/14/2020 01:24 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Debra Parker	Open North Carolina!
04/14/2020 01:33 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Jason Riggs	As a private citizen of North Carolina, I'm greatly concerned about the state of our economy in the midst of the Covid-19 pandemic. I'm simply asking for a more balanced approach. In those areas that are not as hard hit, allow businesses to reopen. It seems obvious at this point that we will have more than enough hospital beds to treat any future patients of this pandemic. I respectfully request your consideration in this matter.
04/14/2020 01:38 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms. Candy Sugarman	Repeal the Governor's emergency powers and reopen North Carolina's commerce and free the people.
04/14/2020 01:42 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Steven Dodds	I truly believe lives are important and would help anyone in need. You need to understand you are absolutely killing this state's economy and the more restrictions you keep the fewer people you will have that are willing to take to rebuild after this mess ends. Our hospitals are cutting employee's hours beds are empty your models are very wrong. I'm ok with safety suggestions going forward (you definitely have people's attention) but you can't enforce them with our law enforcement. Spend your energy helping the elderly in rest homes but the death rate just isn't there for the rest of us. DO NOT EXTEND RESTRICTIONS or I and many more will join those marching on the streets. This will not stand.
04/14/2020 01:54 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms Elaine Sweeney	Please re open the state so business and families can get back to work. The hospitals and medical personnel are NOT overwhelmed and beds are not full. It is not possible to sustain this shutdown with so few people being impacted. My husband is currently sick with what we believe is COVID 19 and we are maintaining distance just like we normally would with a sick person. It's day 8 of his quarantine and not too bad. We need NC residents to be back to work and sustain their livelihoods. Please do not continue to tout this madness for such a small percentage of people getting sick.
04/14/2020 01:57 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr. Andy Unsworth	#ReopenNC now - smartly!
04/14/2020 01:59 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Cathy Smith	It's time to protect those who are vulnerable & allow others to get back to work. This lockdown can not continue through the summer. It's not allowed according to the Bill of Rights & our country's Constitution. We will not stand for it much longer
04/14/2020 02:00 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Loss of Liberty	In this moment in time, elected officials have taken unprecedented actions for a virus where little is known. These measures appear to be implemented out of fear and/or out of overzealous caution for the unknown. It is the belief of this voter that the haphazard decisions made in determining what is "essential" and imposing unresearched restrictions

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			is harming the North Carolina residents far more than a virus. Benjamin Franklin said it best when he said, "They who can give up essential liberty to obtain a little temporary safety, deserve neither liberty nor safety." The choices that have been made are stripping away our liberties and taking away people's ability to pursue happiness. My request is for you to use common sense and Grant each person access to the data and give them the information so that they can decide what the best course of action is for themselves. If they have a weak immune system, let them decide to isolate themselves. Do not continue to try and take away people's inalienable rights.
04/14/2020 02:14 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Your Help Is Needed AB Chen	Our leaders have continued to get their paychecks during Cooper's shutdown. The data does not justify the closings. Check the numbers, not the media hysteria. #ReOpenNC
04/14/2020 02:31 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Lori Zeto	<p>At what point does the solution to the Covid-19 Virus become worse than the virus itself? I for one am more worried about what this quarantine and business /work shut down is doing to our country and our way of life. At some point the solution of shutting this economy down does become more dangerous than this virus.</p> <p>For instance, when we go to war, what are we going to war for? Answer; It's to preserve our way of life. Period. And we have been willing for generations to sacrifice lives to that end. This is not any different.</p> <p>This incredible engine that is the American economy IS our national defense. We rely on it and need it for our survival. Otherwise we will be over-run or just become another 2nd or 3rd world country. Why would we allow that to happen? Fear? Cowardice? If we allow that to happen, we would be destroying everything the greatest generation and all those generations before us fought and died for.</p> <p>It's sad that we allowed fear to shut down the greatest country with the greatest ever economy over a virus that "IF" you get it you still have a 98% recovery rate. And if you take Hydroxychloroquine the recovery numbers are closer to 99-100%</p> <p>Re-open North Carolina NOW!!</p>
04/14/2020 02:37 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Jennifer Klas	<p>Many people don't have the luxury of just waiting this out. Businesses that are closed are generating zero revenue while still having to pay expenses (rent, utilities, suppliers, employees, etc). It's not like a disaster where insurance can kick in. Some will have to permanently shut down if they can't get back to work immediately, losing everything they built.</p> <p>Also many people just have to work to eat and pay bills. Most don't want a handout if their able to work for their needs.</p> <p>A woman doesn't want to experience childbirth alone because her partner is not allowed in the hospital.</p> <p>people are suffering in so many ways because of these measures. It's time to end the widespread suffering caused by this.</p> <p>Wait and see is just not always feasible nor is it just.</p>
04/14/2020 02:43 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mark Anderson	Do the right thing....that means require quarantining of ALL at risk individuals. Make it up to THEM to make the decision IF they want to risk being out with the virus. Take temperatures of individuals BEFORE they go to work, if they have a fever require them to go home and get tested and/or 14 day quarantine. Nobody wants people to die, but we can re open safely. Put it back on commerce to find a solution. Get gov't out of the way and get NC back to work!
04/14/2020 02:43 PM	Economic Support	Ms. Lynne Walter, MSW	I am UTTERLY mortified that today, 4/14/2020, approximately 100 so-called "Reopen NC"

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	Working Group		<p>people disregarded both the Wake County and statewide stay-at-home orders and put the public health and safety of the larger community and various law enforcement officers (Raleigh Police Department, State Capitol Police, and Wake County Sheriff Department) at risk by gathering near the NC General Assembly to push their dangerous demand to end stay-at-home orders.</p> <p>The only way North Carolina will even be able to "reopen" is if we flatten the curve and stop the spread of COVID-19. It is a basic public health principle that it takes each of us to protect all of us, and unwisely and unsafely ending protective measures will only cause spikes in COVID-19 and put more North Carolinians' health and lives at risk.</p> <p>The NCGA must take immediate action to bolster the steps the Governor's office has already taken by lifting the \$350 cap on Unemployment Insurance and extending the eligibility timeline to the federal maximum of 26 weeks (or longer if required to weather this crisis).</p>
04/14/2020 03:05 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Patricia Mondie	We request that NC be reopened as soon as possible. The financial ramification to small business in this state is astronomical. Business owners are in danger of losing everything. The psychological effects of being isolation can lead to depression & even suicide. Please save the people of NC. Allow us to use common sense & keep ourselves safe.
04/14/2020 03:23 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Amanda Mixon	<p>Small businesses are already discussing what to do with the PPP funds from the SBA. If 75% is spent on payroll, that it is forgivable. If Cooper keeps the state shut down, what good is that? Now if they survive, they will have to repay the loan. Then add employees are being told they will get \$600 on top of their NC unemployment. Employees would rather take the ESC money and stay home instead getting paid their averages wages and stay at home.</p> <p>ALL businesses should be allowed to reopen. People are getting IRS money and small businesses that need the help are not allowed to open because local governments are threatening them. Who cares if it only one customer at a time, give them a fighting chance to compete.</p>
04/14/2020 03:41 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Tara Smith-Russell	Thank you all for listening to the scientists and data experts and making decisions to keep North Carolinians safe during the covid19 crisis. Please continue to listen to guidance from these public health experts as we look toward the future. Despite the economic toll the stay at home order is taking on my own family and community, nothing is as important as our health. Please know you have my support to continue the stay at home order for as long as the experts deem necessary.
04/14/2020 03:47 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Richard M Clifford	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To the Economic Support working group: I support providing paid sick days, family leave, and full unemployment benefits for all impacted workers, including "gig workers", as well as support for vulnerable small businesses.
04/14/2020 03:53 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Bonnie Greene	We have no income because we are considered non-essential but do not qualify for ANY help because we are self employed and don't have payroll. There is not data to justify this much of shut down and literally crippling the economy.
04/14/2020 04:00 PM	Economic Support	Randy Riddle	I would like to submit my opinion concerning calls to "ReopenNC". I feel that the calls to

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	Working Group		<p>go back to "business as usual" are, at best, misguided and misinformed and, at worst, dangerous.</p> <p>I work at Duke University and count my health professionals, researchers, and scientists among my friends and colleagues. I also have seen the experience of other countries dealing with the virus. I believe what the top health professionals in our state are saying - as much as it may hurt businesses and families, only tragedy and death can come from reopening schools and businesses before the virus has played out.</p> <p>As a student of history, I'm familiar with what happened during the dire flu pandemic of 1918. States and cities that didn't take social distancing and quarantine measures seriously or ended them early would up with devastating, widespread illness and death.</p> <p>I am disturbed by the so-called "ReOpen NC" activists. Looking at their Facebook group, it is a hotbed of conspiracy theories, anti-vaccination, and fear-mongering health misinformation. Public policy and safety shouldn't be determined by a small group of misinformed activists, more interested in their pet theories on the Constitution or completely false information they've heard spread on social media.</p> <p>Yes, the proper measures to protect the public are difficult. Yes, they're disruptive and even devastating to small businesses and families. However, this is a public health crisis - this is not the time to put blind faith in junk science and rumors.</p>
04/14/2020 04:16 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Russell Lichtenstein	Enough is enough. Please open up the economy. The lasting effects of a closed economy far out weigh the immediate effects of the Coronavirus
04/14/2020 04:20 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Donna Mergliano	For NC to recover from the effects of this pandemic, we must support our small businesses as well as the many workers who are suffering now from closures and loss of "gig" opportunities. In our two tier society of those who are economically secure and those who are working for low pay and no health benefits, those at the bottom of the economic scale are often those who are keeping the rest of us safe. We have to upend our system to some degree to provide a recovery and decent living for those folks who need our help.
04/14/2020 04:33 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Reopen NC Jill Jankoski	As per Gov. Cooper, reopening NC would be "catastrophic" right now. I respectfully disagree. Catastrophic is the millions of healthy NC residents who cannot work or pay their bills bc of faulty models. We have 10.6M NC residents, 5,024 Covid-19 cases, 108 deaths, 418 in the hospital...we lose approximately 1749 NC residents to flu & pneumonia annually, & we've never shut everything down for that in the 17 years I've lived here. CATASTROPHIC is the BILLIONS in economic damage being done, the untold mental & e-motional damage being done every day this continues, the furloughed medical professionals not allowed to work because all the beds are reserved for a medical hurricane that's hitting NY but not NC... catastrophic is the medical treatments on hold for millions Because of fear porn attached to bad models. Stop it! Stop it and use common sense! Put NC, small business owners back to work and get the PEOPLE aka the ECONOMY of NC working again!!! Immediately.
04/14/2020 04:41 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Economic support Charles Chapman	We need to let businesses get back to work. Not only do they serve the families and people of our community they also provide jobs and income for all North Carolina.

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			Without being able to work and generate revenue I feel we will suffer greatly under next year's tax burden to make up for the loss revenue.
04/14/2020 04:46 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Gov coopers resignation Jared C	WE The People of NC, for violation of oath of office, and the infringement of our constitutional rights, seek the immediate resignation and removal of the tyrannical democratic governor of NC Roy Cooper. You are not the voice of the people and have violated and infringed upon the very constitution that you swore to uphold protect and defend.
04/14/2020 04:47 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Michael Burger	This lockdown is destroying small business... The economic impact of this continued lock down will devastating to the state and will take years to recover... Please open up this state...
04/14/2020 05:13 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Jeannette Wilson	Reopen NC. Allow the free residents of our great state to determine staying at home or not. Small businesses are the backbone of our economy. The Constitution has been violated by this nonsense. Stop it!
04/14/2020 07:08 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Velma Ferrell	To the Economic Support working group: I support providing paid sick days, family leave, and full unemployment benefits for all impacted workers, including "gig workers", as well as support for vulnerable small businesses
04/14/2020 08:09 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Brandon Muhaw	I believe the response to this virus is causing more problems than the virus itself.
04/14/2020 08:17 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Diane Becton	This charade has gone on long enough. We can all do the math. Our state has been shut down, lives and incomes destroyed for a small fraction of NC's population. This is a virus that is manageable by most at home. Look at that tiny amount that have been hospitalized or died compared to those who have contracted it. As for death rate, we also know that cancer patients will die because their treatments are being interrupted or postponed. Cancer diagnoses are being overlooked because a virus , just a virus has tied up medical care. Stop the insanity. Give the people the freedom that is theirs. What has been done in NC is unconstitutional to begin with.
04/14/2020 08:48 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr. David Listrom	Religious groups are the primary source of grassroots, community based assistance to the needy. They provide a necessary service during these difficult days. Restriction of religious groups is an economic burden to the citizens of our dear state. Citizens have the right to practice their religious beliefs without government interference. The state should not attempt to interfere with the operation of the churches, as it has negative economic impact.
04/14/2020 08:49 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Abbie Dickinson	I support providing paid sick days, family leave, and full unemployment benefits for all impacted workers, including "gig workers", as well as support for vulnerable small businesses.
04/14/2020 09:01 PM	Economic Support Working Group	JP Phinney	I own what was a successful chain of natural dog/cat supply stores in NC named Unleashed. My wife Amy and I built our company with no investments or loans of any kind, starting the NC State Fairgrounds Flea Market in 2007. Never have we needed anything from money lenders or the state/federal government for assistance with our business. That has all changed now, and unless we make a turn in the right direction, the lasting imprint of this mishandled health scare will be transformative. Everyone is ultimately responsible for themselves, as humans always have been. The place you are in the life right now is a culmination of the choices you have made up until this point. The

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			state should not have the power, and especially not solely the governor, to dictate that people can no longer work, recreate in public spaces or peacefully gather for any reason. If something drastic isn't done to return the power of choice to individuals, small/medium businesses in NC will just disappear. No matter what assistance the federal government may be promising, the reality is the spirit of business owners like me will be mortally wounded, and any help will almost definitely arrive too late and be too little.
04/14/2020 09:33 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Audrey Whitlock	How can we keep doing this when the numbers do not indicate we need to be shut down. I know that everyone who reads this KNOWS the models baked in significant social distancing. We can not keep this up. My family has lost their jobs, closed their business and people who depend on me for income now can not even get unemployment because NC is so slow. I need therapy for my developmentally disabled child he is falling behind and he needs me to fight to get therapy back for him. Please I am begging you. Do not keep your fellow Americans imprisoned in their homes. We need to go to the Dr, make money, feed our familys, and LIVE like Americans are supposed to.
04/14/2020 09:43 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Must Reopen NC Meleah Allard	North Carolinians are suffering! Many small Businesses will not make it another month. People's livelihoods are at stake. Additionally, The Governor's orders are unconstitutional. Our first amendment allows us the ability to gather & worship. With a mandate of 10 or less that is impossible for most churches. Please do the right thing. We are counting on you!
04/14/2020 09:45 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr mike dunn	GET US BACK TO WORK!!!
04/14/2020 10:02 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Michael Moorefield	While looking at the nature of the coronavirus potential detrement to the public's health some preventive actions have been warranted. At this point in looking at the massive economic costs it is imperative that restrictions should begin to be eased. If we compare the risks of the Covid 19 virus to other things like simply driving a car it is documented as having at most half of the risk. The oppressive action of our state government and governor should be planning as are other States such as Texas to move to restore our Constitutional rights as citizens of greater America. We should however open things intelligently in order to mitigate risk to the more succeptable citizens such as elderly and etc. To put self limiting measures against our very livelihoods are becoming unsustainable, oppressive, unrealistic, illogical, and against the very spirit that built our great state and country. These times are surreal. Opening things up now is not an option. To tarry will do unrecoverable damage to our revenue engine that is accruing daily.
04/14/2020 10:10 PM	Economic Support Working Group	End stay at Home Order! Brandon Ratcliffe	Wake up Governor Cooper the curve has been flattened, mortality rate far lower than originally predicted, health care systems not over run, economy already ruined, and unemployment soaring! REOPEN OUR ONCE GREAT STATE OF NC ITS TIME BEFORE MENTAL HEALTH & HUNGER ISSUES DOMINATE!
04/14/2020 10:14 PM	Economic Support Working Group	James McClure	Without working we will be bankrupt
04/14/2020 10:15 PM	Economic Support Working Group	sarah barlow	This Corona virus needs many precautions but with the jobs of people being taken away is not healthy for the economy and for the people trying to survive.
04/14/2020 10:51 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms. Jennifer Marshall	Our numbers are lower than many other States because we are used to hurricanes and emergency response. Our folks need to catch on quicker to flattening the curve by staying home. Testing is not happening at the pace it needs to and the ball got dropped on

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04/14/2020 11:14 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Catherine Giardino	Please explain how Dare County has the authority to restrict access to neighboring counties, based simply on control of state and federal highways running through the county. Additionally, please explain why residents were not given strict stay at home orders when access was restricted for visitors and non resident home owners. Lastly, please explain the constitutional legality of restricting access to personal property without the consideration of compensation or tax relief.
04/14/2020 11:26 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms Julia Poole	As a small business owner in Winston-Salem, me, my partners, and other business owners are genuinely concerned that continuing this state shut down beyond 4/30 will have repercussions so far reaching that indeed the "cure" will actually be the ruin of far more people and families, physically and financially, than this virus would ever have impacted. At some juncture, there will be a point of no return for many of us. Let's get back on track in our great state. Thank you for your time.
04/14/2020 11:33 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Debbie Everly	We need to maintain social distancing and the current stay at home orders. Now is not the time to reopen for business nor will we be ready at the end of the month. Lives are at stake. We need a solid plan to reopen that keeps the most people safe.
04/14/2020 11:43 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms Ennis Baker	Please contain the spread of the virus and of misinformation and conspiracy theories from groups like Reopen NC
04/15/2020 12:11 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Re open NC Emily Goodman	NC needs to reopen and start building back the economy. Please vote no in response to keeping NC closed longer.
04/15/2020 01:36 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Caroline Weaver	Please do not end the shelter at home order in NC until medical experts deem it appropriate. We need to save the lives of North Carolinians.
04/15/2020 01:39 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Churches are essential Wilfred Ruck	Issuing orders that prevent people from worshipping is a direct violation of the free exercise of religion
04/15/2020 03:13 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Economic suppoet Adele Finley	Hi I'm directly affected by this virus . As a server I haven't worked since March 12 2020 when my job was shut down. I also am not eligible for unemployment. I understand this is a serious virus but believe that you are going too extreme for the situation. I think we as a state are losing more than we are gaining with the measures being taken. Yes safety is a concern but when I becomes a choice between safety and your livelihood and eventually your freedom then I say you need to let your freedom win. As an adult I think we need to start realizing that people are more than capable of using common sense in being safe. You need to re open out state to commerce the people need to be able to support themselves

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04/15/2020 03:55 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Crystal Cloer	<p>We need to open NC by May 1, 2020. Our small businesses and the entertainment industry (DJs, performers of all types, and musicians) are suffering greatly. Many of us have little or no income at this time.</p> <p>Look at the numbers. As of April 13, 2020, NC had 4,816 confirmed Covid-19 cases, with 313 currently hospitalized, as reported by NCDHHS. Now look at the unemployment numbers. As of April 13, 2020, 561,000 have file for unemployment due to the Covid-19 crisis, as reported by Governor Cooper. Is it worth putting 561,000 or more people out of work, which is ruining NC's economy, when we only have 4,816 confirmed Covid-19 cases, out of which only 313 are currently hospitalized?</p> <p>The people of NC want to go back to work. Open NC by May 1, 2020.</p>
04/15/2020 04:05 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Pamela McCormack	<p>We cannot hide away because Covid-19 forever. Let those who chose to go back to work, go back to work. Those who are afraid or consider themselves vulnerable can remain home. The only thing we have to fear is fear itself.</p>
04/15/2020 05:33 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Lift Restrictions Matthew Rusch	<p>The various restrictions are causing unthinkable damage to the mental and emotional health of citizens. Please allow churches, businesses and parks to open immediately.</p>
04/15/2020 06:52 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Science & caution Lani Hashimoyo	<p>Please use science and caution for public health in your choices. The loudest voice is not automatically correct. Physical distancing is working to prevent overwhelming our HC system which was more fragile than we wanted to admit. Prepare for second wave. Support Medicaid expansion now. Your actions now will be your life legacy. Don't let party politics sway what is best for NC.</p>
04/15/2020 07:37 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Julie Branstetter	<p>REOPEN NC NOW!!!</p>
04/15/2020 07:45 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Susan Norman	<p>Reopen NC by May 1</p>
04/15/2020 07:58 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Covid-19 Reopen Plan Michelle Ackerman	<p>As a state, North Carolina desperately needs a reopen plan so that citizens can see some glimmer of hope. Stay at home is absolutely not the "new normal" for this state. And the governor's leadership team needs to be educated on how using that term is setting this state up for long term financial catastrophe. A plan would give the citizens a better sense of how we "unwind" this in a highly strategic way.</p>
04/15/2020 08:33 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Ginger Cason	<p>I encourage you to consider opening NC up by May 1. While I understand that there is a health crisis, there is also an economic crisis that is doing more damage than the virus currently. Thank you!</p>
04/15/2020 08:43 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Stay at home martha cutler	<p>I am making my voice heard that we need to stay home until we have proper testing and the Healthcare providers say it is safe to go back out. We need a gradual opening when the time is appropriate or we will have more cases and all of us staying home now will have been a huge waste. These protestors are being selfish.</p>
04/15/2020 08:57 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Sean Smith	<p>My name is Sean Smith and I am an executive board member of the Charlotte International Cabinet. I am also a Product Designer at Wells Fargo. We just received a briefing from Representative Autry on the Rapid Recovery for Small Businesses plan. It is my belief that the result of this action is a raw deal for small businesses and will end up providing harm rather than relief in the long run. Is the interest for the first 6 months</p>

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			deferred? Or is there zero interest for 6 months and then interest begins to accrue on month 7? I hope you will reconsider the interest rate on these bridge loans, particularly at a time when the Fed has reduced rates to below 1 percent. This 5% rate, by comparison, seems a bit predatory, particularly in tandem with the idea that in no instances will these be considered for forgiveness. Now is not a time to for inexpedient and timid support programs.
04/15/2020 09:19 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms Ellen Peric	I am in favor of following Governor Coopers lead in taking an educated and fact based approach to opening the economy. We still need more testing.
04/15/2020 09:21 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Kari Thatcher	<p>It is still too soon to lift the stay at home orders. We won't know for another week & a half how many people got sick from going to an Easter service, and it could be three weeks before we know if the guidelines about assisted living & nursing homes is helping.</p> <p>Paid sick leave for all workers (part time & shift workers especially) is of utmost importance so that people aren't incentivized to ignore their symptoms and keep going to work.</p> <p>We have a shortage of frontline workers to keep grocery stores open, & public health professionals to do contact tracing. Please create a jobs program for people to get access to medical & public health training, and another for folks to be hired by grocery stores/essential businesses.</p>
04/15/2020 09:22 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Follow SCIENCE John Burns	The question of reopening NC for business as usual must be answered by relying on medical science, not political pressure. We should do much more to support those who are harmed by the proper response to this virus, but reopening too soon will kill many who do not need to die. My paycheck is not worth my mother's life.
04/15/2020 09:22 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Deirdre Baker	Until we have a science / research expert based plan, reopening the state for the sake of reopening is not prudent to protecting the long term health and financial welfare of NC / the US ... It can be done but WITH AN EXPERT BASED PLAN. PLEASE!??!
04/15/2020 09:30 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Stay Home through May Robin Eller	Please don't reopen our state too early. Keep this virus within the limits of our health system.
04/15/2020 09:33 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Dr Bradley Tanner	<p>My small business in Chapel Hill has been shut down. Our office is accessed by car. All desks are at least 6 feet apart. In short, we pose no risk. I am sure there are 1000 other NC companies just like mine. Open them up and find out that they will not become a super spreader of the virus.</p> <p>The longer this goes on the weaker my company becomes and the fewer work and contracts I will get. This action is harming a company with 20 years of success and dedication to North Carolina. As other states open up, the work will go to them. If, as some recommend, this needs to continue to 2022, then I will have no choice but to move my company to a state that values economic viability. The risk of NOT opening up companies like mine is far greater to the prosperity of North Carolina and its citizen's than the risk we pose to public health.</p> <p>Bradley Tanner, MD, ME, MBA President, Clinical Tools, Inc.</p>

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04/15/2020 09:39 AM	Economic Support Working Group	STAY HOME Katelyn Ehle	Thank you for supporting and continuing the stay at home order. Your work is saving lives. I know that I have immunocompromised family members who would put themselves at risk were it not for our stay at home order.
04/15/2020 09:45 AM	Economic Support Working Group	T Sanders	<p>To the powers that be, our state is not ready to re-open. The data on who's affected is INCORRECT if EVERYONE is NOT being tested. How can you consider re-opening when you don't know the correct amount of infected citizens? How can you consider re-opening when the numbers ARE still going UP? YES, we all need to get back to work and our daily lives but this virus is horrible. PLEASE look at what's happening in other countries and heavily impacted states.</p> <p>I beg you to please use our medical community and the science of this as a basis for deciding. Yes we need to work for the obvious of feeding and housing our families and also for the wider economic impact BUT people who are sick (or worse) CAN NOT work. People who are sick (or worse) can not spend. Business' CAN NOT operate without employees that are sick (or worse). Re-opening too soon WILL put our citizens at risk if you DON'T know the numbers and the numbers are still going up. Please make a concerted effort to KNOW before making the decision to re-open.</p> <p>Please and thank you from a concerned citizen who is a mother, wife, sister, aunt and daughter. Help us keep our family safe and healthy by being smart about when we should reopen.</p>
04/15/2020 09:46 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mary Adams	Please don't reopen the state and endanger my neighbors, students, family, and friends. I know you are getting a lot of pressure from a well-funded group that is willing to sacrifice us all for prosperity. Knowing what we know, that would be tantamount to premeditated murder for thousands of us. I'm proud to be part of a state whose governor is not swayed by greed and superstition.
04/15/2020 09:46 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Ben Kittner	There's a reason you're not having an in-person hearing. Please wait until public health experts and epidemiologists tell us it's safe to go out. Otherwise, legislators should go out first.
04/15/2020 09:49 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms Erin Byrd	Please ignore these Open NC people. I do not want to die because some citizens are unable to grasp the seriousness and are more worried about their pocket books than the lives of NC citizens. Please continue to focus on your due diligence. Please lead with the ethics and compassion and clarity that the people of this state deserve. I believe you will do what is best for the people and not corporate interests at this time.
04/15/2020 09:52 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Ann Bingham	I'm writing to support the Stay At Home order. In the long run, our economy will be better if we have beaten the corona virus. It is short sighted to think the economy will be better off if more people die.
04/15/2020 09:55 AM	Economic Support Working Group		As we all know that well-being of our population is the number priority during this pandemic, the risk for covid-19 is very small 1-2%. In contrast, the risk to 97% populations health, well-being, livelihoods, small businesses, children's future, etc... is extremely high. Please weigh these options when considering relaxing restrictions sooner (May 1st) rather than later in NC.
04/15/2020 09:56 AM	Economic Support	Ms Melissa Tuttle	Please do NOT listen to the "push to reopen" people. If there's a massive wave of the

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	Working Group		illness, that will kill the economy as well as our health system. Of COURSE, we need to get back to daily life, but we also need to be intelligent and measured in that return, so that fewer lives are lost and the long-term impacts are less severe.
04/15/2020 09:57 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Cheryl Strother	We must keep N.C. in a stay at home status until the public health crisis is pass. Before opening many precautions should be in place including , readily available state wide validated testing for the virus and for antibodies (available to all and regardless of insurance, ability to pay etc).., and PPE and sanitation procedures as needed in all business environments. Please follow the medical and scientific advice and do not re-open prematurely!
04/15/2020 10:01 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Priscilla Morris	The economy can recover. It has before and it will again. Do not lift regulations until the leading national/state heath agencies recommend and then do it how they say do it. We must have an ample supply of necessary infection control products before we can even have a chance of protecting ourselves, our loved ones or our neighbors. It's time to be truly Pro-Life and put lives before money!
04/15/2020 10:05 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Janis Overlock	No, NC should not be opened yet. We need expanded testing and even better psa education. With the Open NC-ers running around without masks and without social distancing, they are also likely the ones who attended church services and had huge Easter dinners, we simply do not know what hell they have brought upon all of us in their haste. Wait and do things right. Human suffering to earn a few bucks is never worth it.
04/15/2020 10:07 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Rebecca Dresser	It is imperative to continue stay at home orders, as hard as that has been on all of us, until we have strong scientific evidence that the virus is no longer spreading in large degrees but instead diminishing and that the death rate is not increasing. What is the point of the economy getting back to normal when people are still transmitting the virus, becoming sick, being hospitalized, and dying? We must instead learn to plan for a new normal and adjust our way of life accordingly.
04/15/2020 10:08 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Owner Julie Thomas	Where is help for the thousands of sole proprietors who work full time and pay taxes to the State of NC and the Fed Gov.? Nothing but roadblocks and delays. I've tried to be patient and understanding but I've been dismissed, ignored, and pushed aside for bigger businesses. I've all but given up. I have spent entire days trying to fill out forms only to be told I have the wrong type of bank account. Where is THAT stipulation in the law? I have tax returns. I have bank records. I am an old established business with no other income options. Don't let us be forgotten! We make the economy run.
04/15/2020 10:08 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Derek Ellington	4 Weeks ago the courts closed and we had to send our workers home. It was the right decision. I started to put my 3 employees on unemployment, but the government said, "If you keep them on the payroll, we will help you." So I hung on. 3 weeks ago I got on a list with my bank. A week and a half ago I completed the paperwork. Last Wednesday, one week ago, I was told that all my paperwork was done and there was nothing more for me to do. Today I am cutting the last paychecks I can cover, and I do not have the funds to make the tax payments. The word from my bank is that they are waiting for approval. I have no idea when the funds are coming, I have no idea if the money will run out. If I don't get an answer by Friday, I have no choice but to lay them off. I have done my part, but my concern is that the government has not done their part. That said, all the suffering and expense, and deaths, means nothing if you rush to open things to early. It would be for nothing.

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04/15/2020 10:14 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Paul Baerman	Please be very thoughtful, cautious, and conservative about re-opening the state for public gatherings!
04/15/2020 10:14 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Christina Webb	I am an independent contractor operating under my own small business, working in the pharmaceutical industry. I have spent years working to develop and ensure new vaccines are safe and effective. I understand the seriousness of a pandemic and even though I have been personally burdened (I cannot work due to the stay at home orders), I am in full support of maintaining and even extending the existing stay at home orders in order to protect our vulnerable populations. I have parents who would both certainly die if they were to get Covid-19. While I understand the plight of others, I do not think it is safe for us to return to "normal" just yet. I do however support a controlled and responsible reopening of our state's economy. The government has made many resources available to small businesses to help in this unique time of need. I encourage our state government to provide more education/links/support to those pushing to reopen NC now to consider those resources as opposed to putting us all back at risk.
04/15/2020 10:17 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Jason Frye	I'm a small business owner - a freelance travel and food writer with 15 travel guides and thousands of articles to my name - and the current shutdown has been disastrous to my business. But we must hold strong. Do not ease the restrictions and guidelines and risk the health of me, my elderly in-laws, my immunocompromised friends, your parents, your children' grandparents, the aunts and uncles and vulnerable North Carolinians who look to you to keep them safe, healthy and secure every day of the year. We cannot prematurely reopen the state no matter what a very vocal micro-minority of people are telling you. To ignore the science and facts that health experts are telling us is to issue a death sentence to the aged and at-risk populations of North Carolina, to issue a death sentence to North Carolinians like me, and to issue a death sentence to your own political careers. Please, on behalf of every citizen of this state, don't cave to the pressure coming from Washington, where the interests appear to be purely economics-based and not at all sympathetic or empathetic to the citizenry, don't cave to pressure coming from less than 0.02% of our population to reopen the economy. Make the wise, health expert-guided decision and keep us closed until we have a vaccine, adequate testing resources, adequate PPE and hospital beds and a stockpile of both; until we have plans at state and local levels to care for and isolate the sick.
04/15/2020 10:19 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms. Shanti McKinnie	I strongly support continuing, even strengthening, Stay Home Stay Safe orders.
04/15/2020 10:25 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms Ashley S Johnson	I know local businesses are hurting, but we have professionals who have made disease movement and containment their life's work. We need to listen to the public health officials so we don't end up with a second or third wave of the virus. We need massively expanded testing of people, and additionally, massive amounts of antibody testing to determine who has already been exposed or has already recovered. I assume (but do not know) that these people are the backbone to any "restart" of local, state, and federal economy. Listen to our medical professionals; be generous to our small businesses and unemployed people.
04/15/2020 10:27 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms Melissa Hassard	The stay-at-home order needs to be extended until we have completely flattened the curve. Experts have stated that we will have wave after wave of this crisis until a vaccination is created. Be smart and do not be swayed by anyone who would put someone else in harm's way for profit.

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04/15/2020 10:30 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr. Garrett Heathcote	Anyone who wants to stay home. Let them. Anyone who wants to wear a mask. Let them. Anyone who wants to work. Let them. Anyone who wants to protest. Let them. You have crossed a line and this will not stand.
04/15/2020 10:31 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Michelle Hile	Feel free to open up the state if you so desperately want it. Maybe I will get actual reflective representation if you all kill off your base.
04/15/2020 10:47 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Jessica Tuttle	Thank you for your service for all of us. Please stick to the scientific evidence and reliable facts from the proper officials sources , both locally and globally, when making the decisions for North Carolina.
04/15/2020 10:48 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Ayla King	Please keep NC CLOSED until it is safe to reopen. The loss of life will be far worse for our economy than closing for a few months. Please listen to the experts and follow the scientific consensus.
04/15/2020 10:49 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Shelia Butts	As a retired career state education employee as well as 66 year old with health issues, I respectfully request that the Govenor and members of the Legislature do not act in haste to lift the current "Stay Home" orders. Until we see more flattening of the curve with regard to less cases of Covid happening in NC, I believe it would be a tremendous mistake to even consider sending workers back into their places of business. Right now we have the potential to lower the numbers if we hold fast till May 1st.
04/15/2020 10:50 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Pam King	We all want NC to be up and running as soon as possible. This situation is so hard on people. However, reopening too soon, that is before the virus crisis has subsided, is a terrible idea. Please advise people to stay home until health care professions give the ok to reopen.
04/15/2020 11:04 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Stay at home order Denise Rhodes	We need to protect public health and keep stay-at-home orders in place (if not extend them), because without the public's health, there is no economy. That's how things work
04/15/2020 11:06 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Kay Knowles	We need to not jump to reopening businesses to early and put more of us in jeopardy spreading the virus to more of us. I realize businesses want to reopen but it's not worth lives being lost as a result of opening too soon
04/15/2020 11:10 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Dr. Nancy White	I want to express my strong support for the manner in which our governor has handled the Covid 19 situation. NC is showing courage and leadership in a time when it really matters.
04/15/2020 11:23 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mary Lightfoot	I am all for re-opening public trails and parks. Maybe a beach opening with walkers only. I would welcome voting by mail
04/15/2020 11:31 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Karen Long	I support providing paid sick days, family leave and full unemployment benefits for all who labor, include those in the "gig" economy and small business such as nail salons. Because of earlier cuts to unemployment the State is sitting on a pile of money needed now to prevent a catastrophic depression.
04/15/2020 11:31 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Health and Safety First Charlotte Stewart	It is critical that NC stay at home until the pandemic danger subsides. I trust our scientists, doctors and public health policy experts to ascertain a safe time to reopen. I do not trust interest groups financed by out-of-State individuals who just want to make money regardless of risk to our people. In the meantime, we can mitigate financial harm by increasing unemployment coverage, funding food banks, expanding rural broadband and expanding Medicaid so rural and small hospitals can reopen and stay solvent while serving all of NC's people. We should also encourage secure vote by mail so that we don't create a surge of new infections or put our poll workers and volunteers at risk in the fall.

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04/15/2020 11:32 AM	Economic Support Working Group	JENNIFER GRESSER	EXPAND Medicaid for all children 0-18
04/15/2020 11:39 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Candace Ayers	I am begging you to extend the stay home order through the month of May. Yes, economic impact is important, but human lives should matter way more than the almighty dollar. The virus will skyrocket if we reopen on May 1st. Thank you.
04/15/2020 11:55 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Extend Stay At Home Order Adrienne Mattson-Perdue	I don't want to die because someone feels like their bottom line is more important than flattening the curve, and that is exactly what would happen if the state reopens too soon. I am a resident of this state. Please put my safety first. Without workers, there is no economy to protect.
04/15/2020 12:16 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ronald Powell	We need to find a way to rapidly re-open the economy of North Carolina. Government assistance is too little, and too slow in delivery to effectively help small businesses survive. The COVID risk does not warrant the "stay at home" response for a longer duration. Re-start our businesses now, and making smarter decisions on addressing only high-risk citizens.
04/15/2020 12:27 PM	Economic Support Working Group	mr brett sculthorp	The NC General Assembly has the power to cut the number of uninsured in half immediately, using federal funding. Expanding Medicaid now will bolster our health systems and families against this pandemic, and create a path towards economic recovery when this crisis is over. Also i support these two policies - NC Child's 2020 legislative agenda focused on five major areas to help kids come through the COVID-19 pandemic: Child Care, Health Care, Hunger and Nutrition, Technology Infrastructure, and Foster Care. NC United for Survival and Beyond's 10 demands of the NC General Assembly and Governor to respond to the most vulnerable communities during COVID-19 and beyond.
04/15/2020 12:27 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms Caroline Miller	I own a small business. A nail salon. I operate in one room with one client at a time and have always adhered to required sanitation standards. When can I expect to resume my business? I have received no stimulus check. No unemployment and no help from SBA. I have had no income for 3 weeks now. There are retail stores open in my area servicing more than one person at a time, there are grocery stores accomodating more than one person at a time. Why can I not open my business back up when I can adhere to the guidelines even more so than some businesses that are still in operation? These guidelines and rules are destroying my business and yet others continue to operate daily with no penalties whatsoever. I want to get back to work and I want to open my business! If it's ok for clothing retail stores to be open with more than 2 people at a time in the store please explain to me why I cannot open my business when it is only myself and one other person in the room at a time?
04/15/2020 12:28 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Jeff Rabon	Open NC Now. There is simply no need for any type of business to be closed. The danger of COVID-19 has been HIGHLY over inflated by the fake news media. The regular seasonal flu is much more dangerous than COVID-19 and there is simply no reason to have an economic recession over this. The econonic impairment that is being imposed has a MUCH WORSE DELETERIOUS EFFECT on citizens than does COVID-19.

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04/15/2020 12:31 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Citizen Michael Dunn	<p>Hello:</p> <p>As a citizen of North Carolina and resident of Carteret County, I am supportive of reopening our economy consistent with WHO guidelines that include wide spread testing, isolation of infected individuals and contact tracing. At this point, I do not believe we are anywhere close to meeting The WHO guidelines, nor have I received assurances from my elected officials that they have any concrete plan to achieve this state, at this time.</p>
04/15/2020 12:37 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Kari Wouk	<p>Please listen to science and facts when considering lifting the quarantine. There are many people I love who are at-risk and we MUST work to keep people safe. Stay home and save lives!</p>
04/15/2020 12:52 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr. William Bush	<p>I encourage you to give plenty of cash support to the regular working people, the ones at the grocery store, the pharmacy clerks, tellers at banks working those vacuum remotes, medical and nursing home staff. We all know that our money is a symbolic construct, and that we can print all we need for a while and slowly suck it out of circulation later on. It does not have to matter. What does matter is that my wife is away tending her sister who has a broken leg, and I am home with our handicapped son. We cannot get sick. I do errands for a wheel-chair-using neighbor. Who will replace us? We are retired and have income, so we are OK. But the people whose jobs have stopped NEED support, and they need it far more than CEOs and millionaires. Those stimulus checks should have gone to people who were under \$50,000 per year or currently unemployed, and should be guaranteed to arrive for the next 4 months. We need to make it possible for people to stay in self-isolation to break the back of this pandemic. There is a "Re-open" movement now afoot, led by the lie of constitutional rights being violated. The movement will, if successful, result in a resurgence of Covid-19, many more deaths, a renewal of isolation from the beginning, and more ill will among the disaffected. Certainly many of our lives are of little to no value to these people. I know. I have read their posts. Please support the lives of your constituents before you focus on their livelihoods.</p>
04/15/2020 01:01 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Anthony Gagnon	<p>We are all anxious to get back to work and start rebuilding in the wake of this worldwide crisis, but lifting stay at home orders and re-opening businesses prematurely will, in my estimation, be disastrous, and nullify the sacrifices we have all made in the interest of public health and safety. We need reliable and universally available testing to ensure that we can identify and quarantine infected individuals, and we need better information on whether the presence of antibodies offers protection from being re-infected, so that we can feel safe and confident in resuming our public lives.</p>
04/15/2020 01:23 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Tom Helms	<p>Why has the COVID-19 not at least been modified to allow all businesses reopen with the same restrictions as other businesses? Without the tax base small businesses represent the entire state economy will soon be crippled irreparably if these businesses close. What good will being locked in your home in a state that is flat broke?</p>
04/15/2020 01:26 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms Marybeth Lavrakas	<p>I am disheartened to see some fellow citizens mobilize in support of lifting business restrictions at this time. I agree things need to be eased as soon as possible, but POSSIBLE needs to be determined by public health officials. This virus will only spread faster and endanger more lives if we do not maintain restrictions through April--and longer if needed.</p>
04/15/2020 01:31 PM	Economic Support	Keep it CLOSED Hannah	<p>Please do NOT cave to pressures from small groups such as ReOpen NC. People's lives</p>

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04/15/2020 01:38 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms Susan Arthur	If we re-open too soon, we will enable another wave of sickness, whereupon we will have to shut down again. That will only lengthen the overall problem. Do it once, do it right, and we will be shut of this sooner.
04/15/2020 01:43 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Dr. Kirstin Morgan	I would like to stress the need for North Carolina to not jump to reopening at this time. Not only do we risk overwhelming hospitals and forcing another lockdown if we reopen too early, but most importantly we will cause many more deaths of North Carolina residents. I understand the wish to have folks return to work, to some sense of normalcy, but the best data (as analyzed by the experts), both on the current virus and historic pandemics, clearly points to continuing to keep as many North Carolinians at home as possible. What the legislature can do is provide more support for those out of work and struggling. And we can slowly and carefully begin to reopen things based on guidelines from agencies such as the WHO and CDC when we have enough tests and the ability to contact trace, when our hospitals are resourced adequately to handle any hot spots, and when guidelines are in place to keep people safe when out in public. Only by working together can we save lives and livelihoods.
04/15/2020 01:53 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Stay at home Jennifer Brodie	PLEASE follow the recommendations of public health experts, scientists, and epidemiologists when deciding when to re-open NC. People's lives are worth far more than money or demands from those who don't value science or public health. Please do the right thing and help to protect all of us. As painful as it is, please continue to require us to stay at home until DATA show that it is safe and prudent to lift the order. The minority voices may be loud, but that doesn't mean they're right, or that the majority of us are in agreement. Please take your oath seriously to serve and protect us all, even when it's hard.
04/15/2020 01:55 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mitzi Britt	Please help me understand with the PPPloans how all of the big corporations got all of the money and all of the smaller mom and pop shops get left behind once again. Mom and pop small businesses don't get bail outs or loans but they are the heart and soul of a community. Thank you for your time.
04/15/2020 02:08 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Jillian Grimm	Please do not rush to open the state. Until we have wider testing ability along with serum testing, reopening would cause greater economic harm in the long run. If we stop the

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			shutdown too soon, it will be just as bad or worse than it was when the decision to close was first made. Please do not let partisanship divisions to kill North Carolinians.
04/15/2020 02:14 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Time for a plan Sam Davis	It's time for a plan to reopen the state. We are talking long lasting economic damage to or state the longer we stay closed.
04/15/2020 02:30 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Pat Buede	Protect public health and keep stay-at-home orders in place (if not extend them), because without the public's health, there is no economy. I pay taxes therefore I am NOT a lobbyist with deep pockets.
04/15/2020 02:31 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Kelly Thompson	Please rely on medical experts in when deciding to reopen the state. Lives are more important than Wall Street.
04/15/2020 02:34 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Emily Jividen	Hey, please keep safety at the forefront as you consider opening up the economy. Move slowly, in stages, and with public health experts at the forefront of decisions. Better to stay home now than reimpose restrictions later because the disease got out of control.
04/15/2020 02:38 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms Robin Hammond	I am a NC native and a voter. I support the shelter-in-place order and applaud Gov. Cooper and team for their leadership and compassion. The order needs to be abided by and any decisions about it made by qualified health professionals. The public's health is not a political football.
04/15/2020 02:47 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Kathe Kaufman	I believe that it is crucial that the stay-at-home order remain in place, if not extended, until we have sustained evidence that the curve has flattened and have antibody testing available. The antics of the OpenNCNow group were reckless and irresponsible We need to stay the course!.
04/15/2020 02:48 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Janina Austin	We are all concerned about the economy, but mitigation efforts (continuing the stay-home order for non-essential employees) is absolutely necessary to prevent exponential growth in new infections, hospitalizations, hospital bankruptcies and deaths. Without widespread availability of testing (we aren't even able to test all of those with symptoms, much less those who are asymptomatic carriers) nothing has changed from when we began this stay-at-home order. We must have full availability of testing, contact tracing and the ability to isolate those with COVID-19 at fever clinics for diagnosis and hotels or other large buildings for those who don't need to be hospitalized, but don't want to infect their families. We need all of this before reopening. Where is the federal leadership and why aren't you pushing harder to make FEMA buy PPE and have the DOD run logistics to get our healthcare workers the PPE they deserve? Are they expendable? Should they and we have to die to make the economy run? We need tests to show who has antibodies to COVID-19, before we can reopen NC in an intelligent way. Your leadership is more important than ever. Keep the stay-at-home order in place until we have the testing we need.
04/15/2020 02:48 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Jermatic Chambers	Please give NC workers who have been laid off more clear guidance on the additional \$600 payment.
04/15/2020 02:49 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Dr. Anne McLaughlin	I appreciate the concern over our economy, but please don't be hasty with "opening the state back up." History shows that those areas that have the strongest response to a virus, with a good shut down and tracking, etc. do better economically in the long run. Please, keep us safe by keeping us home.
04/15/2020 02:51 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms. Lorilyn Bailey	I'm not sure why Republicans want to open the economy so soon if their friends, co-workers, neighbors, and relatives are going to DIE because of it. That doesn't seem to be a

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			good choice if Republicans want to be re-elected.
04/15/2020 03:03 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr. David Brent Troth	Please continue to support the stay at home orders and consider extending them further if needed. Removal of these restrictions too early could cause a resurgence of COVID-19 and completely wipe out that good that is currently being done toward flattening the curve.
04/15/2020 03:33 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Vickie Atkinson	It is critical that we protect public health and keep stay-at-home orders in place as long as needed. The economy is important - yes. But without the public's health, there is no economy. Relaxing the stay-at-home order before we have the safeguards in place to protect public health will negate all the pain we've gone through already.
04/15/2020 03:35 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms Kathy Langfield	Please maintain restrictions on activity as long as necessary to protect life and those on the front lines. Please also support our businesses as you are able so they'll be here when it's time to reopen.
04/15/2020 03:38 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ex. Director Terry Bryant	If the House could pass the original NR Grants that were in the original 19-20 budget, that would aid some of the museums in getting over this crisis. Thank you,
04/15/2020 03:40 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms. Ruth Merkle	As a senior citizen with a health condition, I do not want the State to "Reopen" until we know all our citizens are safe. We are keeping our COVID-19 deaths to a minimum by continuing with the Governor's request to stay at home, and to wear masks whenever we must go out. Everyone has a right to be safe; and to give into a minority that wants to reopen our State just because they are bored, or want to work again, is both foolish and selfish. I have a son who is a Chef who has been out of work since March when his restaurant closed. He worries about whether he can pay his rent. Yes, he would love to be working again. But he is also concerned about my health, his health, and the health of his co-workers if the restaurant opens before the pandemic is over and they all get sick, especially since HE DOES NOT HAVE ANY HEALTH INSURANCE! Will the State pay his medical bills if he gets COVID-19? Probably not. If neither employers nor the legislature will not take care of those who are sick and cannot work, what is it gaining by telling them to go back to work prematurely and risk getting sick? Also, many people are still working and receiving a paycheck, but they are working from home. So it's not like everyone is out of work. And for those who are, they can receive unemployment benefits, although they would be earning more and getting it for more weeks, if the general assembly hadn't reduced the unemployment benefits. So please wait to "Reopen" the State. Our safety should be the State's first priority. Thank You.
04/15/2020 03:43 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Lisa Pexk	Thank you for keeping NC closed to keep us safe! Please don't reopen too soon and have us turn into a New York. I am hurting financially but myself and my family are healthy.
04/15/2020 03:50 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Raven Chitalo	As a mother of small children and the daughter of high-risk parents, I am very concerned about reopening too quickly. We must wait until we have the level of testing and contact tracing required to prevent mass spread. We must also have rules in place to help those unable to return to work due to health conditions and a continued limit of gatherings of large size. Decisions should be guided by the best minds in public health and not politically or economically driven.
04/15/2020 03:52 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms Freda Dias	While I understand there are economic concerns making some want to reopen NC, I urge you to listen to epidemiological experts and maintain stay-at-home orders if not extend them if needed. Thank you. Cary, NC resident

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04/15/2020 03:54 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms. Laurie Chess	Please vote to expand Medicaid. It has always been the moral and economically sound thing for NC. Now, it is a public imperative for all.
04/15/2020 03:58 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms Krystine Hadley	I certainly appreciate the efforts of most for the benefit of all. It makes it possible to believe in the good of mankind. It is sheer ignorance to think that trying to cheat in the race to reopen by circumventing the process of Covid 19 spreading will only cost us more lives. I wonder if this crying foul are truly ready to sacrifice their loved ones for \$1. That would be murder, so it can't possibly be true. We need leaders who can lead, they can't be bullied. We are all in this together. Do the right thing and keep NC shut down until we know more about keeping residents safe!
04/15/2020 03:58 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Rebekah Rhodes	Please consider opening our state sooner than later! I would hate to see more people affected worse than the disease itself. Please reconsider. Thank you.
04/15/2020 04:00 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Gerardo Rivera	<p>Chairman Berger, Covid-19 Committee, NCGA</p> <p>Dear Chairman Berger,</p> <p>The Washington Post dated 4/13/2020 reported that due to Covid-19, millions of students will suffer from school closures. Based on the experience from Covid-19, we are requesting that the NCGA fund a major investment in NC students by funding a supportive technology infrastructure for schools and students to develop a remote Distance – Learning Model. This model would make available a continuum of learning opportunities and services for students regardless of location, and socio-economic status, as part of NC's disaster preparation. With the possibility that occurrences like the COVID 19 can occur again, wouldn't it make sense to develop and implement a system for all schools to use that would provide a continuation of education and related services for students, should the need arise? Continuity of education and related services for students should be a priority, as these young people are our future.</p> <p>Right now, as in many cities and communities throughout the US, not every child has access to a computer and / or the internet at home to be able to access distance-learning education. This needs to change, and can be by creating partnerships between the school system(s) and telecommunication. For example, MCPS in Maryland and FCPS in Virginia, school systems are partnering with telecommunication companies (Verizon, AT &T, etc...) to provide basic internet access in student homes that have no internet. School systems are loaning chromebooks (Acer computers) that are signed out to each student to be used during this remote distance learning period. The New York Times, and other businesses are offering support, access, and monies to communities that need help in setting up these distance-learning systems. MCPS and FCPS have been very creative in developing / presenting online curriculum using different programs and platforms, some of which include, but are not limited to Google Classroom, Zoom, MY MCPSPortal (MCPS), Blackboard, etc.. Challenging times call for creativity, resourcefulness, and partnering to set up programs by which ALL students from pre-K through grade 12, have the opportunity to learn – albeit in a nontraditional way. By ensuring every student has these basic technological tools, it also ensures every family is connected to school and resources. This needs to be implemented before the next disaster pandemic – as soon as possible.</p> <p>Thank you for your consideration,</p>

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04/15/2020 04:04 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr. Keith Johnson	<p>Dear Chairman Berger,</p> <p>The Washington Post dated 4/13/2020 reported that due to Covid-19, millions of students will suffer from school closures. Based on the experience from Covid-19, we are requesting that the NCGA fund a major investment in NC students by funding a supportive technology infrastructure for schools and students to develop a remote Distance – Learning Model. This model would make available a continuum of learning opportunities and services for students regardless of location, and socio-economic status, as part of North Carolina's disaster preparation. With the possibility that occurrences like the COVID 19 can occur again, wouldn't it make sense to develop and implement a system for all schools to use that would provide a continuation of education and related services for students, should the need arise? Continuity of education and related services for students should be a priority, as these young people are our future.</p> <p>Right now, as in many cities and communities throughout the US, not every child has access to a computer and / or the internet at home to be able to access distance-learning education. This needs to change, and can be by creating partnerships between the school system(s) and telecommunication. For example, MCPS in Maryland and FCPS in Virginia, school systems are partnering with telecommunication companies (Verizon, AT &T, etc...) to provide basic internet access in student homes that have no internet. School systems are loaning Chromebooks (Acer computers) that are signed out to each student to be used during this remote distance learning period. The New York Times, and other businesses are offering support, access, and monies to communities that need help in setting up these distance-learning systems. MCPS and FCPS have been very creative in developing / presenting online curriculum using different programs and platforms, some of which include, but are not limited to Google Classroom, Zoom, MY MCPSPortal (MCPS), Blackboard, etc.. Challenging times call for creativity, resourcefulness, and partnering to set up programs by which ALL students from pre-K through grade 12, have the opportunity to learn – albeit in a nontraditional way. By ensuring every student has these basic technological tools, it also ensures every family is connected to school and resources. This needs to be implemented before the next disaster pandemic – as soon as possible.</p> <p>Thank you for your consideration,</p> <p>Keith Johnson Siler City. NC</p>
04/15/2020 04:10 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Julia Morrison	Do not end the stay at home until 1. It is safe to do so. 2. We have a plan in place put together by a committee including doctors, scientists. People who know and understand the facts and tell the truth.

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04/15/2020 04:19 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Dr. R. Woodrow Setzer	As difficult as it is, I support continuing with the social distancing and other provisions that are helping to slow the spread of the corona virus and covid-19 disease, for as long as public health experts say we need to. We can compensate for a reduced economy by sharing the resources we all need to survive, but relaxing the restrictions too early will result in more people dying, and when they are gone, we can't get those people back. We clearly need to develop plans to help especially those who have lost their jobs due to the pandemic, and other people who are suffering economically. I realize that might mean that my own taxes will probably need to go up. That is still preferable to accepting an increase in deaths just to "reopen" the economy.
04/15/2020 04:21 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Gerardo Rivera	<p>Dear Mr. Berger,</p> <p>I would like to add to my previous comment. The students of NC need to be taught their subjects/lessons at home instead of our schools. It would be nice if they could return to learning at school but doing so would be too dangerous/reckless. In the meantime, students need to maintain social distancing while continuing to learn. Unfortunately, not all students live equal lives. Some students have all their needs met while others do not. For example, some students do not have internet access or computers/laptops at home. This creates a huge problem for them now that they are at home without technology they would have access to at school.</p> <p>Because of these conditions it is important that your committee does what it needs to fund the students' education & materials. Please provide the funding for laptops for these poor, disadvantaged students or buy the laptops and mail them to the students (they can also pickup these laptops at a designated location/time).</p> <p>Thank you for your time & attention.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p> <p>Gerardo Rivera</p>
04/15/2020 04:29 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Deborah Dobbins	Please do not consider reopening operations in our state without a well thought out plan in place. We have succeeded in keeping our numbers low by early response and staying in place. Schools should not be reopened for the year and businesses should be required to continue with social distancing policies until we have no new cases of Covid-19. If with chose to let restaurants and retails open masks, gloves and other safety measures such as #s of people inside buildings should remain in effect. Distancing between tables in restaurants should be observed. Health regulations should be very strict and other measures observed. Health care officials should be our primary source of safety.
04/15/2020 04:35 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Jessica Pappas	Please do not "reopen" our state too early. We need to let scientists and CV specialists make the determination on when and how to re-open NC. A second wave of infections would be disastrous for the citizens of NC, and disastrous for the businesses of our state. Let us follow the science on this decision - the economy WILL bounce back, people killed by this virus will not.
04/15/2020 04:35 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Dr Jane Bozarth	For the safety of all our citizens please hold firm to (or even extend if necessary) stay-at-home orders in place (if not extend them). There will be no economy if the public is wiped

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			out by this disease. Letting up now endangers the public health and puts our frontline workers in the healthcare and service sectors at additional risk.
04/15/2020 04:37 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Mistie Gotch	Please keep the stay home order in place as long as needed to protect community health!
04/15/2020 04:43 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms Anna Weaver	<p>I urge the committee and the General Assembly as a whole to prioritize the expertise and advice of public health professionals when determining when and how to re-open schools, businesses, sports and entertainment, and public services.</p> <p>I understand the impatience of people who have lost income and strongly advocate for continued and expanded support for them—and for long-term, permanent policies that will expand and stabilize access to health care by decoupling it from employment, and that will proactively elevate the health status (physical and mental) of people who are under-employed, tenuously employed, or otherwise disadvantaged.</p> <p>But we have to be careful not to react to the angry shouts of a few whose impatience would, according to all the models and the scientists who've been begging us to listen for years, result in an unimaginable tragedy of deaths.</p>
04/15/2020 04:46 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Stan Kimer	I would like to express support for our Governor doing the right thing ... listening to health experts and doing a reasonable phasing in of re-opening the state that keeps us all safe. Also, please do start planning on alternatives to in person voting to keep us all safe if this continues into November. Thank you
04/15/2020 04:54 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr. Skip Staples	<p>Boy, we've been divided politically over everything for years until now we are even unable to agree on how best to handle a pandemic and a recovery strategy. This isn't politics, people; this is a public health crisis. Congratulations, Mr. Putin. As your predecessor Nikita Khrushchev predicted, you didn't even have to fire a shot.</p> <p>Listen, folks. No right thinking person wants us to continue to stay at home while our economy and all our plans and dreams collapse. On the other side of the coin, no right thinking person wants to knowingly risk anyone's life by opening our state up too soon in the pursuit of money. Plato says virtue lies somewhere between two extremes and that certainly applies here.</p> <p>Our leaders must be smart and make decisions based on timely and unquestionably accurate data. We don't have that data at this time. Therefore, any assumptions made about our current status concerning COVID risks cannot be considered as valid. No news (data) is not good news, and in this case, no news is potentially fatal. Any decision made with no valid data is not likely to be a good one. If they err in this at all, as loving and caring people, our leaders must err on the side of caution here.</p> <p>Until we have valid data collected over sufficient time to have a somewhat legitimate idea about our real exposure, the only responsible decision our leaders can make is for us to continue to stay at home. Given the current situation, opening up our economy is wrong, reckless, and is highly likely to cost more lives.</p>
04/15/2020 04:55 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr. Andrew Wagner	I fully support all efforts to suppress the virus, Human life is more important than a brief downturn in the economy!

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04/15/2020 04:57 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Jennifer De La Jara	I know there are folks pushing for a reopening. My small business is hurting, too, so I get it but you must follow the science when making your decisions about reopening.
04/15/2020 04:58 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms. Lisa Biordi	While we are all ready for life to return to normal, I do not see how we can rescind the stay at home order without adequate Covid-19 testing, effective treatments or a vaccine. I have family and friends with small businesses and I know the closure of non-essential businesses is wreaking havoc on people's lives. However, I still think being alive, even under hardships, beats being dead. I feel like I risk my life any time I go into a grocery store. I think opening up the economy before the pandemic is under some control and against sound expert medical opinion will risk lives needlessly. If you open the economy too soon, many people will still be too afraid to go out, my family and friends included, which will defeat the purpose of opening businesses back up. Please follow the advice of medical experts who care about the public welfare, don't take the advice of those who only want to make money. Thank you for your time,
04/15/2020 04:59 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Bob McSwain	<p>This OPEN UP THE BUSINESSES NOW is be driven by CEOs wanting workers back MAKING THE CEO/STOCKHOLDERS money!</p> <p>We should slowly open back up WHEN SCIENTISTS and MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS say it is time. Otherwise we will open up, the disease will again bloom, and we will have to cease businesses until 2021, 2022, or</p> <p>Rely on science not politics or money!</p>
04/15/2020 05:04 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Lauren Richardson	The DES website and system needs to be top priority-- I understand volume is an issue, but after my claim being held up for almost 3 weeks for no apparent reason and no way to contact DES for resolution, I finally had got a call (after pestering my NCGA reps for 2 weeks) and going thru the weekly certification questions are ridiculous!! The whole system is set up to be a confusing web of disinformation and misdirection, and that certification is just confusing enough to cause someone to inadvertently halt their payments! I have a degree in computer science, I worked in IT my entire career, and I have never seen such a mess! This system should be the most robust service offered by our state, as even in the best of times, it serves our most vulnerable. I pay taxes at the highest rate, and am very disappointed to see what a travesty this system is! Stop with the tax breaks for the wealthy and start taking care of essential services for the working people of this state!
04/15/2020 05:09 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms. Linda McLennan	I sincerely hope our Governor will continue the path of caution in resuming business as usual. He's been showing excellent leadership so far, much more so than the federal government. Please continue to err on the side of caution and support our citizens through unemployment payment and any other economic support available.
04/15/2020 05:10 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms Hannah Whichard	I am very concerned about calls to reopen the economy/NC. I live in an area with a tourist based economy so I understand the impact the stay at home order is having on small businesses, including restaurants. However, I'm writing to urge you to heed the advice of medical experts who warn reopening the economy to soon will result in a rise in Covid 19 cases. Do not undo the good done by the stay at home order by reopening the state!
04/15/2020 05:12 PM	Economic Support Working Group	mrs Geri Goldstein	Gov Cooper is right to keep the stay at home orders in place until we have testing and know who's got the coronavirus and who is immune. We need to protect public health

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04/15/2020 05:12 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr. Steve Mahaley	<p>because without the public's health, there is no economy. That's how things actually work.</p> <p>My primary concern is for the health of the people of North Carolina - all the people. I hope the economic support working group is working closely with the health care working group to think through the various issues around adequate funding and support for our current health care workforce, AND ways NC could support access to health care of all of North Carolina's residents. Part of the economics, to my mind, will be to revisit the decisions related to medicaid expansion - we should be providing more to those who are most vulnerable! With health care insurance charges, prescription drug fees, co-pays for visits, and enormous deductibles, we must make affordable and accessible health care an integral part of the economic upgrades to not just get us back to work, but to get us there with security that has been lacking for far too long. Thanks.</p>
04/15/2020 05:13 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Connie Hughes	Please open back up. The economy is suffering so bad. Please let there be a graduation for high school seniors.
04/15/2020 05:22 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Joshua Hickey	<p>I urge the NC legislature to listen to the guidance given by medical and science professionals regarding the currently in-place safety measures around COVID-19 insofar as they relate to keeping the state in a general LOCK DOWN status. We must keep the LOCK DOWN in place to prevent more sick and dead residents.</p> <p>We should keep all unessential businesses and social activities to a minimum and enforce social distancing as long as we need to as advised by medical professionals. By lifting these restrictions early we risk a massive spike in infections (and deaths) that is not only devastating to families and friends but impacts our health systems to a point they cannot effectively function, which can cause cascading problems and put us in a worse position than we are now.</p> <p>We all know these economic impacts are tough - I desperately want to return to regular work as well and feel for all the workers and families that are struggling right now, but I would much rather wait it out for another month or two and BE SURE that we can safely restart operations rather than do it too early and risk prolonging this pandemic and increasing the amount of sick and dead people. It is absolutely unacceptable to put so many people in harms way for economic reasons. This is a problem that the Federal and NC government must work hard at rectifying - citizens that are out of work MUST be financially backed by the government during this pandemic with monthly stimulus payments.</p> <p>The North Carolina legislature, above all else, must keep safety and health as their top priority. If that means that the state government needs to do more economic stimulus payments to keep the people solvent during this crisis then that is the way they must go. The NC government should be doing everything in its power to make sure its citizens STAY HOME for the duration of this pandemic and are able to ACCESS and AFFORD the basic necessities of living without fear of being removed from their home for non-payment of rent or mortgage.</p>
04/15/2020 05:26 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Pamela Frome	North Carolina needs to keep in place and extend the stay-at-home order for as long as necessary to keep the public safe. This is the only way to flatten the curve which protects the health of all citizens, and especially protect the health of essential workers such as

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			health care providers, grocery store workers, and nursing home staff. If it becomes optional to reopen businesses then more people will catch the virus, most will not have severe symptoms and won't know that they have it, and they will inadvertently spread to it essential workers who do not have the option to stay at home. Therefore we must maintain the stay at home order and probably extend it for a longer time period.
04/15/2020 05:28 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms Janna Wallace	Please support extending 'stay-at-home' orders until public health experts deem it is safe for the general public to be out and about. Support widespread testing for the disease. Health and safety far more important than restoring business as usual.
04/15/2020 05:29 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Bonnie Latham	Please let the health data and stats drive the decision regarding the easing of stay-at-home directive. I'm concerned that political nay-sayers and "squeaky wheels" are swaying this decision. I'm worried that the NC directive will be lifted too soon, and all the sacrifices made to this point will have been for nothing. Without our general public health, we have nothing. Please, keep us safe.
04/15/2020 05:34 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Lynn Hancock	The time to 'reopen' our economy is when public health officials deem that it is safe to do that. We have not gone through this long process of staying at home and social distancing only to open things up and have the virus spread like wildfire, causing us to go back and do this again. The safety of the healthcare workers and the people of our state must be the highest priority when determining when to 'open' the economy, not an arbitrary date that has no relevance to what's actually happening in our communities and state.
04/15/2020 05:36 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Kathleen McCurdy	Please keep following the advice of medical experts as you consider the economic aspects of Covid-19. The restrictions seem to be slowing the spread, which will allow us to recover sooner. Brian Moynihan advocates caution in "reopening" workplaces.
04/15/2020 05:38 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Candace Porter	I strongly oppose lifting stay-at-home orders, opening schools and businesses etc. until we have testing available for EVERYONE, and a solid contact tracing SOP (standard operating procedure). Yes, we're getting stir crazy, and yes I need to be able to work again, and my son needs to be in school, but it's not worth it to get open if it means we're either going to be right back in the place with a huge outbreak, or, continue with everything staying open despite a huge outbreak. We need a plan first.
04/15/2020 05:47 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Constance Jones	Please know that the overwhelming majority of NC citizens put our fellow citizens health and well-being ahead of short term profits. Please follow science and the advice of career healthcare professionals in making any decisions when to restart our economy. We cannot afford a second wave. We need to quash this one and kill it, not feed it by starting in an ill-advised fashion.
04/15/2020 05:49 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Elizabeth Legall	Please keep stay-at-home orders in place as long as necessary, until we have enough widespread testing, to be sure it is safe to re-open business as usual. Small businesses in my county are becoming creative. We have a pharmacy implementing drive thru only process. Drop off new prescriptions or call in refills and order OTC products, then go thru drive thru window for pick-up/payment. They decided not to even open the store itself and pharmacists available at the window for any questions/concerns and so much safer to be in your car. It works great! Our local farmers have started an online order form, order the produce you want and meet at a certain location and stay in your car for pick-up, exact change is given to farmer in a plastic baggie. Working great also. The few restaurants we have are doing curbside service too. It can work and no one is mad. Better to be alive and protect ourselves, family and community. If open too soon, and even more get sick, who

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			will want to even try to leave home to go out and buy anything. More people sick, more deaths, more fear and how is that going to help the economy? Slow and steady makes more sense and we are willing to do what is necessary.
04/15/2020 05:55 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Adele Kelly	Please expand Medicaid benefits to help those who are uninsured. It's needed especially in this time of a pandemic. We need to help all North Carolinians.
04/15/2020 05:58 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Delan Singleton	We must have sufficient PPE for all health care workers, we should stay the course with Gov. Cooper's stay at home order, we need Medicaid expansion in NC and increased Unemployment claims processing access or issues, to provide the highest level of support for all first responders, and end the rationing of COVID-19 tests. We should not end the stay at home order at this time.
04/15/2020 06:02 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Nicole Kirch	Thank you for having a stay-at-home order. With an 8 month old and a husband who teaches high schoolers, I can feel my family is safe or at least if we need emergency care it will be available, because our hospitals are not overrun.
04/15/2020 06:18 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Natalie Mason	I am aware that there have been many comments from the Reopen NC folks urging the government to lift the shelter in place order so businesses can re-open; but I want you to know that I (and many others) completely agree with the importance of holding tight as long as necessary and not lifting the order until it is safe!!! I think it is imperative to consider safety and preservation of life before economy. Don't let them bully you and know that you have support to do the right thing by maintaining and possibly prolonging the shelter in place order. Thank you.
04/15/2020 06:21 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms Rhonda Phelps	Enough. Let those who seriously need to or out of fear choose to isolate, isolate. Open our state back up. This virus actually has about a 2% death rate. We aren't crazy. Give us back the rights you are trying to deny. Your actions will have consequences at election time!
04/15/2020 06:22 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Fredua Hamrick	NC should he slow to reopen and school should remain closed until next session. Do NOT play politics with our lives. NC legislators should put politics aside and make the good economic decision to slowly ease into reopening. What stimulus positives to be gained, will be lost in medical cost and DEATH. Also obtain and test more people. Until widespread testing is achieved we cannot contain this virus. DO NOT GIVE IN TO REOPENING due to a loud constituency
04/15/2020 06:23 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms. Erin Parks	I'm a small business owner of 5 years in Raleigh, NC. Although I cannot wait to reopen my doors, I do not think reopening the state too early is a good idea. Yes we all need to get back to work but our health and safety is more important and if we open too soon we will have to start all over again and more people may die.
04/15/2020 06:24 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Nancy Nelson	I'm confused as to why we would lift the current restrictions when nothing of importance has changed. We still don't have testing, monitoring or a vaccine. I know people are hurting but we all need to stick it out to keep alive. This can't all have been for nothing.
04/15/2020 06:29 PM	Economic Support Working Group	MS Molly Urquhart	while none of us will escape unscathed from shutdown, it is critical to prioritize public health far ahead of getting us back to work/school. Lives above livelihood. We can wait, and endure. No health, no economy.
04/15/2020 06:38 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Sally Young	To open North Carolina before the health authorities deem it safe is beyond reckless and stupid. And if you do, and the coronavirus cases and deaths increase, the damage to the economy will be many time worse than keeping it closed now. DON'T EVEN THINK ABOUT

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04/15/2020 06:47 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Jay Gervasi	<p>OPENING NC UP!!!!</p> <p>Please don't do something unwise, either to draw a distinction between legislative Republicans and the governor or to try to claim credit for economic recovery. Just do what makes sense, under the circumstances, and keep us safer. If that means suffering an increased period of economic suppression, then do that. Trying to force a premature reopening is a terrible idea.</p> <p>And there is no point in trying to predict timing, when the near future is so uncertain. It's best to just keep a watchful eye and do what makes sense, as we go. It is too early now to know what we need to know to start reopening. Sometimes, pausing is the right kind of action. Trying to "do something" often gets us in trouble.</p>
04/15/2020 06:52 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Sarah Harriss	<p>Please support Gvr Cooper's stay at home order. It will save lives! Also support companies to create/perform more tests and new treatments for Covid 19 so we can get it under control. Also support companies' efforts to create/distribute protective gear for essential workers. Thank you!</p>
04/15/2020 06:58 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Emily Tsai	<p>When thinking about what measures we should be taking to support the North Carolina economy, we should be thinking of solutions that still put the health of the public first.</p> <p>Members of NCGA have boasted in the past that they have created a strong fiscal reserve to support NC residents in the event of natural disasters. The state should be looking into ways to use this money to support unemployment, loans for small businesses, support for children and families who need food, and ways to use that money to stimulate businesses once restrictions have been loosened.</p> <p>I have really appreciated Governor Cooper's actions to protect the health of North Carolinians. While these have been hard decisions, if you compare the infection rate, the number of the cases, and the number of deaths in NC compared to some other states, such as Texas and Florida, who have been slower in responding to the pandemic, the spread within North Carolina has been slower. We should not be loosening the restrictions within North Carolina until health officials and experts have deemed it is safe. We cannot change the fact that the COVID-19 virus is here. We cannot just pretend that if we remove restrictions in the state, that the economy will improve and things will return to what it was previously. This pandemic has been hard on everyone emotionally, physically, and economically but at the base of it - if we do not put the health of North Carolinians first, nothing else matters. Dead, sick, and scared people do not contribute to a healthy economy. And if we remove restrictions too early, we will likely find ourselves having to reinstate restrictions to ensure hospitals are not overwhelmed, which would set the state back and further negatively impact the economy.</p> <p>I would like to see any elected state official who argues that we should be putting the economy first over the health of the people, to commit to working for a month on the "frontline" in places like retail and healthcare. If you feel the economy is more important, then you should be willing to also put your health on the line to make it happen instead of asking those workers who are currently making less than \$10/hour.</p>
04/15/2020 07:06 PM	Economic Support		<p>Please consider recommendations from professional licensing boards when creating</p>

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	Working Group		reopening procedures. Each business has different needs in regards to safety for both clients and professionals.
04/15/2020 07:41 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Nathan Boniske	We need to listen to the public health experts. Lives are not replaceable. Money can be made. People lives can be rebuilt. The graveyard is permanent. We need to make sure that we do not push to reopen the economy at the cost of collapsing our health care system and letting many people die.
04/15/2020 07:44 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Kathy Alma	To my representatives, I am currently working a reduced shift at a critical supply manufacturer. I am aware I am a fortunate member of your constituency during this difficult time. With that said, I urge you to wait to reopen the State until we have viable detection and isolation plans. These deliverables will minimize the opportunities for spikes in our State's infection rate and keeps our healthcare system from being overburdened. This caution will also positively impact our State's economy by enabling those working to continue to do so safely. Reopening before these safety measures are in place will support fear in the uninfected and further depress our economy.
04/15/2020 07:49 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Lisa Rigoni	Keep us all healthy. Do NOT open the state until we have a thoroughly detailed plan and access to testing & fast results. If you can ensure the vast majority us will not get sick by reopening, then do it. If you can't, then don't. I didn't vote you all in to potentially harm/kill me and others.
04/15/2020 07:57 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Rev Eleanor Shell	<p>I understand how this is effecting our economy, but I strongly feel opening up the state too early will have great long-term negative effects. My husband's income is 100% economic dependent, but we are more than willing to take the hit to our pocketbooks in order to keep our state safe.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Eleanor Shell</p>
04/15/2020 08:02 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Rebecca Wait	I am in favor of continuing stay at home orders and doing everything possible to improve our unemployment situation. It will cost the state FAR MORE if too many people get sick. Please do not sacrifice our elders, because that is who is at most risk. Thank you.
04/15/2020 08:08 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Greta Nintzel	Gov. Cooper and his team have shown their understanding of the complexities of this pandemic. He and his associates have consistently stayed ahead of the situation which has resulted in a flattening of the curve in this state. We need to keep physical/social distancing in place for as long as is prudent for the sake of public safety. A reopening of the economy needs to follow Dr. Fauci's and other health experts recommendations. Data showing the effectiveness of Gov. Cooper's actions to keep our health facilities from being inundated/overrun and the overall health of citizens of NC are the only meaningful statistics for a long recovery from the COVID 19 pandemic.
04/15/2020 08:18 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Derek Flynt	<p>There are two things people don't get that's allowing this shut down to go on with the support it has. I'm not sure how we overcome them, but somehow people need an education!</p> <p>First, we're all going to be exposed to this virus. Flattening the curve was never about us not getting it. It was about not inundating the hospitals. Clearly we aren't inundating 99% of hospitals since staff is being furloughed.</p>

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			<p>Herd immunity MEANS we all will get it or the vaccine - that's the definition. Many responses to the protest (WRAL, N&O, Twitter, national news) was the typical "you want to kill people," or "I hope you all get the virus". (Honestly, now's the time to get it - hospitals are empty!) They have no idea why they're actually sitting in their houses.</p> <p>Secondly, people see "the economy" as something separate from people. They have no idea how money works. The states can't just print money like the federal government - they only get money from taxes or loans/bonds. Including money to pay for unemployment, which comes out of paychecks, which aren't happening. The economy is PEOPLE, all of us, who make, earn and spend. You can't just start it up where it left off like nothing happened in the interim. You can't shut it down for months at a time, predicting "rolling shutdowns", causing uncertainty, and expect people to spend money, create jobs, and invest. Not gonna happen.</p> <p>This stuff is out there - "flatten the curve" was always defined as slowing the spread for the sake of hospitals. And yet people absolutely DO NOT get it.</p> <p>Death is a tragedy, family member or someone else. However if you objectively look at the numbers of deaths from various causes both state and nationally you will see that COVID is low in comparison but we don't hear about it nor do we shut the country down. Sadly there will be more deaths and yes they will uptick naturally once we begin opening back up, it's the nature of a virus and exposure. But the damage we are doing to the millions of lives and livelihoods that may never recover, will lose their homes, businesses, be unable to put food on the table, care for loved ones and end up with mental illness and/or suicide is unimaginable and also a pandemic of sorts. It must be evaluated. Are those lives any less valuable? There has been a lot of fear with the type of coverage that this has received. It is serious but a big issue was the fact that our hospitals couldn't handle a large influx of patients at the same time which is important. But we have to look at the situation as a whole and not get caught up in the fear that so many people are dying, when in actuality the numbers don't indicate that.</p>
04/15/2020 08:50 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr. Steven Papmer	<p>It is far too soon to end social distancing measures and stay home orders. We need to wait until we are far past the peak of cases, by at least two weeks, before we think about ending these measures. If not, we risk far more deaths from renewed Coronavirus spread. We need to greatly increase our stockpiles of PPE and ventilators around the state so that we can accommodate any resurgence.</p>
04/15/2020 09:01 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Anna Helvie	<p>I don't know to which working group I should address this. I am writing to let NC representatives know that I think it would be a grave mistake to "reopen" the state for business at this point. I think we need rapid-results testing of either coronavirus positivity/negativity, or coronavirus antibodies, before we can send people back to work. I know a lot of counties don't have a lot of cases right now; I live in Craven, where we are at about 30 cases. But ours is a good example: we are very tourist-heavy, so people from Raleigh, Charlotte, and other states will come here and bring more of the virus. Seeing the small businesses and restaurants closed breaks my heart. But we have to minimize serious illness and death. Thank you.</p>
04/15/2020 09:42 PM	Economic Support	Mr. Matthew Spirko	<p>The legislature MUST over ride the governor's stay at home order and get businesses open</p>

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	Working Group		and people back to work. Where will NC get the tax dollars to balance the budget without this happening? NC is blessed by not having many cases nor deaths. Tragic though they may be, having North Carolinians starve and go bankrupt will be far worse. During the Great Depression 7 million people died of starvation in the USA alone. Get NC open for the good of the state and the country.
04/15/2020 09:42 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Maggie Infield	We need to reopen N.C. now before there's no coming back from this financial disaster!
04/15/2020 09:46 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Dr Irene Rusnak	Stay at home orders need to be kept in place as long as necessary to protect public health. We protect our economy by first protecting our people.
04/15/2020 09:55 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Sharron Fieber	I work in Hospitality, and it is critical that businesses that deal with visitors from other areas and states remain closed until the threat of COVID-19 is passed. To open early, just because Trump wishes it so, is irresponsible in the extreme. Opening too soon puts the public as well as the employees at unnecessary risk. By accommodating guests from other, more infected areas, we make it possible for the virus to spread. The economy will survive, but some in our community may not. Please don't be pressured by special interests lobbying for early re-opening of the area to put the people that live and work here at risk. You represent us, not them.
04/15/2020 10:09 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms Karen Kluttz	NC has been doing a great job keeping the infection rate slow to avoid unnecessary death, depletion of resources and medical care. Rushing to "reopen" the state will undo much of this good. Please resist the urge - or the Free Money that the Reopen crowd is offering. It is not a good idea Sincerely, Karen Kluttz
04/15/2020 10:17 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Keri Van Fleteren	We need to keep stay at home orders in place until widespread testing can assure us of some degree of safety to congregate. If people are sick, they're not working or supporting businesses. Keep us safe!
04/15/2020 10:43 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms Dixie Robinson	Please listen to the medical professionals before lifting the stay at home orders. We are all suffering economically but returning to work and crowds too soon will only be a disaster. I am in a high risk category and pray that we will continue to support each other in ways that keep this virus from bringing more illness and death. Money is never more important than a human life.
04/15/2020 10:47 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Kathryn Clarke	Please, please use data-driven research in reopening our state. If we reopen too quickly, we risk a resurgence in Covid-19, which would cause us to have to fully shut down again with even greater economic woe. We need broad scale testing and contact tracing before we reopen, and if antibody testing is a reliable way to get more data quickly, let's go all in! We can keep people safe and get people back to work if we do this the right way. I believe in NC!! Until then, please, please support our most vulnerable!
04/15/2020 11:25 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Theodore Fetter	Governor Cooper and others are making the right decision to issue a shelter in place order. I feel much safer knowing that my fellow North Carolinians are staying home whenever possible, and taking social distancing seriously always. Today I went shopping for something other than groceries (home improvement stuff, specifically) for the first time in a month - not coincidentally, I waited until after the newest restrictions were in place. Really well done, and I want you to continue to provide quantitative, measurable distancing

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			measures for retailers and other businesses. Thank you for taking this seriously, and for following guidelines based on data, evidence, and epidemiological models for when it's safe to reopen elements of the state's economy.
04/15/2020 11:25 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Annette Tenny	Now is not the time to relax "stay at home" mitigation. Due to the inadequate amount of testing being done in NC, especially in rural areas, we have no idea to what extent people may be positive. More testing, more contact tracing is a must before any serious discussion can occur.
04/15/2020 11:35 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms. Rebecca Lem	I just attended my relative's funeral on Facebook Live. He died alone, and probably terrified, in a hospital from COVID-19. I understand the need for people to have income but money won't be helpful if they are dead, and it's not fair to put the public at risk. We need to ramp up testing and tracing, and quickly get economic relief to those who need it - NOT endanger our lives and the lives of others by rushing to reopen prematurely. Sickness and death are expensive too. We need to protect each other.
04/15/2020 11:37 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr. Greg Balk	Respectfully ... our State needs to get back to work!
04/16/2020 12:20 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Miss Laura Lassiter	Please reopen North Carolina ASAP! This is taking a toll on our economy and our mental health! Also it's a direct violation of the US CONSTITUTION. Please reopen immediately and override any order to extend the stay at home order. Thanks so much
04/16/2020 12:44 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Diane Tyndall	<p>As a kidney recipient who is 10 years post-transplant, I appreciate social distancing and being able to order from local restaurants and other businesses with minimal contact. I am able to complete this semester as an instructor virtually with my classes, and our neighborhood affords us the ability to keep plenty of space between us as we walk, bike, and jog.</p> <p>I realize there are many in the state who are in much denser population situations than I, and I believe they too should be protected. Until we can assure individuals that their resumption of economic activity will not put others at risk, please follow Official Health Guidelines for stay at home decisions!</p> <p>Thank you.</p>
04/16/2020 01:06 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Lara Ellis	Thank you for continuing to protect the public health and keeping the current stay-at-home orders in place (curfews really should be mandated), because without the public's health, there is no economy.
04/16/2020 01:52 AM	Economic Support Working Group		Stay home N.C.! Without healthy people, there is no economy!
04/16/2020 03:13 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms. Amy Woodsong	I would like to make my suggestion for our economy in light of Covid-19. To me, it is important that we remain at home, following the current guidelines, and maybe even stricter ones, as long as necessary in order to flatten the curve and save lives. Too many people have died already and going back to "normal" too soon seems like a big mistake. We have been in our homes for 30 days already and ai would hate for it to have all been for nothing but opening back up prematurely. Our economy may be suffering at the moment, but dead people don't stimulate an economy either. We can regrow the economy with healthy safe people once this has either subsided or we get a better handle on it. So please don't reopen NC too early just because of bunch of people are flooding the

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04/16/2020 03:29 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Melissa Hill	<p>comments asking you too. Life is too precious to be bullied. Thanks!</p> <p>I am very concerned about groups such as Reopen NC pushing to reopen nonessential businesses before it is safe to do so. While I certainly want people to be able to get back to work and reopen their businesses, I worry about them endangering many people due to their cavalier attitude toward public health. I implore you to listen to doctors, epidemiologists, and other real experts and follow their recommendations for reopening NC businesses and institutions in a safe manner. This is not a partisan issue. Please don't allow the loud voices of the minority drown out the quieter majority of us with common sense and good judgment. The economy can rebuild and recover — it always has. Lives lost cannot be recovered. Please don't succumb to the pressure of people who don't understand this.</p>
04/16/2020 06:03 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Christine Tobin	<p>I am a resident of Durham County, and I support lifting restrictions that have been imposed under the governor's stay at home order on April 30,2020. These restrictions have damaged our economy and hurt our small businesses. We have not seen a number of Covid-19 cases that would warrant such extreme measures to continue. The vulnerable can be isolated or protected in other ways without sacrificing our entire state's economy and many people's mental, therefore physical well being. We need to accept a measure of risk in order to get back to work and get our economy and lives moving toward repair. We must balance the needs of every citizen and recognize that the stay at home order has served it's purpose and it's time to move on while taking reasonable precautions.</p> <p>Thank you, Christine Tobin Durham</p>
04/16/2020 06:06 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Kathryn Farley	<p>While I understand the economic strain being put on businesses, nonprofits, and local governments, there will be more strain if reopening is not based in science. I implore you to base any decisions about reopening on the research done by UNC's experts, who are considered the most knowledgeable about this virus. Reopening and creating a wave would overwhelm the most economically disadvantaged places in NC, which do not have access to adequate healthcare.</p>
04/16/2020 06:39 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Katie Hoffman	<p>PLEASE reopen North Carolina! We can isolate our most vulnerable and get the economy moving again.</p>
04/16/2020 06:52 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Judith Kincaid	<p>I'm scared that our state will open everything back up before it is safe. Unless we have testing for everyone and a vaccine it would result in lots more deaths. Staying at home is hard but life saving.</p>
04/16/2020 07:08 AM	Economic Support Working Group		<p>Please follow the advice of scientists and not right wing crackpots. Do not open North Carolina parks, businesses, and public spaces until there is a safe plan to do so. I suggest that this plan include the requirement for public facing employees to wear masks and gloves and operate behind sneeze shields.</p>
04/16/2020 08:03 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Steven Noga	<p>People Over Profits. The safety of ALL citizens should be the first and foremost in the decision making process to reopening our state.</p> <p>We need to preserve our ability vote as well. If we can securely file taxes online, we can securely vote online as well.</p>
04/16/2020 08:21 AM	Economic Support	Helen Wolfson	<p>It is clear as of mid-April that Governor Cooper's measures—based on the advice of</p>

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	Working Group		epidemiologists, physicians, and researchers— have helped flatten the curve of the COVID-19 epidemic in North Carolina. However, just because these measures are helping the situation does not mean that we can suddenly return to the pre-epidemic normal. Reopening North Carolina must be done gradually and should, like the shutdown measures, be based on the advice of public health experts. Before we can “reopen” the economy, we must be able to diagnose, track, and isolate cases of COVID-19. We should also have reliable antibody testing so that we can determine how widespread the disease is. Reopening too quickly without ensuring that we can prevent a spike in cases that will put us back on the track that led to the shutdown in the first place is irresponsible. The governor’s approach is working. A similar reasoned, evidence-based approach to reopening the state is necessary. A healthy economy is predicated on a healthy population.
04/16/2020 08:39 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Donna Strickland	Please do not suspend the stay at home order to reopen the economy until we have testing for every state citizen.
04/16/2020 08:39 AM	Economic Support Working Group	MS JUDY BISTANY	DO IT- IT'S THE RIGHT THING
04/16/2020 08:48 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Executive Director Jim Barrett	<p>1. We urge the General Assembly to expand Medicaid to create 10,000 high-paying jobs to stimulate the economy, to support the jobs of health care workers in rural hospitals and communities, and to multiply through the economy.</p> <p>2. We urge the relaxation of benefits eligibility in this one-two year Covid-19 period for unemployment, SNAP, Medicaid, and other benefits.</p> <p>3. We urge the funding of legal aid work across the state to prevent homelessness and domestic abuse, and to help small businesses stay in business and retain workers. \$15 M per year is needed for this purpose. This funding would be like the emergency funding for hurricane recovery, but it is needed statewide as soon as possible. Without this funding, tax bases will decline more as foreclosures become common. Homelessness and the resulting social costs will increase. Domestic violence will ruin children's chances of success and perpetuate the cycle of abuse. Funding legal aid work is incredibly cost effect to reduce poverty and mitigate its devastating and expensive effects.</p> <p>Thank you, Jim Barrett Executive Director Pisgah Legal Services Asheville, N.C.</p>
04/16/2020 08:51 AM	Economic Support Working Group	DR Joe Haas	The jury is still out of how many parents will not be able to continue to afford tuition in nonpublic schools as a result of COVID-19. I have heard of some schools anticipating a 20% decrease in enrollment. If this happens in huge numbers, those students will be placed back in the public system potentially in large enough numbers that it will break the current budget for public schools. What is needed is a one-time emergency disaster COVID-19 grant could be included in the legislation (that is perhaps income-based) for parents who want to keep their children in nonpublic schools. In terms of costs, it would cost far less to give an emergency grant than for the state to have to come up with more money for public schools.
04/16/2020 08:51 AM	Economic Support	Reopen North Carolina	Governor Cooper, I urge you to fully reopen North Carolina to all business activity. Keeping

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	Working Group	Paul Wantz	our great state closed will place burdens on our citizens that will eventually collapse our state. There has already been an uptick in domestic violence and suicide attempts. Please carefully consider the ramifications of keeping NC closed as April 29 approaches. I once heard it said that when a man loses everything, he loses it. Please allow the citizens of NC to go back to work and earn a living. I do understand that Covid 19 is contagious but what will we look like a year from now if we keep NC closed much longer.
04/16/2020 09:04 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Bonnie Wright	Please do not lift stay-at-home orders until adequate testing (covid19 and antibodies) and contact tracing is in place to do it safely. Recovery of the economy depends on opening slowly and strategically to minimize future surges. Support workers whose livelihoods have been damaged.
04/16/2020 09:05 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms. Susan Southard	I cannot urge you more strongly to keep North Carolina's shelter-in-place orders active, and possibly extend them, until our nation's leading medical officials announce it is safe for all of us to re-enter daily life outside of our homes (and only then with a plan for tiered re-entry). I live in a community with many aging women and men, and their lives will be in serious danger if the stay-at-home orders are lifted prematurely. This is a grave matter of public health. Thank you.
04/16/2020 09:13 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Julie Coulter	<p>We need to expand access to quality healthcare for all citizens including expansion of Medicaid and provide services for people living with disabilities on the registry of unmet needs.</p> <p>We need to be able to mail in vote for the fall 2020 election.</p> <p>We need access to immunity testing and contact tracing.</p> <p>Make decisions based on science and fact to protect the health of citizens.</p>
04/16/2020 09:23 AM	Economic Support Working Group	ROBIN KIRK	Governor Cooper has followed the recommendations of physicians, epidemiologists and scientists in taking measures to mitigate the spread of COVID19. It has been successful, decreasing both morbidity and mortality in our state. He should continue to do so, regardless of pressure from groups funded by unknown sources pushing to "ReopenNC." Widespread death and suffering will not be a boon to our economy. Reopening NC would mean a spike in cases, as well as increased risk for health care workers and others on the front lines, as well as all other North Carolinians. Dying from COVID19 is excruciating and lonely. Why would anyone wish an increase in this? A well considered, organized and medically sound strategy going forward would be just what the doctor ordered.
04/16/2020 09:36 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Susan Crosby	You must allow people to work. We have no income. Our daughter will now not be able to go to college. We can not pay our mortgage and with no timeline for the reopening of the economy we can't even plan to try to pay our bills. If the point of killing the economy and small businesses is to keep us safe, it is failing. Both my husband and I will now (we are not young) will have to go find work in a grocery store or a delivery service just to pay the bills. So much for staying home. For reference our income came from the food service industry.
04/16/2020 09:47 AM	Economic Support Working Group	John Cross	I have always supported expanding Medicare, but this crisis should highlight the need for it. If the uninsured are uncared for (because they can't afford it), it endangers us all. If their only access to care is with the Emergency Department, our healthcosts will continue

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			to rise. We are all paying for our state's unwillingness to take Federal dollars in our healthcare bills and our collective poorer health. Further, NC taxpayers are paying for other states to have better access to healthcare for its citizens. Please act now to do the right thing for all NC residents.
04/16/2020 09:53 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Stay Home Christina Franc	Continue with the Stay at Home Order! Thank you Gov. Cooper!
04/16/2020 09:53 AM	Economic Support Working Group	DONYA FRONTAURIA	PLEASE please please keep the stay-at-home orders in place. We are flattening the curve and slowing the spread. It is working! No one's life is worth losing because of the economy. I understand that people are itching to get back to 'normal', but please listen to the scientists and doctors who've made it their lives' work to study things like this!!! If they say we need to stay home, wear masks in public, etc, we need to listen to them! I have several risk factors and my husband is a teacher. I would rather we stay home for a bit longer to let this virus burn itself out, than rush into 'normal' and end up killing a lot more people. I might be one of them! I'm not okay with that!!! LISTEN TO THE SPECIALISTS!!!!!!
04/16/2020 10:03 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Cheryl Mitchell-Olds	Governor Cooper has followed the recommendations of physicians, epidemiologists and scientists in taking measures to mitigate the spread of COVID19. It has been successful, decreasing both morbidity and mortality in our state. It now looks like we will be able to handle the increased patient load on the system. These measures should continue, regardless of pressure from groups funded by unknown sources pushing to "ReopenNC." Widespread death and suffering will not be a boon to our economy. Reopening NC would mean a spike in cases, as well as increased risk for health care workers and others on the front lines, as well as all other North Carolinians. A well considered, organized and medically sound strategy going forward is the only safe way to reopen the state.
04/16/2020 10:05 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Dr Brenda Wells	Do NOT open the state prematurely! It's dangerous to do so. The group that's asking you to do it doesn't apparently understand the medical facts involved in COVID 19.
04/16/2020 10:06 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Patricia Roseman	I am guessing non of you know personally someone that has or died from this horrible virus. That you think it is a Essential to open the economy to early. This is a dangerous and scary time to rush this. This must wait till we know it is safe enough that it will not become worse. My son is a paramedic in pitt and Beaufort county. It my not be that bad here but it can be of we are doing something to soon.
04/16/2020 10:29 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Susan Cohen	As a retired nurse (& public health professional) who is now working on the COVID19 hotline I speak to people all over the state. Many of them are sick; all of them are frightened. The health care system is very close to being completely overwhelmed. Many can't access any in-person health services. Governor Cooper has followed the recommendations of physicians, epidemiologists and scientists in taking measures to mitigate the spread of COVID19. It is proving to be successful, decreasing both morbidity and mortality in our state. He should continue to do so, regardless of pressure from groups funded by unknown sources pushing to "ReopenNC." Widespread death and suffering will not be a boon to our economy; it is already happening & I hear about it everyday. Reopening NC would mean a spike in cases, as well as increased risk for health care workers and others on the front lines, as well as all other North Carolinians. Dying from COVID19 is an excruciating and lonely. Why would anyone wish an increase in this? A well considered, organized and medically sound strategy going forward is the best way to proceed. Please listen to the public health professionals. In the past we in public health

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			have adequately prevented the spread of diseases such as TB, syphilis, AIDS. We know what we are doing.
04/16/2020 10:32 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Eric Thomas	I understand there is a lot of pressure to quickly re-open the economy, despite the ongoing coronavirus pandemic. I would strongly request that both the legislature and the governor should resist such pressure. Re-opening the economy should ONLY be done when the Public Health community, based on sound, scientific principles and evidence, says it's safe to do so. To do otherwise will prolong the pandemic, cost more lives, and, in the long run, be more damaging to the economy. A healthy economy depends on a healthy population. The COVID-19 pandemic can't be wished away or banished by edict. The medicine prescribed by the public health establishment may be strong but, in the long run, it's the only thing that will work. Listen to them and not the voices of un-reason!
04/16/2020 11:19 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Kristina Love	<p>I live in Charlotte, NC. I would like to add my voice to the many others who are calling for an immediate lifting of the stay-at-home order and the re-opening of all businesses in our state. We have taken the cautious approach and slowed the infection rate. While this is a great thing, our actual infection rate, our actual number of hospital beds and ventilators used, is far, far below what had been projected even in models that took social distancing into account. Hospitals in NC are not overwhelmed, in fact it's quite the opposite. People have died of COVID-19, yes. We know that the numbers of COVID-19 related deaths have been inflated through a number of means. And even these inflated numbers are far, far less than projected and well within the ability of our health care system to handle.</p> <p>On the other hand, the skyrocketing unemployment rate and the damage done to this economy due to this shutdown, is unprecedented. I am afraid a true crisis will result, one with a high death toll. There is a price to pay for this: widespread poverty, depression, alcoholism, drug addiction, homelessness, and suicide. And everyone will know that Governor Cooper is squarely to blame for it.</p> <p>This shutdown MUST not continue, because every moment that it continues destroys lives in a way that many people may never be able to recover. This is undoubtedly a far worse outcome than that of the pandemic itself.</p> <p>A quarantine restricts the movement of sick people. A tyranny restricts the movement of healthy people.</p> <p>Please tell the Raleigh police department to read the Constitutions they swore an oath to abide by. The NC State Constitution, Article I, Section 12 states that the people have a right to peaceably assemble, as does the First Amendment of the United States Constitution. By the way, protesting is in fact an essential activity. To say it isn't is absolutely moronic and ignorant. I'm shocked that anyone would have such a lapse in judgment as to make such an embarrassing public statement to that effect. The Raleigh police department should be reprimanded for mishandling the situation at the ReOpen NC protest. Dispersing tax-paying citizens with dissenting views is beneath contempt, as is arresting them for exercising their legitimate rights. We are aware that they were under direct orders from Governor Cooper.</p> <p>It is beyond urgent that these coronavirus restrictions be lifted WITHOUT ANY DELAY.</p>

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04/16/2020 11:26 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Covid -19 comments Hannah Ockerman	I think the governor has done a great job with his executive orders and encouraging shutting down and social distancing. I would like to see an extension of said order at the end of April, along with actual enforcement of the order. There is too little enforcement going on and too many people still out and about for non-essential business. Bring in the National Guard if needed, but enforce the order for at minimal another month.
04/16/2020 11:30 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms Vickie Rushing	I support keeping the stay at home order until we have enough testing. Test first!
04/16/2020 11:33 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Marlene Barney	I encourage NC's participation in the coalition formed by VA Gov. Northam (Dem and physician), MD Gov. Hogan (moderate R and cancer survivor), and DC Mayor Bowser (D) to share ideas, best practices, and resources, and to plan for the safe, secure, and strategic opening of the economic region when appropriate.
04/16/2020 11:46 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Lynn Andrews	In order for businesses to reopen, we need to know where the virus is. That means testing, contact tracing, and quarantine. Without testing, we must assume everyone is infected. At the very least, we should require everyone to wear a mask in public.
04/16/2020 11:46 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Reopen NC now! Russell Best	Reopen this state ASAP.
04/16/2020 11:46 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Davis Simpson	OPEN NC! 22 million Americans unemployed.
04/16/2020 11:47 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Reopen our state! Stewart Matthews	We need people to go back to work NOW!
04/16/2020 11:47 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Paul Burdine	It's time to Reopen NC! The curve has been flattened. Stop hurting the economy. Stop ruining small businesses. The seasonal flu STILL has more deaths than COVID-19 to date. Let quarantine be a choice for those with health problems. Let the healthy people work!
04/16/2020 11:47 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Dr Richard Berg	We need to reopen NC!
04/16/2020 11:48 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Beth Stern	#reopenNC The supreme court has already ruled that no state of emergency supersedes constitutional rights. I demand restoration of our personal civil rights to conduct business, travel freely and gather in groups however we desire. This is America! We fight wars to preserve our way of life. The local, state or national government cannot force someone to choose certain financial ruin over the .0002% chance of dying from some illness.
04/16/2020 11:48 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Michael Hood	Reopen now... numbers do not warrant the shutdown
04/16/2020 11:48 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Nicole Berg	Please reOpen NC!
04/16/2020 11:48 AM	Economic Support Working Group		Open NC!!
04/16/2020 11:49 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Remove your restrictions Perry Matthews	Remove your executive orders to shut down our state. Let the people work
04/16/2020 11:49 AM	Economic Support Working Group	SGM Tim Steinway	REOPEN NC!

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04/16/2020 11:50 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Eric Bregman	Open up NC now!!! The virus is not having as much of an impact as they thought!
04/16/2020 11:50 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Leanne Lawrence	Please begin reopening businesses!
04/16/2020 11:50 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Kathryn Smith	The data does not support continued stay at home orders. We have not overwhelmed our healthcare system. We have decimated our economy and that impact to lives is not being considered. Addiction and mental health impacts are not being considered. Our constitutional rights will not be violated any longer. Open by April 30th for the non risk people. We will be protesting your violation of our rights and will not be silent any longer. #reopenNC
04/16/2020 11:50 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Rachel Knowles	We need to open businesses back up. Without our tax money we will not be able to support state assistance programs to people who truly need it.
04/16/2020 11:50 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Dan Thompson	Open NC!
04/16/2020 11:50 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Reopen NC now Denise Bray	NC needs to be reopened by May 1st. There was never a need to shut down the state and continuing to keep it shut down us going to ruin us.
04/16/2020 11:50 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms Sharon Mcgee	Our economy both federal and state cannot sustain continued closure. Find a way to allow us to get back to work by May 1st. Please!!!
04/16/2020 11:50 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Jenni Knight	We need our state open! Unemployment rates are skyrocketing, people are about to lose their businesses, homes and are going hungry. This has become ridiculous. Reopen NC and get life going again.
04/16/2020 11:50 AM	Economic Support Working Group	John Bunting	#REOPENNC!
04/16/2020 11:50 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Kristin Hood	We need to reopen North Carolina now. People take risks every day. This is just a new risk. It is a bit scary but let individuals make their own decisions. We are losing our constitutional rights and freedoms.
04/16/2020 11:51 AM	Economic Support Working Group	K Davis	Please open N.C. Business. It is time. Thank you
04/16/2020 11:51 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Jennifer Holton	ReOpen NC on May 1st!!
04/16/2020 11:51 AM	Economic Support Working Group	mrs Samantha Roberts	The current shut down is an overstep of power and needs to come to an end asap. This virus is not any worse than what we already deal with every year. Though it is sad, it can not continue to destroy our economy.
04/16/2020 11:51 AM	Economic Support Working Group	J. Miller	We have to open our state back up very soon. Our small businesses are running out of money and some of them are not getting the help that they need. We will have even bigger problems if we keep this state shut down for longer periods of time.
04/16/2020 11:51 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Reopen NC now Paulette McCoy	Reopen NC. There is no legitimate reason to keep NC closed for business.
04/16/2020 11:51 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Re-open NC Debbie Johnson	We need to look closely at small business that can be re-opened at a safe level. Barber shops, nail salons, mom and pop stores- one at a time or offer the same idea as the big box stores- per person, per square foot. These small businesses deserve the right to be

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			open and operate just as much as Wal-Mart, etc. Their livelihoods should not be comprised and it's not the governments place to deem who is essential or not. Safe practices for everyone can still be followed, but stomping on constitutional rights will not be tolerated!
04/16/2020 11:51 AM	Economic Support Working Group		Please just admit that the models were wrong and we can re-open the economy in 2 weeks. NC has done an amazing job flattening the curve. There is no reason to continue to kill our economy for a virus that the fatalities will be .005% of the population, less than all other causes of death in NC. Let's protect the vulnerable and slowly re-open businesses.
04/16/2020 11:51 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Betty Jones	Reopen NC now!
04/16/2020 11:51 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Suzanne McClure	REOPEN NC IMMEDIATELY!! STOP THIS NONSENSE NOW!
04/16/2020 11:52 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Katie Dowens	It is time to reopen our state and restore freedom. People's life work and financial futures are being ruined.
04/16/2020 11:52 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Chad Hord	the current exec order from Gov Cooper.. is based on the FALSE data provided for COVID.. a FALSE FATALITY RATE .. 6% .. derived from garbage data.. using confirmed cases .. rather than total estimated infected.. while representing that fatality rate as 6 people in 100 will die from covid 19.. that is a LIE.. doctors around the world from Fauci to Campbell have stated that total infected estimates are at least 20x higher then confirmed cases.. which reduces fatality rate by a factor of 20.. making it more along the lines of .03% .. around the level of seasonal flu... i agree infection rate is more aggressive due to asymptomatic contagiousness.. but this is FAR LESS then H1N1 and we did NOT over-react in this way in 2009-2010
			REOPEN and NC and keep the guidelines for social distancing in place..
04/16/2020 11:52 AM	Economic Support Working Group	John Armfield	Please begin opening up the state. People are becoming frustrated and they will not adhere to the Governor's Executive Order much longer. We should not live in fear for trying to support our family. Time to open up North Carolina.
04/16/2020 11:52 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Baker/barista Lezlie Rusin	The cure is becoming worse than the disease. 3/4 of our immediate family is furloughed. Reopen N.C.!
04/16/2020 11:52 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Dr Sean Maccarone	We need to REOPEN NC May 1st!
04/16/2020 11:52 AM	Economic Support Working Group	April Heine	We need to reopen North Carolina. People need to get back to work and normalcy.
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04/16/2020 11:53 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Kamalesh Patel	Reopen nc
04/16/2020 11:53 AM	Economic Support Working Group	William Mauney	This is ridiculous. Multiple studies, not 'models' are showing this virus to have a mortality rate at 1% or lower. There are thousands of North Carolinians out of work, students that are missing important education opportunities, and families that need to get back to work.

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			It's time to end this shutdown.
04/16/2020 11:53 AM	Economic Support Working Group	James Benfield	Open up NC now. You have forcibly shut down our business's for no reason at all.Enjoy it because we are throwing you out in NOV.
04/16/2020 11:53 AM	Economic Support Working Group	TAMMY MOORE	PLEASE open NC !! We small business owners are suffering !! WE WANT TO WORK !!! Let the at risk self quarantine and let the healthy work !!!
04/16/2020 11:53 AM	Economic Support Working Group	William Jennetta	Please end the shutdown immediately. Adults are capable of following the coronavirus guidelines of social distancing, hygiene and masks, if so required. By following the guidelines, we could go back to close-to-normal economic activity and stop the economic hemorrhaging that is occurring.
04/16/2020 11:53 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Shannon Cline	Reopen NC immediately!
04/16/2020 11:53 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Anonymous	NC needs to be re-opened immediately. The small business owners and working people need to get back to work in order to survive.
04/16/2020 11:54 AM	Economic Support Working Group		Reopen N.C.!
04/16/2020 11:54 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Valerie Shuler	Open up NC you have more deaths from diabetes and accidents are you going to shut down fast food and ban cars?
04/16/2020 11:54 AM	Economic Support Working Group		We need to reopen NC ASAP. You are hurting people and killing business by keeping us shut down.
04/16/2020 11:54 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Katrina Kolseth	Our small businesses and self employed are suffering, If the state does not reopen soon many of these businesses will never be able to reopen and people will loose their livelihood and possibly their homes due to lack of money. Our county has only had 4 cases - all in one family due to travel related circumstances, we need to reopen ASAP. People can still use social distancing and common sense of staying home if you are sick or compromised but we need to allow the healthy to return to somewhat normal.
04/16/2020 11:55 AM	Economic Support Working Group	David Gandossy	Reopen North Carolina
04/16/2020 11:55 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms Valerie Bower	Please let us go back to work. Lift the restrictions and give us back our rights.
04/16/2020 11:55 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Small Business Owner Stephen Smith	It's time to reopen NC, Roy has said he was trying to kill it by enacting unconstitutional orders, we thought he meant the virus... in turn it's the economy and small businesses!
04/16/2020 11:55 AM	Economic Support Working Group	daniel harker	It's time to open us up you are in violation of the first amendment right and you are braking the law trying to get it from us so stop it this is a lab virus and y'all can kill it if y'all want too
04/16/2020 11:55 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Forrest Beal	We need to reopen N.C. now. Almost every business could be open and still follow guidelines for safe distancing.
04/16/2020 11:55 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Reopen NC PLEASE Brandi Johnson	Please reopen NC! Small businesses and individuals are suffering greatly. We are NOT a hotspot, there is no reason we cannot allow healthy people back into the workforce. Vulnerable and those who are fearful can continue to self quarantine, if they so choose. Give the rights back to the people!
04/16/2020 11:55 AM	Economic Support	Open NC Now Daniel	We have been patient supporting our state and your response . The data is in, time to

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	Working Group	Kelly	reopen now . Your responsibility is to protect the health and economic health of your citizens. You are failing on the economy. Your unemployment delivery system is a total failure as well. Fix it! The effective date is wrong for thousands !! People need to get back to work!
04/16/2020 11:55 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Citizen Richard McAllister	Let's get back up and running. Continue social distancing. But get back to work. Thanks.
04/16/2020 11:55 AM	Economic Support Working Group		After looking at numbers, they do not justify our small business's being shut down after the april 30th deadline. There are small business's that have not received a paycheck or any help from the government in 5 weeks. Please consider the hardships that this is causing on the families. You nor anyone else should want this for our economy and for the people of NC
04/16/2020 11:55 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Sally Sue	PLEASE reopen this economy. You are putting our family out of business for a less than 1% infection rate of the entire state. There is something more going on. Your decisions make no sense and overreach in extreme ways. The people of this state will not stop fighting for our rights and our economy. You're lying about the numbers and you're up to something political behind the scenes that few people can see, but believe me, we are catching on.
04/16/2020 11:56 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Christine Bonilla	#reopenNC People can self quarantine if they are concerned.
04/16/2020 11:56 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms Gail Carucci	Governor Cooper, you need to reopen North Carolina now! We want to get back to our lives.
04/16/2020 11:56 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Katherine Klenovic	Open NC May 1....people's livelihood are dying...is the government going to support these families...no nor should it..let them work ...
04/16/2020 11:56 AM	Economic Support Working Group	John Trexler	The State of NC and it's economy needs to be opened in May. My county (Rowan) has .0014468% per capita cases of Covoid-19. This is criminal, what the governor is doing to this state.
04/16/2020 11:56 AM	Economic Support Working Group	William Judge	Please reopen NC for business. These restrictions are not necessary across the board and are killing our state.
04/16/2020 11:56 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Cathey Queen	We need to start reopening. If Walmart and Lowe's can have 20% of their fire rating then why can't restaurants and small businesses???
04/16/2020 11:56 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Denise Jackson	COVID19 is affecting a very small portion of our state population. As of yesterday, there were 5,000 diagnosed cases out of over 10,000,000 North Carolinians. That's 0.05%. Even if the actual infection rate was ten times that many, you're still looking at one-half of one percent. As of a week ago, there had already been 500,000 unemployment claims filed - 5% of our population is out of work as a result of this shut down. This is a very real impact on many people. We must move forward through this - hiding in our homes is not a viable long-term strategy. Yes, actual lives are important, but livelihoods are as well. Public policy decisions are often made to weigh these sorts of seemingly conflicting interests. (For instance, many people are injured or die every year in car accidents, but no one is banning vehicles.) Please quickly allow businesses to reopen, and encourage those who are afraid or vulnerable to take the additional precautions they feel necessary. Our small businesses and those who have lost their jobs as a result need a fighting chance to provide for their families.

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04/16/2020 11:56 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Margaret Lee	With proper social distancing requirements, it is vitally important for NC to re-open after the executive order expires on April 29. Small businesses will be more mindful of requiring patrons to follow the rules than the large box stores that are allowed to operate. For instance, all grocery stores have done is put signs up of which direction to go and which door to enter and exit...guess what, people are still going the wrong way and not heeding signs. They never will. Allow small businesses the chance to survive and have our patrons actually follow the rules.
04/16/2020 11:56 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Roberta Robbins	Please reopen North Carolina for business.
04/16/2020 11:57 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Jan Grillo	Set NC free! This shutdown is killing our businesses and economy. The numbers do not add up for keeping the state closed and people are hurting.
04/16/2020 11:57 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Gina Mounce	Please consider reopening Forsyth county for business. We are losing our small businesses, which are the backbone of our economy. The shutdown is not warranted, nor sustainable for our area. The vulnerable can be isolated or protected in other ways, without sacrificing our entire state economy.Thank you.
04/16/2020 11:57 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Paul Stallings	There needs to be a soft opening with distancing restrictions and protective measures in place. The small businesses that the many small town and communities rely on simply can not take further closure! I personally know of several business that will not survive being closed longer than May 1, 2020!! Even with a slow start up I'm not sure they will even make it. They have struggled to continue to pay their few employees and have had NO relief with current economic stimulus programs offered by the Federal Government. They have not received notice of being awarded any funds and now the monies have run out!! These are businesses and JOBS that our community relies on to make it all work. Please find a way to get people back to work and the businesses open!
04/16/2020 11:58 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Deborah Sawyer	Small businesses are suffering. Many will be unable to reopen. Many folks are furloughed, laid off and no longer have income to properly take care of their families. The economy is in free fall and the decisions being made by the governor will impact the people for a long time.
04/16/2020 11:58 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Open NC Misty Caldwell	NC needs to open back up now. We have people losing businesses and livelihoods over this. We are going to lose far more to suicide, ODs and drinking themselves to death. Enough is enough
04/16/2020 11:58 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Christy Stewart	#ReopeNC please allow the small businesses / self employees to open up May 1st. I have filed for unemployment 4 weeks ago ans still says " pending" we can not keep living with no income. It's time to open NC back up before people lose everything they have worked their whole lives for. Thanks
04/16/2020 11:58 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr. Robert Peele	Please open NC businesses, beaches, and parks. This is not 1918, we are a technologically advanced society perfectly capable of dealing with this disease in a manner that does not lead to financial ruin which is the path we are currently on.
04/16/2020 11:58 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Reopen NC now Bryan Lesko	Unlawful stay at home orders are killing the state economy. We must start putting people back to work.
04/16/2020 11:58 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Caroline McMillan	My family is suffering greatly from the shutdown of small business. We habe not receieved any form or assistance and our last income was March 9th. We need to get this economy going immediately or there will be a pandemic of biblical proportion in violent

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			crime, murder, theft, property crime etc. Etc... Not to mention the suicide, domestic violence and child abuse that will skyrocket due to a continued shutdown. We all know it will lead to the greatest depression ever seen..and how long it takes to recover a country. (If ever). Do your jobs. Quit interfering in our God given rights of life, liberty, and pursuit of happiness. Listen to your conscience.
04/16/2020 11:58 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Lolita Tripp	Please open NC for business. People cannot feed their families! The stimulus checks won't go to people like me because it's based on my tax returns...from when we were doing fine. We are not fine now. Please, please, please let businesses reopen.
04/16/2020 11:58 AM	Economic Support Working Group	ReOpen NC Tim Lowery	Reopen NC. The citizens are financially hurting from this shut down. All NC citizens are essential. Put them back to what they do best. Making NC a place that others want to call home.
04/16/2020 11:59 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Ray Pina	Please reopen North Carolina!! We need to work!! Sick people can stay home, but this stay at home order is killing our economy not to mention our livelihoods. #reopennc
04/16/2020 11:59 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Teresa Lindsey	NC needs to be reopened! Families are suffering and the stimulus money barely covers most people's bills that are out of work. The children that are out of school are not getting a good quality of life because they literally can't do anything. They can't even enjoy the great outdoors at the public beaches! This is just crazy when Walmart continues to be packed every day. Please reopen NC!
04/16/2020 11:59 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Dawn White	Reopen NC!!
04/16/2020 11:59 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Autumn Vernon	I believe it is time for NC to reopen. Business owners should be able to decide if they keep their doors open. EVERYONE should be considered essential. It's essential they feed their families and the families of anyone they employ.
04/16/2020 11:59 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Sarah Sowers	NC needs to be reopened ASAP!
04/16/2020 11:59 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Sandra Gleason	We need our State to reopen for the all the small businesses that are slowing going under!
04/16/2020 11:59 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms beth silberman	Governor Cooper has followed the recommendations of physicians, epidemiologists and scientists in taking measures to mitigate the spread of COVID19. It has been successful, decreasing both morbidity and mortality in our state. He should continue to do so, regardless of pressure from groups funded by unknown sources pushing to "ReopenNC." Widespread death and suffering will not be a boon to our economy. Reopening NC would mean a spike in cases, as well as increased risk for health care workers and others on the front lines, as well as all other North Carolinians. Dying from COVID19 is an excruciating and lonely. Why would anyone wish an increase in this? A well considered, organized and medically sound strategy going forward would be just what the doctor ordered.
04/16/2020 11:59 AM	Economic Support Working Group	NO MORE SHUT DOWN Amy Connolly	You do not have enough data to support this continuous shut down. You have ton of people that do not want the government to have a say in how we choose to support out household and financial status . You are ruining business and the North Carolina economy
04/16/2020 11:59 AM	Economic Support Working Group	ReOpen NC! Jennifer Hall	How can you ignore the mental health crisis that this shutdown is pushing? How can you ignore the increase in domestic violence? How can you ignore that you are ruining small businesses across the state? Hospitals are empty and having to furlough their employees!

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			What is your real agenda here??? OPEN OUR STATE NOW!
04/16/2020 12:00 PM	Economic Support Working Group		Please reopen NC. Keeping our state closed is doing more harm than the virus has and ever will. Our lives depend upon working.
04/16/2020 12:00 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Sharon Barrow	Reopen NC
04/16/2020 12:00 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Lori Prince	Please reopen NC for business as soon as possible. I am afraid the shut down could become worse than the virus. Please that people's livelihood in to consideration.
04/16/2020 12:00 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms. Amy Bright	My family has owned a small business in North Carolina for nine years. It is our primary source of income and essential for the lives of my family. We have received zero government funding. We have the capacity to open and still practice social distancing measures and keep people safe. Please consider the reopen of North Carolina small businesses.
04/16/2020 12:00 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Shannon Clark	Open up our state! This lockdown was meant to be short term in order to allow the medical establishments time to prepare- flatten the curve. Hospitals everywhere are furloughing personnel. I think the curve has flattened!
04/16/2020 12:00 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Amelia Whitt	We support reopening North Carolina in the next two weeks. If not then we all know who needs to be voted out in the next election.
04/16/2020 12:00 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Frankie Sutton	North Carolina must reopen now. My rights under the Constitution are being trampled on. My son and his wife are both out of work. They have two children. There is no reason why they should lose jobs, homes, and hope. Use your powers and stop Roy Cooper from totally destroying our economy and our citizens.
04/16/2020 12:00 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Kim Payne	Please Reopen NC by May 1 with guidelines in place. We have got to get back to work. Thank you!
04/16/2020 12:00 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Jennifer Riley	re-open NC
04/16/2020 12:00 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Marissa Jones	NC needs a fighting chance please help us and do the right thing by the people! We the people are not stupid and need you to dictate to us to stay inside our homes. We are aware of how it spreads we wash our hands stay 6 ft away . By continuing the path you have us on you will take NC down a road of depression. People have the right to stay indoors and stay safe they do not have the right to take away the freedom of others to do so. If we can stand hours in lines at Walmarts and you deemed this safe we can walk into a small mom and pop shop to keep them going! I would like to support small business not those already making multimillions a year!!! REOPEN NC also we have a huge problem going on at White Lake NC they are not allowing nonresidents onto their properties they own or rent with permanent places on their lots!!!!
04/16/2020 12:00 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Lance Gard	The plan to responsibly reopen North Carolina needs to be established and put into action immediately. The residents of our great state can, and will rise to the occasion. We need an effective plan and a coordinated effort to get back to normal. Whatever that looks like we need to know and we need to work towards it together.
04/16/2020 12:00 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Annie Mayo	End the shutdown and reopen NC. The numbers do not justify the harm to our economy.
04/16/2020 12:00 PM	Economic Support	Reopen nc Chelsey	Reopen NC!!

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04/16/2020 12:00 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms. Catherine Alexander	As a tax-paying citizen of North Carolina, I expect the legislature to support all citizens in weathering the devastating economic impacts of the coronavirus outbreak. This includes providing funds to under-funded businesses, if necessary, for paid sick days, family leave, and full unemployment benefits for all impacted workers, including "gig workers." I also support a repayment plan for businesses needing loans and legislation to require reserve funds for crises. The American people are sick and tired of learning about record earnings and tax breaks for the corporations and the wealthiest Americans and then having to bail them out because after their inflated pay, bonuses and dividends to shareholders, they've got nothing left. America needs a new business model--that is support for responsible business and allowing those who fail to prepare for downturns to go under. Actually, we are adopting the worst of socialism--propping up businesses with taxpayer dollars, from the same consumers who pay them for products and through the government provide them start-up funds. Let's take care, instead, of vulnerable individuals.
04/16/2020 12:01 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Sieglenda Starling	We need to reopen North Carolina businesses. Small businesses are a safer place to be than the big box stores and you are allowing them to function. Sends the wrong message to the small businesses that are the backbone to this country. REOPEN NC
04/16/2020 12:01 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Beckie Stickley	Open NC!! This has to end!
04/16/2020 12:01 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Clint Cutter	Reopen NC
04/16/2020 12:01 PM	Economic Support Working Group		You need to open the state back up so we can get back to work. Loosing my home here people open the dam state back up. Tell the sick and old to stay home let us get our bussness back open or their is going to be many jobless and homeless people in the state. We aren't blaming trump we are blaming you at the state level.
04/16/2020 12:01 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Reopen NC Stat! Jess Beck	We need to reopen NC Asap! Small businesses are suffering more every day that goes by . Our economy will take years to recover from this nonsense. You do not quarantine healthy people. That is called tyranny. If people are sick or have health issues they can stay home. The rest of the people need to be able to go to work and function normally. Please reopen NC ASAP! This has been a media/ govt induced hysteria over something that didn't need to be so worried over.
04/16/2020 12:01 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ron Slone	We have got to open this state up. If we leave it closed much longer, there wont be anything to come back to. Dont delay/ Open now
04/16/2020 12:01 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Hannah Chan	We need to open the state before unemployment rate is 80%
04/16/2020 12:01 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Owner Joan Schalesky	We need to open Small Business. It is the safest place. We need to survive.
04/16/2020 12:01 PM	Economic Support Working Group	NC Business owner Connie ParkMama Donnelly	We need to reopen NC - this is killing small business at a way more alarming rate than the virus can. We have our constitutional rights, you cannot just take them away. Running a country on fear and lies will only lead to its demise.
04/16/2020 12:02 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Jackie Kylander	The shutdown due to the COVID-19 virus is strangling small businesses. We need to reopen and reopen now! No one is forcing anyone to leave their homes if they feel unsafe, are elderly or immune compromised. For the rest of the population, work is essential, no

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			matter the business or occupation. We are losing small businesses. Entire communities depend on things like tourism. Food chains are being interrupted. Farmers are being forced to thin herds or flocks because processing plants are shut down. We are truly throwing out the baby with the bath water in our over reaction. We cannot survive any lengthening of this shut down.
04/16/2020 12:02 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Rich Karabin	Need to lift the stay at home order and get the state back to work. I work in the construction industry and we have been able to keep jobs going with no issues
04/16/2020 12:02 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Elizabeth Bryson	Results of suicide, domestic violence, child abuse, alcoholism, drug use and many more drastic things are going to happen if NC is not opened back up ASAP. Governor Cooper needs to look at the devastation he is causing to the citizens of this state with his overreach of power. Many people are going to go hungry & homeless due to the fact of a failed phone system & no money coming in. Open up NC now, people with a weak immune system can stay home but the healthy do not need to be held as slaves & will not be.
04/16/2020 12:02 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Small businesses dying Laura Wilkerson	Our small family ran businesses are dying. I have a friend that will have to close his doors by the end of the month because he can not get any of the bail out money nor will a bank give him a loan. His employees have not been able to get through the red tape of unemployment because the system is overrun. These people are going to lose it all. What is being done for them? Where is their help. They have never asked for a dime from our government and it took having to swallow their pride to ask. They need help now. They can not wait. These businesses are the backbone of NC. Instead money is going to the corporate businesses like Ruth Chris Steak House who just recieved 20 million dollars to help them. How is that right? Please please help NC small businesses stay afloat. My friend will not be able to make rent on his building his landlord does not care that his business is not open. He has his life savings in this business. He barely gets a paycheck because he wants to make sure his employees have a living wage and now he and his employees are in danger of losing everything. Please please help NC small business owners.
04/16/2020 12:02 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Kylie Nguyen	<p>To Whom It May Concern,</p> <p>Please REOPEN NC. Model projections and current hospitalizations all verify that the threat level posed by COVID-19 is overwhelmed by the destruction caused by Governor Cooper's executive orders. North Carolinians are suffering. Victims of domestic abuse, school children, part-time and minimum wage earners, refugees, citizens celebrating graduations and weddings, small business owners, single parents, and all of us face long-term damage as a result of the government's response to the pandemic. Meanwhile, nurses at local hospitals are unable to work because they are being called off due to low-patient numbers. Those same hospitals are closing down their COVID-19 preparations. The opposite of what experts promised has come true. Our hospitals are not overrun. Instead our vulnerable are further marginalized by economic suppression. Please respond to NC's current reality, not fear-mongering projections that have consistently proved false. You have the opportunity to restore faith in our communities, to aspire to the best of what American politics can be. Lead our state to reopen!</p>
04/16/2020 12:02 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Christy Jones	REOPENNC NOW!!!!

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04/16/2020 12:02 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr. Patrick Griffin	Please Open NC for business by May 1st...if not sooner. Protect the vulnerable and make a special request for those people to stay home- but the rest of us healthy folks need to get back to work and TRY to salvage our businesses. I know the NC people are ready to rock and your Sales & Use tax receipts will go through the roof. Use that money to keep our health care workers stocked and protect those at the highest risk. Social Distancing can still be encouraged - but holding us down like this is unsustainable ... and YOU ALL SHOULD KNOW THIS! Do the right thing and give us back our freedom. Regards, Pat Griffin
04/16/2020 12:02 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Christina Roberts	We need to open up NC! My husband and I are small business owners and this is ruining all that we have worked years for, I do not need stimulus money....I need to get back to work! Please do not destroy the livelihoods or so many.
04/16/2020 12:02 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Tricia Mondie	#Reopen NC that we can get back to work & regain our rights
04/16/2020 12:03 PM	Economic Support Working Group		Please reopen NC. Our people will soon be dying deaths of despair. Small businesses provide jobs for over half the people in our state, and federal funding has DRIED UP for our small businesses. People will begin to starve if businesses are not permitted to reopen. The so-called "cure" is going to be worse than the virus. We do not want handouts, we want to go back to work. Gradual reopening with safeguards in place is a logical way to go.
04/16/2020 12:03 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Pastor Terry Giles	Governor, I know God puts leaders in place. I am praying for you and I beg you to reopen NC. Please, life must go on, and we must no longer live in the shadow of fear, because God is sovereign. And please know our church is praying for you and your family. May God bless you and give you divine wisdom in this. Thank you. Needgod.com
04/16/2020 12:03 PM	Economic Support Working Group		We need to reopen NC! This isn't just about money. It's about the constitutional rights given to all Americans!!
04/16/2020 12:03 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr. Mike Stewart	State Representatives and Senators: Please consider reopening our economy soon. The reality of infections and deaths are already far below the projections. Our economy is suffering terribly. By some measures, now worse than the Great Depression. You constituents are suffering, Small businesses that are the fabric of our nation cannot afford to be shuttered for months. Just one month of lost revenue can be detrimental to a thousands of small businesses. Landlords are not able to waive or reduce rents. A \$1,200 stimulus check (assuming you qualify for that much) is nothing compared to the months loss of revenue experienced by small restaurant owners, hair salons/barbers, small retailers, and the like. Our hospitals are losing money by the millions per day....I know, I am a consultant to many NC-based healthcare systems. "Flattening the curve" was to supposedly lesson the blow to our healthcare systems from being overwhelmed by COVID patients. Well the census at most hospitals is well below average and many are considering layoffs of healthcare workers due to the limits on seeing patients for outpatient surgeries. This in turn is hurting many in our community that are suffering from damaged knees, hips, shoulders, poor eyesight, painful wisdom teeth and other oral surgery issues, and countless other operations that would improve a person's quality of life. This procedures are delayed indefinitely and

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			people continue to suffer physically and mentally until they can be re-scheduled. Please bring an end to this senseless suffering. COVID is a serious issue, but it is being dwarfed by the issues this shutdown is creating. Thank you.
04/16/2020 12:03 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Covid 19 Margaret Higdon	Re open N.C.
04/16/2020 12:03 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Reopen NC Nicholas	Reopen!
04/16/2020 12:03 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Realtor Stacy Sparks	Please REOPEN NC and the beaches!! Small business owners and the restaurant industry are suffering needlessly!!
04/16/2020 12:03 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Brian Bus	We need to do selective stay at home orders for the most at risk. The rest of the economy needs to be reopened so people can get back to work! We are setting our state on fire to save just a few people. The fallout from these horrible directives by governor Cooper will be far greater than the virus itself!!
04/16/2020 12:03 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Jana Watt	NC should begin lifting the lockdowns immediately. Utilize phasing restrictions and reopen our economy.
04/16/2020 12:04 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Noel T	We own a small business and did not get a loan processed though we were one of the first to request it. We are healthy and have a family of five to support. PLEASE reopen business! Stagger openings with modifications so illness can be managed if it happens. Look at the data on recovery versus just infection! We can't hide from the virus until a vaccine is available!
			Scientists are sharing that treatments are available to reduce the deaths for the vulnerable with this illness. Allow people to make the choice if they want to risk illness. Take care of the vulnerable with restrictions at retirement and elderly care facilities. We have several friends who have tested positive and are now recovered! That data is not being publicized. The devastation and mental health risks if we can't earn a living are as critical as the risk of getting sick. We should have the freedom to choose. Please don't destroy our family for the fear of illness with a small, small risk of death. Thank you.
04/16/2020 12:04 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Tommy Mcalister	Please open NC up, my business will have to shut down if we do not get the people of NC back to work. We have struggled with few sales for weeks now. The majority of NC residents support getting back to work. Thank you
04/16/2020 12:04 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Sharon Killion	Open NC for business!
04/16/2020 12:04 PM	Economic Support Working Group	JENNIFER SMITH	Please reopen NC immediately and let us go back to work!
04/16/2020 12:04 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Justin Montgomery	We need to reopen the state as much as possible as soon as possible
04/16/2020 12:04 PM	Economic Support Working Group		Small businesses and the hourly workers that work for the school systems are being told they can't get any help and they continue to sit at home with no pay. #reopennc
04/16/2020 12:04 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Helen Lattus	Reopen NC

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04/16/2020 12:04 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Cynthia Poole	The state needs to reopen. People are not getting \$\$ because they are not working and the unemployment system can't process requests. Small businesses are not getting the help promised. Do not delay the reopening. The citizens of NC are smart enough to stay safe
04/16/2020 12:04 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Get Back To Work Charles Beasley	Please end this over-hyped charade, reopen the state, and let us all get back to work. The NCGA is still posting modeling from the highly flawed IHME projections, and is basing decisions on seemingly incoherent scientific rhetoric. Please explain with it was necessary to shutter the majority of the state for a problem that has only affected 0.005% of the population. The long-term ramifications and direct abridgement of our rights will take years to rectify. End the shutdown.
04/16/2020 12:05 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Rocky Birchfield	Cease this unconstitutional, illegal and stupid charade. Stop interfering with businesses and constituents. LIFT the restrictions!!
04/16/2020 12:05 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Jennifer Gupton	I respectfully implore you to please, in the interest of our economy and our freedoms reopen NC!
04/16/2020 12:05 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Lynsey McDaniel	REOPEN NC! We need you to act decisively NOW!
04/16/2020 12:05 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Lenise Ramsey	Members of the General Assembly, please do NOT be bullied by our draconian Govenor. Stand up for your people and OPEN NC NOW!!! We should not have to ask permission to live our lives and provide for our families.
04/16/2020 12:05 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Christy Zellman	Please reopen NC ASAP. Our people will soon be dying deaths of despair. Small businesses provide jobs for over half the people in our state, and federal funding has DRIED UP for our small businesses. People will begin to starve if we do not open businesses, and quickly! The current (& factual) numbers of those in hospital, "infected" & dying don't justify further closure.
04/16/2020 12:06 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Elisa Petro	I support the rational opening of small business...accountability lies with the citizen. You've done your part to educate and inform...the decision to open and conduct business needs to be with the citizens. I impolore you to not think to take additional steps to infringe on personal freedoms and cause people to consider civil disobedience.
04/16/2020 12:06 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Audrey Whitlock	My family's business is ruined. There will be no way my parents can reopen if this keeps up. I have a disabled child and we can not get therapy. Out of the goodness of my heart I am paying an employee who is not working because unemployment is not being paid and we have received no SBA Federal loans. I have preliminary tested positive for the Virus. I called Gov Coopers office to ask what would happen if I broke quarantine and I was told that I would be arrested. We do not arrest people with AIDs, FLU, Herpes, Mumps, Measles why would I be arrested? I am very confused and scared by this. How do I go get food for my family if I cant leave?
04/16/2020 12:06 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ashleigh Dippolito	Open NC back up! How are you keeping small businesses closed, but allowing ABC stores to stay open? How do you justify taking away our constitutional rights? How to you justify a shut down when children are hungry at home, they are being abused, women are being abused, the mentally ill are becoming sicker and others are developing new mental illnesses every day. Keeping the state closed beyond April 30 will be even more devastating than Covid-19 has been to date. REOPEN NC!

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04/16/2020 12:06 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Paul Carson	NC needs to be re-opened immediately. All of the facts and statistics support this action. Even in NY, the "hotbed" of COVID-19, total deaths are less than 0.1% of their population due to the virus. Total NC deaths are only 0.001%. Even the Governor has acknowledged a similar "outbreak" is not likely in NC due to vastly different cultures including far less public transportation and drastically more spread out population. Even if a similar "outbreak" occurred, how can you justify keeping the State closed when 99.9% of the population will be just fine. Killing out local economy is simply not worth it. Businesses will not survive much longer and the effects of an economic crash will result in deaths and financial ruin that will take many North Carolinians years to recover from, if they ever do.
04/16/2020 12:06 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Hayley Dimmette	It's imperative to small business owners and to our economy that we get our state back up and running. I understand the risks, but we are just hurting ourselves. Please please consider slowly opening our state back up. It doesn't have to be all at once. But we've got to get people back to work!
04/16/2020 12:06 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Opening for business Brian Collins	NC is not New York. We can safely and smartly reopen our economy sooner rather than later.
04/16/2020 12:06 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms Mary-Belle Simmons	Reopen NC.
04/16/2020 12:07 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Kaylie Halbrook	Please reopen us! Our small businesses are out of money. Unemployment and loans will not get our dreams back nor feed our families. People are in despair. We can open safely!
04/16/2020 12:07 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Amber Buchanan	NC residents need to be able to go back to work! Not allowing people their right to work to provide for themselves will end up causing more issues if this is continued. The NC numbers are far lower than expected which is great! But this also means you should be looking at REALISTIC ways to get our residents back to work so they can survive.
04/16/2020 12:07 PM	Economic Support Working Group	David Rankin	Open NC Now. Back to work no more shelter in place. Protect nursing homes
04/16/2020 12:07 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Rafidi	Reopen NC immediately!!
04/16/2020 12:07 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Reopen NC Eileen Berry	Reopen NC! Our economy needs people to return to work! We have flattened the curve. The hospitals are not overwhelmed. Flattening the curve never intended to prevent everyone from getting the virus - just to keep the community from getting it all at once. The data being used to insist on continued lock down is not proving to be accurate. However the data showing the decline of the economy is what is growing daily. Reopen our state!
04/16/2020 12:07 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Deborah English	OPEN NC NOW
04/16/2020 12:07 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Laurel Graham	Reopen North Carolina RECALL HITLER
04/16/2020 12:07 PM	Economic Support Working Group		Reopen NC.
04/16/2020 12:07 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Rebecca Kelley	I am a small business owner in Southport. I have been effectively closed since mid-March and my business might not survive. I have applied for every loan available to me and nothing has come through yet. Please reopen NC. So few people are dying by so many of

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			us have our livelihoods that we have put every penny we have into dying. Please help.
04/16/2020 12:07 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Amanda Lambert	We need to be back to work now!
04/16/2020 12:08 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms Darla Revels	Small Business and Business can go back to work knowing to take all the precautions we need to. If we do not open you are looking at a much bigger problem than Covid-19. We need to trust God and move forward instead of living in FEAR!!
04/16/2020 12:08 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Irene Beck	We need to re-open North Carolina's economy as soon as possible. The process needs to start on May 1. The basis for social distancing guidelines is to "flatten the curve". We have. The projected numbers of cases, hospitalizations and deaths have proven, once again, to be completely inaccurate. Even the top hot spot in the country, the New York City metropolitan area, is not seeing the numbers that were projected. The Charlotte area sought a 600 bed hospital facility to be built to help with the anticipated overwhelming of our medical facilities. They have now said it is not needed. In fact, we have doctors and medical staff being laid off in almost all areas. But we have small businesses (and large) suffering daily. How many small businesses will not survive? We have citizens who have not yet received unemployment compensation. We have small businesses that have not received any assistance. We can open our economy in a smart way that will balance public health with the need for people to get back to work. It's not one or the other. Please re-open our state on May 1.
04/16/2020 12:08 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Jim Kanuck	Open NC small business are suffering
04/16/2020 12:08 PM	Economic Support Working Group	J H	Enough is enough. We've flattened the curve. Time to reopen NC!! Our economy can't take much more, let's get back to work.
04/16/2020 12:08 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Susan Rigsbee	Please open our state!
04/16/2020 12:08 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Hagen Fischer	Open NC
04/16/2020 12:08 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Kristine Featherston	Reopen North Carolina now!
04/16/2020 12:08 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Maria Williams	Please reopen NC! The damage being done to families and businesses is not justified by Covid 19. To call this a crisis or state emergency is ludicrous. More people have been affected by and died from the flu than Covid 19. To allow tobacco stores to remain open and force the clothing store next store to be closed is ludicrous. These closures are not based on science and are against our constitutional rights. Allow North Carolina's to get back to work and take responsibility for their own safety and well being.
04/16/2020 12:08 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mary Vicente	Please re open NC for all businesses by next week the latest. People need to feed their families. The curve is flattened. Thank you!
04/16/2020 12:09 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Rebecca Corriher	Please reopen NC!! Those that delay this and play politics with our lives will be voted out. You can count on it.
04/16/2020 12:09 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms Lisa Gibson	Time to start opening businesses. Especially small businesses. Encourage those with underlying health condition to quarantine. Vast majority recover and many have mild symptoms. Think of the affect on those with mental health. There is a large increase in

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			domestic violence.
04/16/2020 12:09 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Jessica Wooten	please reopen NC. The financial destruction caused by this continued shutdown is not proportional to the cases/deaths in our state. We have not had a shortage of medical supplies.. Continued shutdown just prolongs natural herd immunity. Shutting down the economy and people's ability to provide for them for a virus that has a 0.0048% chance of contacting based on our population just dies not make sense and hasn't been done in Any of our lifetimes. Deaths of despair, child abuse, domestic violence have increased and will continue as long as this state remains closed.
04/16/2020 12:09 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr John Pyle	The goal is to flatten the curve so our healthcare system is not overrun which has been achieved. Healthcare workers are actually being laid off. With that objective being met, reopen our economy. Do not change the objective to eradicate the virus before opening the economy. Do not move the goalposts. And do not base your decision on forecasts Based on data that has been consistently wrong to date. There are many risks in life. Any one of us could die in a car crash on any given day and we all know that and accept it. Nobody is asking anyone to stop the economy until a crash proof car is developed. Restart the economy and let us live our lives in freedom. Stop suppressing our liberty. When you took your oath of office to uphold the constitution there was no "out" clause that said "unless there is a virus." The government does not have the authority to pick and choose when to uphold the constitution. It exists for everyone all the time. Do your job... reopen the government. The curve has flattened. Start our economy. The healthcare system is more than adequate and of handling remaining cases. By keeping the economy turned off you are actually making the healthcare system less able to handle the crisis. BE COURAGEOUS... OPEN OUR ECONOMY
04/16/2020 12:09 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Steve Cederberg	Open up our state! We need to get back to work! Coopers liberal policies are bad for business! ReopenNC
04/16/2020 12:09 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Jennifer Bolden	We want NC open for business on May 1. We can still practice safe social distancing without having everyone locked down. All business are essential in NC!
04/16/2020 12:09 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Michele Hughes	Reopen our state by May 1st.
04/16/2020 12:09 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Lorie Brinkley	It's time to open NC back up. People are losing their livelihoods and I'm watching our state crumble for my kids futures. Open us back up with some common sense. Let people get back to work instead of just letting some work. Hair stylists can work in their salons and just use common sense - just use a mask and one at a time. Other things can be done this way too.
04/16/2020 12:10 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Debbie Burke	Open NC . NC should NOT be closed any longer ..Enough is enough !
04/16/2020 12:10 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Dr Kimberly Herman	We need to open NC back up. I understand the lockdown in the first place as a quick reaction as we assessed things and ramped up hospitals. The current risk of keeping things locked down is actually a greater harm as you have increased spikes in suicide and drug related deaths, increased calls in domestic violence and child abuse and you are throwing large portions of the population into poverty which will lower their overall health. Not to mention the cancellation of all medical procedures not deemed emergent lowers the health of all those seeking treatments. We are also injuring our small businesses that may not survive if we dont get them opened up right

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04/16/2020 12:10 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Greg Seibert	We need to open up our state and country. Numbers are nowhere near projections even with no one staying home
04/16/2020 12:10 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr. Donald Hollingsworth	It is time to end the stay at home orders and open the state of North Carolina to commerce. The current model is not sustainable. As economic activity dwindles so will tax receipts to the state. Also the longer a small business remain closed the more likely it will not survive. The current Wuhan corona virus is no different from the H1N1 swine flu and the SARS outbreaks in the past. I'm a member of the "at risk" population and I'm willing to adapt if necessary. Finally, when did the people who generate most of the income that you tax become non essential? Re-open North Carolina Now.
04/16/2020 12:10 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Peter Ramsey	Please reopen the economy today. Feel free to release all the guidelines and recommendations that you want, but allow businesses to reopen. The damage that you are doing to the people of your own state, purely for political purposes is immeasurable.
04/16/2020 12:10 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Nadia Mercelis-White	It is HIGH time to reopen NC. People are suffering more from the economic and psychological effects of these lockdown measures than from the virus itself.
04/16/2020 12:10 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Heather Bullman	I strongly believe that we need to get NC reopen. We need to get people back to work. Continuing the lockdown will have many more affects on the people than the virus itself.
04/16/2020 12:10 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Jake Cashion	Please work to get the state open. We need to get back to work. Many businesses are making safe and healthy work environments and doing so quickly. Thanks you.
04/16/2020 12:11 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms Patricia Conway	Our business are dying faster than those who have been infected with Covid -19. We can put rules into effect to protect those who go out in the public.
04/16/2020 12:11 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Russell Hornr	We need to reopen nc. People are hurting emotionally & economically. We can do this slowly telling people to use common sense. If they are high risk group they can stay at home. But it's not right making everyone stay at home because of a select few.
04/16/2020 12:11 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Debra Parker	Open North Carolina!!! Now!
04/16/2020 12:11 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Earl Russell	The cure is rapidly becoming worse than the disease!
04/16/2020 12:12 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Re-Open NC Arlene Fortin	Re-open NC, please! Most small businesses can't take an extended shut-down.
04/16/2020 12:12 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Kylie Crowley	Reopen NC!!! It is our Constitutional right to work and provide for our families. The numbers don't lie-- it's time to open!!! We cannot hide from all diseases, forever. It is every citizens right to quarentine themselves or go to work.
04/16/2020 12:12 PM	Economic Support Working Group		Please reopen NC. As small business owners we are seeing and feeling the significant negative effects of the shutdown. The case and death counts do not suggest the need for extreme measures.
04/16/2020 12:13 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Jean Mauze	Please stay the course and follow Gov. Cooper's stay at home orders. Please do not limit testing so severely and ensure our medical and all first responders have adequate PPE.
04/16/2020 12:13 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Krystal Karpf	Open up!!!
04/16/2020 12:13 PM	Economic Support	Pastor Jason Boger	I am asking for our leaders to open our state back to the people. Allow us to make

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	Working Group		decisions concerning our health and livelihood once again. Remove the restrictions from our business and churches. We the people voted on each of you to govern our state not dictate our freedoms. Let us the people make informed decisions without your politics and ideology influencing those decisions. Thank you for your time.
04/16/2020 12:13 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr. David Williams	When all this is said & done this virus won't even be among the top five causes of death this year. Deaths of despair due to the economic downturn will far exceed COVID-19 fatalities. ReopenNC!
04/16/2020 12:13 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mollie Farris	The people of North Carolina have done a fantastic job flattening the curve. Now, the government needs to praise the efforts and start working to protect as many residents, citizens, and voters, against the despair that comes with isolation, lack of productivity, and their long term effects.
04/16/2020 12:14 PM	Economic Support Working Group	#Reopennc Marcia Blakely	North Carolina needs to be reopened now. You are taking our rights away from us and that is wrong. There will always be some type of disease/virus that kills people. It should be left up to the individual to do what's right for them and their situation.
04/16/2020 12:14 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Owner Mark Joyce	Just asking for a safe way to Reopen the state for business.....remember "Small" businesses are the "backbone" of American business. Thank you !
04/16/2020 12:14 PM	Economic Support Working Group	ReOpen NC Erin Riggsbee	We need to open Nc back up. Small and large businesses across Nc and the nation are suffering. People want to work. The time to open is now.
04/16/2020 12:14 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Amy Kidd	I urge our legislature to support Governor Cooper's common sense measures to continue the stay at home order. Lives have been saved because of his actions, and will continue to be saved as the result of continued social distancing measures. Until we have the proper testing, tracing and trend information, dismissing the stay at home order at this point would negate all we've already done.
04/16/2020 12:14 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Danielle Rose	I am writing to petition the NC State legislature to OPEN NC for business and to return to regular life. NC is not NYC and the death rate of this virus does not justify the draconian, tyrannical, unconstitutional restrictions on our rights to assemble, go to church, to work and to conduct our lives. These orders are fundamentally destroying the economy and people's lives. My husband, the sole provider in our family, was laid off because of these actions. Destroying the economy is not the answer. Teaching people how to strengthen their immune systems and protecting the most vulnerable is a better strategy. Broaden your sources of information and listen to epidemiologists other than from the CDC and WHO which are controlled by people with agendas that are contrary to US interests. See e.g., Dr. Ionannidis, a professor of medicine, epidemiology, and population health from Stanford University. https://www.statnews.com/2020/03/17/a-fiasco-in-the-making-as-the-coronavirus-pandemic-takes-hold-we-are-making-decisions-without-reliable-data/ . This lockdown is anathema to the freedom and liberty that are the building blocks of this nation. If our Constitution does not protect us in an epidemic, particularly one with a relatively low death rate, it is of no value whatsoever. When restricting constitutional rights, the government must act with the least restrictive means. There is absolutely no way, that this one size fits all, blanket restrictions, in NC which prohibit people from leaving their houses except to exercise or go to the store, which prohibits families and friends from visiting each other even in small groups, which prohibits "non-essential" (query who

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			is really non-essentials?) people from WORKING, is the least restrictive means. This madness must stop before there we devolve into complete tyranny and an economic depression that causes significantly more death and destruction. PLEASE RISE UP, BE BRAVE, USE COMMON SENSE, DEFEND FREEDOM, AND ACT NOW!
04/16/2020 12:14 PM	Economic Support Working Group	John	Small business is the foundation of many communities and their failure is never a good thing. NC needs to re-open. The numbers do not reflect a need to remain closed. Hospitals are not overwhelmed which is the reason the "lockdown" was instituted in the first place.
04/16/2020 12:15 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Reopen Nc Patricia Cook	Please reopen NC
04/16/2020 12:15 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Rebecca Darchuk	Enough! Counties with few cases should tell those with low immunity to stay home. More people die of the regular flu. It is not worth destroying all our small and medium sized businesses for this.
04/16/2020 12:15 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Pastor M M	Please reopen the economy so people can survive; we can contain the virus in other measures.
04/16/2020 12:15 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Kathy Messer	I know how to take care of myself. Open businesses back up
04/16/2020 12:15 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Christina Anderson	Please start opening up the economy at the end of April. We need our small businesses. Personally my mental health is suffering bad. If you wait until June then there will be no reason to do so because nothing will be left. Governor you are damaging our State. Everyone wants to go back to work.
04/16/2020 12:15 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Michele Coalson	Please re open NC small businesses are struggling!
04/16/2020 12:15 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Camilla Price	Open up NC! We have a right to work! People can stay home if they like
04/16/2020 12:15 PM	Economic Support Working Group	susan clark	Please reopen NC. Small businesses provide jobs for over half the people in our state, and federal funding has DRIED UP for our small businesses. On top of that with stimulus checks arriving Walmart and Target etc still open for business, that stimulus money will be long gone by the time the small businesses are able to reopen. Many will never reopen if something isn't done now, resulting in health and safety consequences to 100s of thousands of people, more than the virus itself would impact.
04/16/2020 12:15 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Aimie Stetler	ReOpen NC
04/16/2020 12:15 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Get Is Back to Work! James Douglas	Please examine reliable statistics. NC does not have over 5K of ACTIVE COVID-19 cases. Many have recovered. Put the people back to work. If older people and people with preexisting conditions are at a danger then quarantine them...not the entire state. Thank you!
04/16/2020 12:15 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Anne Heath	Please please open up this beautiful state. So many people are suffering. Business withering and dying.
04/16/2020 12:16 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Lesli Andrews	NC needs to open for business. At this point, many businesses are already in bankrupt positions and the national funding has already been accounted for. There only hope our state has left is to reopen immediately. Numbers for the Covid do not add up and in the

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			end herd immunity will happen no matter what. Bankrupting the state is a not the answer. OPEN NC UP!
04/16/2020 12:16 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms Laura Lassiter	We must reopen immediately for the good of North Carolina and THE USA this is an infraction on our rights and the constitution! Please reopen NOW America is suffering mentally, emotionally and financially. Thanks so much!
04/16/2020 12:16 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Phil Arnone	Please start reopening our state! The 'cure' is proving worse than the disease!
04/16/2020 12:16 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Barbara Harwell	We need NC open! As long as the people who feel the need for quarantine want to, they can stay quarantined, but the NC general population wants to go about our daily lives. Reopen NC!!!!
04/16/2020 12:16 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Marissa Ruffalo	Open up the economy!! People can still choose to stay home if they want to, but small businesses can get back to it!!
04/16/2020 12:16 PM	Economic Support Working Group	John Boyette	It is time to open this State back up!! Open everything but schools May 1 st!! There is absolutely no reason to keep this state locked down when we only have 106 deaths!! Every life is precious but not worth millions of North Carolinians going bankrupt!
04/16/2020 12:16 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms Alicia Lanier	REOPEN NC
04/16/2020 12:16 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Kari Peguero	Please reopen our economy and set an example for the rest of the country. It isn't nearly as bad as we thought. Don't let our economy collapse. Another Great Depression will be worse than this virus.
04/16/2020 12:17 PM	Economic Support Working Group		NC needs to reopen immediately. Economic failure is going to cause worse (and longer lasting) damage than a virus ever could.
04/16/2020 12:17 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mary Fircum	Please open businesses back up. We need and want to work. We will remember in November.
04/16/2020 12:17 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Felisha Barbee	We need to reopen the economy! If an individual wants to continue to stay at home for their safety that should be their choice but the 99.8% of the population that would be fine even if they did get the virus should be able to make the decision to work! People are losing businesses, homes, cars, and money for food. There have been suicides from the stress of this! The data from this virus does not support continuing this shutdown!
04/16/2020 12:17 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ryan Gallagher	I beg you to open the state back up for all economic activity immediately. I have seen firsthand many friends and loved ones lose their livelihoods and businesses due to this shutdown that has already accomplished its purpose, flattening the curve. Beyond the economic impact, I am seeing from many others a severe uptick in addiction relapses due to the inability to meet with support groups like AA. It has become clear the models we were given were overzealous and that our state is more than capable of handling this virus with our current healthcare infrastructure. The longer we wait indoors and away from one another the longer it will take to gain herd immunity to this virus.
04/16/2020 12:17 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Melissa Welborn	Please reopen NC. Let it be optional. Those who feel it is safe and are comfortable going back to work get to do so. Those who are at risk or don't feel comfortable can stay home. Please let those of us who are ready to reopen have that opportunity. Small business

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			owners need to be able to go back to work to support our families.
04/16/2020 12:17 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Tiffany Simmons	Reopen nc
04/16/2020 12:18 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Kevin Hazlett	I am greatly concerned that if we do not begin systematically reopening businesses, the damage done to prevent the spread will far outweigh the damage of the virus itself. Struggling North Carolinians need to get back to work. Our North Carolina economy desperately needs our people to go back to work. Make measured steps to keep those most vulnerable quarantine, but do not quarantine the General Public. Thank you for reading my concern.
04/16/2020 12:18 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Jennifer Middleton	I am a NC State Board Licensed Cosmetologist. As of today, I have been unemployed for 26 days. According to the city that I work in, once I'm allowed to return back to work, I will be unemployed for 48 days. Financially, this is a true hardship on so many in my field who are either a single parent supporting a family alone or a 2 income family like mine who depend on both incomes. Many in my field, like me, are still paying student loans on top of their essential living expenses. Many in my field are self employed without benefits and this has been a very hard hit financially. As NC State Board Licensed Cosmetologists, we are trained and tested in communicable diseases and the effects it may have on our clientele as well as testing and training in the efficacy of safety and sanitation in how we operate as cosmetologists. We are bound to the rules and regulations according to NC State Board in our daily operations which should be taken into great consideration of re-opening our hair salons, our nail salons and our spas! I personally work with clients who suffer hair loss whether via cancer, alopecia or hereditary loss. My clients are in dire need of my services in the maintenance of their hair. It affects their image and their self esteem thus affecting their morale and jobs. I work with physicians, optometrists, therapists, nurses and many other clients in varying fields of work who need stylists like me back to work. I humbly ask for your time to consider reopening our NC salons, even if that means a soft reopen with restrictions!
04/16/2020 12:18 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr John O'Conner	We need to Re Open North Carolina. Enough is enough. Businesses need to reopen.
04/16/2020 12:18 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Josie Rathbone	Reopen NC! This is getting way out of hand! It seems that our NC government is wanting small businesses to fail! Y'all are still getting your paycheck so you have no idea what we're going through! Salons especially need to reopen! People need to be able to keep up their appearances so they can keep up their professional appearance for the ones still deemed essential! We need to work! The people that more susceptible can choose to stay home!
04/16/2020 12:18 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Reopen Nc Bryan Riggsbee	Please open Nc back up. Businesses are suffering and people want to work. Nc can't handle anymore and if the closure continues it will cripple our state. Please reopen Nc and let us go back to work!
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04/16/2020 12:18 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Scott Neiderer	I have emailed you a letter to re-open our state immediately! This shit down is unnecessary and unconstitutional! Only .0005% of NC citizens effected.
04/16/2020 12:18 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Right to Live Vanessa German	As a small business owner in this state since 2008, I want to work. I deserve the right to work and earn and support my family and not be forced to live on government support. Unemployment doesn't over my business overhead. The EIDL and PPP loans have not proved to be helpful to the majority of small/micro businesses. Quarantine should be reserved for those at high risk, not the healthy. The data does NOT support an economic shut down. I demand my constitutional rights to be restored.
04/16/2020 12:19 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Misti Smith	You must reopen NC!!! You are killing our small businesses!!!! Let us WORK!!! Those scared or at risk can STAY HOME!!!!
04/16/2020 12:19 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Deborah Blackwelder	Reopen NC by May 1. People need to be back at work and businesses need to reopen. Let us protect ourselves.
04/16/2020 12:19 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Sue Look	Reopen NC. I do not qualify for unemployment and cannot find a job because my industry is non-essential.
04/16/2020 12:19 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Misa Welch	Please let small businesses open back up! We have been open for 20 years and now have been closed for almost a month!! Our customers keep messaging and calling because they want to come tan & my husband and I miss them and need them or we will lose everything we've worked so hard for.. we have 2 kids to take care of with no income... please let us get back to work!
04/16/2020 12:19 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Casimer Marzec	Please re open North Carolina. By killing jobs and businesses you will be responsible for many deaths.
04/16/2020 12:19 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Kristy McSwain	Dear North Carolina, I am in favor of #reopennc As a small business owner, I have not had income since December 2019. My business created bath and body products for women and men of all ages and relies heavily on participating in craft/vendor shows and festivals to provide an income for myself and sustain my business. My calendar for 2020 was booked with a show or festival every weekend in March, April, and May and beginning of June. However, since the lockdown and media frenzy began scaring people to stay 6 feet away from others, every single event was cancelled, not rescheduled BUT CANCELLED. I only have 5 months worth of reserves for my business to survive. That is coming up soon and then I am broke. No thanks to the state or the government, there is no aid coming to my household. Please do what is right, protect the oath you took when placed in office to serve the people (that means you do what majority wants not what agenda your political party is currently pushing). You have already tried to strip away the First and Second Ammendments, BUT WE THE PEOPLE are fed up of your nonsense and will only take so much before a American Revolution takes place. Remember that we do not need an election to take you out of office. We know our rights but fear that you don't care about that. Change is coming, whose side are you going to be on?
04/16/2020 12:20 PM	Economic Support Working Group	REOPEN NC Devon Watts	I urge the Governor to reopen NC no later than May 1. Our small businesses cannot continue if we are shut down much longer. My unemployment has run out, but I cannot reach the office to get it extended. I have a place to go once everything is open, but that may change if the governor extends his order. Reopen NC and let me go back to work!

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04/16/2020 12:20 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mona Fitch	Killing the Economy is killing the people more then the virus! It will not stop until it has circled through ! You are not stoping it just delaying it !
04/16/2020 12:20 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Bonnie Greene	Reopen NC - numbers do not warrant this kind of shut down. The economic disaster will be far worse that the virus ever thought about being.
04/16/2020 12:20 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Teresa BLAKE	Please open NC back up. Let those who are afraid to go out stay home. Those who have small businesses and have lost their jobs to Covid-19 please allow them to open and to return to work. There are so many that are going to lose everything, home, cars, families and even life. Please allow us as North Carolinian's to use our own judgement for our own safety. Give us credit that we are smart enough and able to be responsible for those of us in this matter. Thank you for your time.
04/16/2020 12:20 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Karen C	We need NC to reopen, our economy will be irreparable if we don't get small business back running. Use masks and gloves if you need to, by May 1.
04/16/2020 12:20 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Reopen Nc William Riggsbee	We need to open NC back up for business. This shutdown will cripple our economy. The time to open back up is now. Thank you.
04/16/2020 12:21 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Opening certain businesse BEn hAdley	Need to open up gyms and salons and beauty places. Not many people in at a time much less go there than are in grocery stores and Lowe's home improvement. Would be a great start to get back to going and give people some hope
04/16/2020 12:21 PM	Economic Support Working Group	REOPEN NC Nicki Ragland	We MUST work to reopen NC. It is imperative we allow citizens to get back to work and start to take the burden off our economic system. We absolutely need to stop the bleeding of the economy, and start to heal.
04/16/2020 12:21 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Rebecca Melton	Reopen our state! Businesses are shutting their doors for good. This cannot go on any longer!
04/16/2020 12:21 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Reopen NC	Reopen our state now! Stop with the political bickering and do your jobs!
04/16/2020 12:21 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Kathy Chapman	North Carolinians need to be able to open their store fronts and citizens must be able to exercise all their constitutional rights. All business is essential business in that it supports their and their employees families, enabling them to pay vital bills and out food on their tables. Citizens of North Carolina are smart enough to think for ourselves and to make necessary decisions concerning our health care without government interference. I also believe the online school infrastructure that has already been set up should be left in place indefinitely for families who feel they are better served by having their children educated at home.
04/16/2020 12:21 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Lynda Leslie	Please, reopen NC, now!!
04/16/2020 12:21 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Dr. Jennifer Slechter	As a health care provider and a small business owner I am pleading with our state government to all NC to open again. We have incredibly low numbers and I fully support doing this in a smart way so that we can protect those that are most vulnerable. The negatives I see to staying closed: 1- Mental health issues, 2- Alcohol and Drug abuse due to stress and isolation, 3- the longer we keep the curve going (before we hit herd immunity) the longer our seniors and most vulnerable are in the danger zone of exposure, 4- the negative economic impact. we cannot get SBA loans and at some point unemployment is going to run out and people need to be able to put food on their table, 5-

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			think about domestic violence victims and children that are being abused and how they are stuck at home with nobody checking on them- they are vulnerable! Some people can't stay safe when they stay home!
04/16/2020 12:21 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Brian Smith	We need to reopen this economy, the trickle down of all of this closure is rapidly becoming to great to pull out of.
04/16/2020 12:21 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Jane Teachey	Please begin to re open North Carolina to allow citizens to return to work. Thank you.
04/16/2020 12:22 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Cindy Tonnesen	For the majority of our citizens with healthy immune systems, please open up our economy and let people get back to work and back to normal. For anyone with a compromised immune system, I believe the best thing is to keep them in quarantine for their own safety. The economic fallout may pass the point of no return if we don't give out healthy citizens their freedom to earn a living.
04/16/2020 12:22 PM	Economic Support Working Group		The enforcement of the governor's stay at home order is a direct violation of at least the 1st and 5th amendments to the US constitution. And restricting private businesses from providing goods or services based on the very arbitrary criteria of them being essential or non essential is a violation of the 13th amendment to the US constitution. All of this is without even mentioning the economic ramifications of this tyranny. The state needs to reopen and small businesses which are the backbone of our local economy need to be able to operate again asap.
04/16/2020 12:22 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Julio De Leon	It is time to ReOpen NC. The bogus models for this disease have been tossed out. The FACTS are coming to light, no longer hidden by democrats, rinos and the media. This disease, while serious, is not the planet killer that some are making it out to be. The States role should be just like the FED. Encourage changes in habits like hand washing, changing clothes, shoes off and the door, masks in public,... if you like. Mandating such things and then closing businesses and putting Citizens on house arrest under threat of summons, and/or arrest ARE NOT what The United States was born from. These are acts of tyranny! The disclaimer below say that I am "allowing" my statement may be made part of the public record. But I wonder if I will find it there. It is your DUTY to uphold and protect the United States Constitution and the Constitution of North Carolina from enemies both foreign and DOMESTIC. At least that was the Oath I took over 40 years ago, which I have not reneged on.
04/16/2020 12:22 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Christina Canosa	Please reopen our state!! Our small businesses cannot survive this economic shutdown! And our state cannot survive without our small businesses!! #reopennnc!!
04/16/2020 12:22 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Please re_open NC april Borland	please re open the state. The economic devastation will cause more deaths than civil 19 if you continue on this path. Families and children. Are suffering greatly from the decisions you are making.
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04/16/2020 12:22 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms Barbara Rowe	Please reopen North Carolina businesses (especially small businesses and restaurants) as soon as possible. May 1 would be a good date. It is possible to comply with social

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			distancing as requested by the federal government. North Carolina statistics on covid-19 deaths is not severe enough to destroy the economic lives of North Carolina citizens.
04/16/2020 12:22 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Glenda Drum	Please, Governor Cooper, open NC! At the very least , please do this as soon as President Trump makes the "open this country" declaration. It is not fair for you to pick and choose "essential" and "non-essential" businesses. People are quickly losing their businesses.
04/16/2020 12:22 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Julie McGlinchey	It is time to open NC up and put our small business owners back to work. The vulnerable can stay quarantined as long as necessary, but the danger has passed fir the majority and wee need to get our economy going again.
04/16/2020 12:23 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Donna Duncan	North Carolina COVID 19 numbers as of today 4/16/20 @ 11am. Completed tests: 70,917, laboratory-confirmed: 5,465; Deaths: 131. This is not a pandemic in NC. Now use common sense and OPEN UP OUR STATE! More people are going to suffer and die of depression and suicide than of COVID.
			Open our state up and let the living live and work and support each other. Quarantine the sick! This is tyranny! This must stop.
04/16/2020 12:23 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Jamie Patrick	I am a registered NC voter. We need to Reopen our great state of NC no later than May 1, 2020. This shutdown is having far and reaching delitarious impact on our family, our city, county and state. We need to get back to work. Reopen NC now.
04/16/2020 12:24 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr. Alain Patrick	Dear Sir, Madam, I am a registered NC voter and will exercise my constitutional rights. We need to re-open this great state no later than May 1st, 2020. This shutdown is having far and reaching deleterious impact on our families, cities and state. We need to get back to work, Re-open NC now!
04/16/2020 12:24 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms Annette ODonnell	We need to open our businesses back up! Economic collapse will kill more than this virus.
04/16/2020 12:24 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Owner of a small business Karen Johnson	Please open NC. We have small businesses and need to make a living. Our businesses will not sustain being shut down any longer.
04/16/2020 12:24 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Traci Rimer	Hello, Please, for all the small businesses that are failing, reopen North Carolina. Traci Rimer
04/16/2020 12:24 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Matt Cuda	I want to go on record as saying that we need to re-evaluate what non-essential means. I was on board with social distancing and working from home when we can. Where you lost me was when the Governor blatantly disobeyed his oath by arresting a single protester for exercising her rights guaranteed under the NC State Constitution and the United States Constitution. To my knowledge, we have not suspended habeas corpus or have declared martial law. This is a blatant violation and he should be made to apologize to the American people. The governor does not have the authority to simply disregard these documents.
04/16/2020 12:24 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms. Shannon Gamber	Please reopen NC. Senator Kennedy said today "we cannot burn down our house in order to save it." Let the immunocompromised population quarantine as they see fit and let the rest of the population free to live their lives. The state will not have enough unemployment

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			money to get us through a full lockdown until a vaccine is available.
04/16/2020 12:24 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Melanie Burgin	Our state needs to reopen! Let businesses open so that you don't see people losing their way to support their families. If not, more crime and more suicides will be our reality. Let people work!!
04/16/2020 12:24 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Tina Hicks	Open North Carolina back up!
04/16/2020 12:24 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Reopen NC Tami Brim	As a taxpayer and small business owner please consider us in your decision making process. We need to work. We want to work. Unemployment is not being given to us as promised. Most of the self employed have yet to receive stimulus checks. We are drowning here. I have a small one person salon that is safer than any big box essential business still allowed to operate. We are in fact governed by the state board out of Raleigh! We are educated in sanitation and air borne pathogens. We have to be. We can not survive another shut down. My family and others like me depend on our small businesses.
04/16/2020 12:25 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Covid 19 Ted Siewers	Please reopen N.C. and allow people to get back to work. People will die from suicide, alcoholism, addiction, and depression. This will be from isolation and not being able to pay bills due to this shutdown. The goal was not to overrun the hospitals and that has been accomplished. ReopenNC May 1, 2020
04/16/2020 12:25 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Laurie Lynch	PLEASE Reopen NC. There were over 24,000 deaths from the flu this year. We did not shut down the country. There were over 1 million deaths from car accidents. We did not stop driving. There is NO reason to shut down our state and country right now - so long as we are not a hot spot- and North Carolina is NOT! We The People need to get back to work!
04/16/2020 12:26 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Tabitha Dawes	This is unconstitutional anyway you look at it. You work for us, allow us to work for our families!!!! We do not want some government handout....we want to work!!! The constition still stands! Our country was founded to withstand tyranny. Open up NC!!!!
04/16/2020 12:26 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Cathy Ernst	I want to thank everyone that has helped to slow down the spread of covid19. But I have friends and family that are financially suffering and it will only get worse if the state stays closed. Please consider the families who are struggling right now. It's more than just opening businesses, it's the people of NC trying to survive.
04/16/2020 12:26 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms Cheryl Pigott	ReOpen NC immediately!
04/16/2020 12:26 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Russell Lichtenstein	A friendly reminder that you all work for and represent us. It is possible to open up the economy and be safe. We just need the chance, before it's too late!
04/16/2020 12:26 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Melissa Wilkins	Re-open NC!!! I'm tired of my constitutional rights being taken away from me!!!! This virus isn't going away so we need some exposure to build an immunity against it. You are hurting this country more than you're helping it. This is supposed to be a free country. You do not have the right to take our freedom away. Those people who are afraid, let them stay at home if they so choose. It's their FREE CHOICE !!!!!
04/16/2020 12:26 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Candy Beck	Get this economy going! Sure there will be a risk, but we've proven that our hospitals will not be overrun. We will all have to weigh the risk and that is not up to the government. They are not our parents nor our caretakers! We will decide for ourselves.
04/16/2020 12:26 PM	Economic Support	Reopen NC Katie	Please reopen NC. This is not the America that I love (and that is described in our Bill of

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	Working Group	Goforth	Rights). Let our immune systems do the work. Let the vulnerable stay in to avoid the virus as they would with any virus. We need to get our people back to work!
04/16/2020 12:27 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Open North Carolina Randy Brogden	North Carolina just as many other states has been majorly affected by this virus, but we have got to let people get back to work. People need money small businesses are taking a beating and the state of North Carolina cannot continue to survive like this. Mr Cooper do you understand the bill of rights because obviously you don't I would suggest you spend your quarantine time reading because you have taken away the people's rights. You continue to disregard the majority and it's going to be a uprising like you've never seen
04/16/2020 12:27 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Elmer Dymott	It is time to ReOpen NC. The bogus models for this disease have been tossed out. The FACTS are coming to light, no longer hidden by democrats, rinos and the media. This disease, while serious, is not the planet killer that some are making it out to be. The States role should be just like the FED. Encourage changes in habits like hand washing, changing clothes, shoes off and the door, masks in public,... if you like. Mandating such things and then closing businesses and putting Citizens on house arrest under threat of summons, and/or arrest ARE NOT what The United States was born from. These are acts of tyranny! The disclaimer below says that I am "allowing" my statement may be made part of the public record. But I wonder if I will find it there. It is your DUTY to uphold and protect the United States Constitution and the Constitution of North Carolina from enemies both foreign and DOMESTIC. Do your job.
04/16/2020 12:27 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. PAMELA DAVIS	Please, for the sake of small business owners, we need to open back up on May 1st.
04/16/2020 12:28 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr David Stratton	Please DO NOT OPEN NC's economy until we are passed the threshold of overwhelming our healthcare system or until NC residents can be tested to know if they've been exposed to the virus and have recovered. Those have tested positive can return to work, while those who test negative (and who may still be at risk of contracting the virus) can determine what risks they are willing to take depending on their individual situation.
04/16/2020 12:28 PM	Economic Support Working Group	ASHLEY THEIS	I want NC to reopen ASAP
04/16/2020 12:28 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms Brenda Wheeler	With all do respect I ask that you reopen North Carolina. Millions of people are suffering severe financial loss as a result of the orders that have been issued due to COVID 19. Our constitutional rights have been revoked. The citizens of this state are now fully educated on this virus and know how to protect themselves from it. Those that are vulnerable to this virus are responsible for their own wellbeing just like those that are not. There are plenty of resources available to assist those that should remain quarantined because of their vulnerability. The true numbers do not support the extension of the shutdown. Please do the right thing and reopen this state.
04/16/2020 12:28 PM	Economic Support Working Group	ReOpen NC Caroline Fleming	As a small business owner who has now been shut down for over a month and losing revenue weekly, we need NC to reopen. We own a wine tour company so we are losing money as well as the local vineyards. Many will not survive. This cannot go on. Many small businesses are owned by people who have spent YEARS building and working for what they have only to see it destroyed in a few short weeks. You are harming the economy and taking away people's constitutional rights. Please reconsider the ramifications this is

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			having for so many more than are being infected by the virus.
04/16/2020 12:28 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Shannon Raht	As a resident and tax payer in NC, the NCGA needs to lift the stay at home order and allow people to return to work. Open our state parks back up and allow our children to go back to school. The results of the stay at home order are going to be more detrimental than the virus could ever be.
04/16/2020 12:28 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr. Jeffery Davis	Please we need to open up for the sake of small businesses and the economy in NC.
04/16/2020 12:29 PM	Economic Support Working Group	REOPEN NC Michelle Hill	It is time to reopen NC. This is too much. Let us as grown adults make our own choices and give us our freedom back.
04/16/2020 12:29 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Travis Dail	Health and the economy go together and NC needs to start opening up the economy before we create an economic depression and cause much more harm than the coronavirus. By now there should be enough data to show which areas and the age groups that are least affected that can be used to begin the opening process. Use the data and start reopening the economy now before the mitigation measures cause greater harm than the disease.
04/16/2020 12:29 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Please Open Back NC Shannon Currin	Please consider opening N.C. back up. The negative economic impact is going to kill more than the virus, if we continue much longer. Families are struggling, businesses are struggling. We have got to keep North Carolina moving FORWARD.
04/16/2020 12:29 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Christe Narron	I'm an appraiser in NC and have been for 21 yrs and the impact being shut down is killing our economy! We were thriving and now we are hitting rock bottom! Not to mention our civil liberties and freedom is being stripped! This has to stop! People need to have the right to..... fill in the blank here! Because that's what's important! Just having the freedom and right!!!! It's what our nation is built upon! What people died for!
04/16/2020 12:29 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Paul Revere	Stop destroying small business, allow us the freedom to work.
04/16/2020 12:29 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Andy Pigott	We need to ReOpen NC immediately. No more delays!
04/16/2020 12:30 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Jacquelyn Griffin	Reopen NC! As part of a small business this is hurting us tremendously and would love to see things go back to normal as soon as possible!
04/16/2020 12:30 PM	Economic Support Working Group	William Craddock	Need to open businesses and let them control safety measures...enough is enough
04/16/2020 12:30 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ilona Matteson	Please don't continue denying our civil liberties over a virus that can easily be managed. These restrictions are bankrupting families, shutting down business and destroying our trust in government. Let people make decisions for their health on how to manage their risk. What's happening is beyond belief and a complete over reach. This will not be forgotten in November!
04/16/2020 12:30 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Karyn Randolph	Please reopen NC. Please allow the citizens to choose. If they are compromised and need to stay home they can choose to do so. Those of us who are healthy need to get back to work to support our families. This will affect my upcoming vote if you don't open the state in May. Thank you for allowing us to exercise our constitutional rights.
04/16/2020 12:30 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr. Jackson Pigott	We need to open up NC immediately. No more delays.

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04/16/2020 12:30 PM	Economic Support Working Group	ReOpenNC Libby Hyatt	After our first Stay home order is completed on May 1st, NC should start opening it's small businesses again. As a small business owner myself who is also a Cosmetologist, my lifeline has completely been disconnected. The resources that have been promised to us have yet to be implemented or has already run out of funds. We are on financial life support right now. At my place of business, I have two other co workers. We are at least 8ft apart from each other and rarely all three work together. I have never had 10 people inside the building at one time. I have been certified by the makers and brand Barbicide in how to disinfect blood born pathogens. I used this practice daily at my salon. I'm able to provide one on one service per client at a time and also provide the proper PPE to insure my clients and my own safety. So, why can't I work? Please consider at least a soft rollout opening to businesses. Our State can not afford an economic collapse like this will cause. Our right to work shouldn't be held hostage.
04/16/2020 12:31 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Kim McLeod	Reopen NC. We need to continue on with our lives and not be scared of a virus that will always be around. People have bills to pay. Herd community to build our immunity.
04/16/2020 12:31 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Jennifer Alterman	Please help save our economy and small businesses by reopening NC!!
04/16/2020 12:31 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Small business owner Lin Honeycutt	Open NC now. We have suffered long enough!
04/16/2020 12:31 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Alison Olthoff	Please reopen the state!! My livelihood and financial stability depend on it! Thank you
04/16/2020 12:31 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr. Barron Thompson	The curve has been flattened. Hospitals are not being overwhelmed. Dr. Fauci himself stated SARS-CoV-2 looks more like seasonal flu. (March 26 article in the New England Journal of Medicine.) As many as 100,000 people die per year from seasonal flu without states shutting down. 22 million people nation-wide have been put out of work. Our Constitutional rights are being trampled. Some counties are encouraging citizens to turn in friends and family members in echos of the Gestapo and Stasi. It's time to reopen the State!
04/16/2020 12:31 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr. Drew Pigott	Please do not keep NC closed. Please open it up immediately.
04/16/2020 12:31 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Sarah Wood	Dear Members of the House Select Committee, I am writing you as a concerned citizen (who votes in EVERY election), that we must reopen North Carolina as soon as possible. We have passed the tipping point of which course of action is in the best interest of the common good. We are now causing far more damage to people's lives through the destruction of their financial, emotional, psychological, social, and even physical lives from the health complications that are resulting from this shutdown. The citizenry has showed that we can take measures to protect one another, and we can continue to do this while conducting business and being social. Those who are at greatest physical risk of COVID-19 infection can take extra measures as they deem appropriate for their individual situations, and we, their compatriots, will understand and respect their needs while taking care of our own needs. I implore the committee to take immediate measures to open up our economy and restore complete freedom of movement. Thank you for your consideration.
04/16/2020 12:31 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Caroline Cochrane	Members of the General Assembly and Governor Cooper please consider reopening NC on May 1. I'm afraid if we don't that the economic impact will be dire and very difficult to

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			recover from. I have 4 children ages 13-22 and I want them to live in a state with a strong economy. Remaining shut down will greatly effect the younger generation. Thank you!
04/16/2020 12:32 PM	Economic Support Working Group		The economy can be reopened in phases.
04/16/2020 12:32 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Walter Mills	It's time to open the state. The shutdown has gone long enough. Liberties are being threatened.
04/16/2020 12:32 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Tina Hunt	NC needs to reopen so people can work to help family members who are struggling. Churches have extra demands trying to help the community yet people are not able to give to their church because they are not working. Come on!! Open up! NC could be opened up slowly. Every day every hour counts for a small business. The USA is built among small businesses. Be fair!!
04/16/2020 12:32 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Poppie McNierney	Our state needs to be opened back up! There will be more deaths from homelessness, starvation, lack of health care, suicide, addiction, spousal abuse, child abuse.. the list goes on.... than we will ever see from COVID-19. Small businesses are failing, unemployment is skyrocketing. The numbers do not justify taking away our freedoms and right to work. I am a registered democrat, this is not a partisan issue. It is a human issue.
04/16/2020 12:33 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Kou Yang	Open NC
04/16/2020 12:33 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Robyn Licursi	Reopen NC!
04/16/2020 12:33 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Sherri Wright	It is time to reopen our state to all businesses. Our economy cannot handle this shut down any longer. People need to work and make a living . It is up to individuals to protect their safety and stay in if they are in a high risk group. It is not up to our government to dictate that we quarantine ourselves.
04/16/2020 12:33 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Re-Open Our State Alison Turner	Governor, We must begin the process of opening our state for business. We have wisely used caution through the stay-at-home order. Now we must allow citizens to rebuild and keep confidence in our leadership. Thank you.
04/16/2020 12:33 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms Carrie Stephens	We need North Carolina open now!!!!
04/16/2020 12:34 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Small business owner Michelle Alexander	#Reopen NC We need to reopen our small business!! We are all willing to follow the social distancing guidelines. Our business is over 20,000 sq ft. It will not be a problem. Furniture stores are essential. We carry office furniture, sofas and beds which everyone has. We can meet safety guidelines and still have a successful economy. It is our constitutional right to earn an income..
04/16/2020 12:34 PM	Economic Support Working Group		Open the state Roy! And the schools! This is ridiculous! Open it now!
04/16/2020 12:34 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Anna Deitrich	Reopen NC for business! As small business owners, we are willing and ready to take all necessary precautions to ensure that we protect our clients. But we need to get back to work!
04/16/2020 12:34 PM	Economic Support Working Group	ReOpen NC Travis Morehead	We need to open NC. The cure is worse than the disease.

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04/16/2020 12:34 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Nancy Johnson	We need to go back to work. I live in Graham County and our primary business is tourism. Our season runs from April thru October. You have already taken one month of revenue from my business and I have furloughed 7 employees. We all want to go back to work and we will do our part to stop the spread of this virus. Graham County has blocked road access to non residents, even those non residents that have a second home here. Our county officials are slowly suffocating private businesses at an extreme level of governmental control in the name of public safety. Is there anyone that can address these issues and concerns?
04/16/2020 12:34 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Jessica Overcash	Please reopen NC , my husband is a small business owner and currently no income right now due to lockdown.
04/16/2020 12:34 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Cristy Darnell	Reopen North Carolina! We are a free society and business should be free to open and serve those who choose to resume normal operations. I acknowledge and accept the small risk this virus can cause on my life. By all means, make it acceptable for those that feel the need to stay home able to do so.
04/16/2020 12:35 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Janelle Godwin	I am requesting that the Governor open our state immediately
04/16/2020 12:36 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Albert Bellows	Open North Carolina back up!
04/16/2020 12:36 PM	Economic Support Working Group	sharon westfall	Please re-open North Carolina as soon as possible - people need to work, play, shop and live again - as of Monday April 13th my county (Granville) had 95 reported cases of covid19 and 65 of them were in the federal prison at Butner - we have had 4 deaths, all males, all with underlying pre-existing conditions - 60500 people live in our county - that is 0.15% if us affected, and 0.006% death rate - that is not statistically significant by any means - please vote to let us get back to living - thank you
04/16/2020 12:36 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Jeff Johnson	REOPEN NC Now..
04/16/2020 12:37 PM	Economic Support Working Group		Reopen NC!! I cannot sustain my family any longer! Let businesses implement safe factors so they can get some income as opposed to no income!
04/16/2020 12:37 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Tim Holtsclaw	Please reopen the restaurants. We are dying on the vine and won't be able to stay open at this rate. Please. If I can go to Lowe's and WalMart, why can't I go have dinner and drinks with my wife?
04/16/2020 12:37 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Dennis Olthoff	Everything has to reopen- the Economy need to take precedence- we will not recover if you keep the small businesses closed! We are all on the edge and can't hold on much longer!!
04/16/2020 12:38 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Reopen the state Linda Daley	Let's reopen the state to the extent we can use an antibody to test who has immunity to the virus and allow some to get back to work
04/16/2020 12:38 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Open NC Elizabeth Smith	Reopen immediately. My husband and I are both now unemployed. Have not yet received our due NC DES benefit (after almost 4 weeks). We do not qualify for stimulus benefit (bc we "made too much" in 2018! That is no longer the case, rest assured). And we are going to lose everything we've ever worked for because of a virus that has killed less people in America than the flu in 2018!!!! Please let us go back to work, with obvious guidelines.
04/16/2020 12:38 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Allison Lucas	We need to reopen the state! We have a 98% or better recovery rate. We will not have herd immunity without reopening and supporting the economy. Please open.

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04/16/2020 12:38 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Marshall Harrell	My family owns a hair salon. We are not eligible for any free money or unemployment. NC needs to REOPEN ASAP for the survival of small businesses and our economy. The immune compromised and older people can continue to stay home. We can all continue to exercise caution and distance ourselves when in public. Staying shut down will be devastating to NC!
04/16/2020 12:38 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Tiffany Tew	ReOpen NC!! Businesses need a fighting chance!! Our economy need a fighting chance!! We should be allowed to open by May 15th at the LATEST!!
04/16/2020 12:39 PM	Economic Support Working Group		Please reopen North Carolina. The economy is going to go under more than it is now with people's lives possibly being turned completely upside down and losing everything they have worked hard for. Yes there should be some kind of structure, but we can't continue living in fear when models dont even add up.. please listen to our voices so that we can do the jobs we love.
04/16/2020 12:39 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms Rhonda Bennett	As a concerned citizen AND a healthcare worker (nurse) I urge the state to re-open. I am concerned the numbers are largely inflated due to all deaths being attributed to the virus. I have been a nurse in this state for thirty three years. I have never seen anything like this. People are hurting and need to get back to work. I am begging you to reopen the state for the overall health and well being of every citizen.
04/16/2020 12:39 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Melissa Schneider	#reopenNC
04/16/2020 12:39 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Pam McConnell	Reopen NC by May 1st!! This is causing economic devastation to our state and country and it's not helping us create immunity to this virus!
04/16/2020 12:40 PM	Economic Support Working Group	ReOpen NC Courtney McDougal	Please reopen NC so our economy can raise and unemployment can go down. People with underlying health conditions will have the right mind to take precautions. We have to get back on track.
04/16/2020 12:40 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Susan Speas	Please reopen our State if NC. My daughter is a Hairstylist and a single Mom if 2. She won't be able to survive another month if she can't go back to work May 1st. The problem can't be worst than the cure!!!!!!
04/16/2020 12:40 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Jim Hudson	You must reopen the state on May 1st. The numbers support this move! Those that are high risk still need to take precautions. The long term economic and mental effects on both children and parents will be catastrophic! Stop limiting the ability of the majority from moving forward by being concerned for the minority high risk groups!
04/16/2020 12:40 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Angela Slayton	Small business owner. We need to re open NC. Too many people are suffering and who knows if jobs that are lost, esp in the service industry will be there if we stay "closed". 22m jobs LOST in the country .. this is NOT sustainable!!!!
04/16/2020 12:40 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Erica Burdine	Please open North Carolina back for business! We cannot let this virus destroy the economy!
04/16/2020 12:41 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Re open nc	Open nc back up!
04/16/2020 12:41 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Susir Stamey	To whom it may concern, I, as a citizen of North Carolina, am ready for our state to reopen. Making recommendations is one thing, but demanding that the people of our state hunker down is against our fundamental rights. Allow the people to decide what is best for them. There should be no limitations to opening back up businesses, beaches, state parks, etc.

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			<p>those that would like to continue to stay at home have that right just as much as I should have the right to attend functions, shop at stores, visit friends, etc. It's our personal responsibility to determine how to protect ourselves and not the governments.</p> <p>There will always be illnesses and death however we can not set the precedent that this is how we respond, but shutting down our lives and economy. Our future depends on doing the right thing and reopening the state.</p> <p>Thank you for your time.</p> <p>Sincerely, Susie Stamey</p>
04/16/2020 12:41 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Pam McConnell	I vehemently oppose the continued destruction of NC's economy by this unconstitutional lock down. I also oppose any plan to make a covid vaccine mandatory.
04/16/2020 12:41 PM	Economic Support Working Group		Let the people get back to their lives. Continuing this lockdown will only lead to a host of fatal consequences of people who are depressed. Work to provide support to the individuals who need assistance but for the majority of the population that will not be seriously harmed by this virus let them get back to their lives.
04/16/2020 12:42 PM	Economic Support Working Group	David Herring	For the health and well being of all citizens please reopen NC if mitigation protocol needs to be implemented spell it out people can follow and obey. But please return to normal as soon as possible reopen.
04/16/2020 12:42 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Susanne Hewett	Open NC. Lives and businesses are being lost. Essential jobs are remaining open with no safe practices in place, but hair salons and barbers are closed.
04/16/2020 12:43 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Owner Tim Herman	I am a Small Business owner who has a fitness studio that had to be closed down. We offer small group sessions & can not continue to be closed any longer. We've only been in business 6 months & were still not making a profit, now this. My rent, power, internet, credit card bills don't stop coming in. I still haven't gotten any relief from the Govt. although I've submitted my application, now I see the fund is out of money. It's time to reopen NC for business, NOW!!!! We are able to limit our sessions to 10 people or less to comply with the state mandate, allow us to do so.
04/16/2020 12:43 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Walter Tribolet	<p>If the economy doesn't open on May 1st the impact will be much worse than Covid-19. People will die of suicide or cannot afford their health insurance thus putting off procedures etc.</p> <p>There is nothing more dangerous than being alive. Let's not sacrifice our children's future. Extend it for high risk group based on age or underlying conditions or keep some safety measures in place but let people get back to work!</p>
04/16/2020 12:45 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Trishi Stewart	<p>Dear Assembly Members,</p> <p>While I understand the safety and well-being of North Carolina residents is at the top of your priority list, I beseech you to PLEASE reopen the schools and the economy in North Carolina. Additionally, I beg of you to implore Mecklenburg County to do the same. This virus, while very contagious, has over a 98% recovery rate. The only individuals that struggle to recover are individuals who struggle to recover with any illness due to their compromised immune system.</p>

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			<p>Our children are missing months of school. While I appreciate the online learning that is taking place for students, it is not the same as physically being in the school building. The level of rigor, use of 21st century skills and peer collaboration are missing. These crucial skills are necessary to grow a generation of children into adults who will lead the State of North Carolina someday.</p> <p>Many people are losing their entire livelihood over this shut-down. As grown adults, we should be given the choice work and interact in the public. We should be allowed to exercise our Constitutional Rights and not have those infringed on, which is exactly what is happening.</p> <p>The emotional toll this "Stay at Home" order is taking on families, marriages, finances and professional and personal relationships is irreprehensible. All for a virus that many, many people believe is being used for political gain.</p> <p>The state of North Carolina appears to be exaggerating numbers, exaggerating hospital conditions and using this virus as a way to force its citizens to ruin. Real data should be used, not models. The citizens of North Carolina who elected you, deserve so much better. Please, reopen North Carolina public schools and the North Carolina economy immediately.</p> <p>Thank you, Trishi Stewart</p>
04/16/2020 12:45 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Dina Beam	Open the State for business. You all are collecting a salary paid by NC tax payers
04/16/2020 12:45 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Brittany Watson	We need to reopen NC. There are safe ways to do this, and we have not seen nearly the impact that other states or areas have. The curve has been flattened, but we are severely hampering our economy by continuing this shutdown. We are threatening so many people's livelihoods and lives by this economic shutdown. That HAS to be considered.
04/16/2020 12:45 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Thomas Anderson	<p>Many specific small businesses (fitness centers, gyms, restaurants, theaters, bars, barber shops, hair salons & nail salons, etc.) have been targeted and closed without giving them any opportunity to show that they could continue to operate safely and comply with CDC and the President's guidelines for social distancing. Those that are membership only companies, like fitness centers and gyms, use financial firms to bill Governor Cooper's order was not concurred with by the Council of State as required by G.S. 166A and is, according to the Lt. Governor invalid. I implore you as a member of the General Assembly to stop the Governor from extending his order to close these small businesses and allow them to reopen in compliance with the CDC and President's social distancing guidelines. You and the General Assembly are the only hope these small businesses have now.</p> <p>Extension of the Governor's order will complete the destruction of thousands of small businesses and the livelihood they provide to feed, clothe and shelter the families that depend on them. As a combat veteran I have known danger but never thought that it would be my own State government that would destroy all that I have worked for. Give us guidelines and let us reopen in compliance with those guidelines.</p>
04/16/2020 12:46 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Lovenia Johnson	Please keep the state close until the end of May!!!!!! Please resolve unemployment issues and make loans more accessible to small business owners at the same time!
04/16/2020 12:46 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Michael Boscia	<p>Please reopen the state ASAP.</p> <p>While all the lives lost will be felt deeply by those that knew them, to continue to impact the statewide economy has had and will continue to have dire effects and consequences</p>

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			to all residents of North Carolina, not just those who have experienced the loss of friends and family to the illness.
			Let us move forward from this and be a leader across the country in moving past Covid-19 and making 2020 the best year we can in our state.
04/16/2020 12:46 PM	Economic Support Working Group	ReOpen NC Joseph Peacock	The shutdown will cause economic depression. In times of economic depression, crime, suicide, alcoholism, depression, and poor health all go up exponentially. Life expectancy drops. The economic depression from the extended shutfown will end up KILLING far more people than it saves. The choice is not binary "Money versus Lives". The reality is, lack of money and economic opportunity results in DEATH.
04/16/2020 12:46 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Tracey Walls	Please reopen North Carolina and allow our citizens to get back to work. Our economic prosperity and the welfare of our people and communities depends upon your prompt action.
04/16/2020 12:46 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Theresa Bock	You need to Reopen NC. This shut down is causing ALLOT more harm than the virus itself! Thousands will file bankrupt, thousands are going hungry, thousands will have mental health issues! OPEN NORTH CAROLINA UP BEFORE YOIU MAKE THINGS WORSE WITH THIS SHUTDOWN!
04/16/2020 12:46 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Dene Perry	please begin re-opening NC ASAP. The emotional, physical and economic toll is crushing everyone. Closing down open spaces, not allowing basic services for over 1 month and other extreme restrictions are doing harm that will last LONG beyond the virus. The "cure" is worse than the virus right now and the evidence does not support the need for extreme measures.
04/16/2020 12:47 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Michael Gaglione	You need to start to find a plan to test more and get this state open again even with restrictions! If you keep the state closed you may face more deaths from suicide and burglary than you would from this virus! Something needs to be done before you kill the lively-hoods of small business families!
04/16/2020 12:47 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Salon Owner Fran Graley	I need to get back to work if you don't want me living on the street.
04/16/2020 12:47 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Open NC!! Sarah Jackson	End this shut down and open N.C. May 1st! If things don't open back up there will be a good shortage, businesses are going under and by the time we go back to work there won't be anything to go back to!
04/16/2020 12:47 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Margaret Clement	Do not let the ignorant, yet screaming, minority influence your decision and re-open NC too quickly. This is not a hoax; this is not a joke. This is protecting the citizens of NC from a virus for which we have no vaccine and no cure. Do NOT bend to these ill-informed and irresponsible people. They will not be the only ones who pay for mistakes made now.
04/16/2020 12:47 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Scott Pearson	Re-open North Carolina, now.
04/16/2020 12:47 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Dan Baker	Open up NC! We see the numbers and you're milking this for your own political gain. Open Up
04/16/2020 12:47 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Thank you for keeping us Khristi Tomlinson	Our family appreciates NC's smart and timely response in shutting down our state and flattening the curve. The fact the quarantine is working should be evidence enough that we need to stay the course and manage this crises in a safe and appropriate way, only reopening business when we have testing and tracing protocols in place to make sure we

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			don't have another surgery of cases. We very much appreciate our government putting sound medical and scientific advice first instead of bending to those small number of short-sighted people who are currently agitating for business as usual. Just because the huge majority of us are showing good sense, staying at home, and keeping our mouths, that doesn't mean that we aren't applauding our state and local governments excellent effort to keep our people safe and healthy so that when business re-open, we can be confident in going back to business as usual.
04/16/2020 12:48 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Sherry Carawan	Re-open N.C. On May 1, 2020.
04/16/2020 12:48 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Data For Gov Cooper Jill Jankoski	https://covid19.healthdata.org/united-states-of-america/north-carolina The governor says he is driven by data! Here's your data...Peak in NC is tomorrow! In the middle of April. Let the (unconstitutional) EO expire! NC (small) Business needs to get back to work for the essential health and wellness of North Carolina.
04/16/2020 12:48 PM	Economic Support Working Group	mr wes cromer	Please reopen now!
04/16/2020 12:49 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms. Joyce Mauldin-Ray	My husband and I own a small business (woman's boutique) in NC. I only want to address one concern I have with the Stay at Home order. We are considered non-essential but our local Walmart is considered essential. I agree with pharmaceuticals and groceries as one of the reasons they are in that category but when I talk to locals and read postings about how they have shopped for clothing, electronics, etc. it really makes me upset because we adhering to the guidelines, as we should, but why are they allowed to prosper when we are sitting here wondering how we will survive? They should never have been granted permission to sell anything other than groceries and pharmaceuticals during this time.
04/16/2020 12:49 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Peyton Smith	#ReOpenNC You are willfully putting exponentially more NC citizens at risk than you are protecting by keeping the state shut down. 0.0007% of people being sick is not an excuse for tyranny.
04/16/2020 12:49 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Kimberly Smith	ReopenNC
04/16/2020 12:49 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Ashley Kraus	Yesterday, Governor Cooper told North Carolinians that three things must be in place BEFORE businesses can re-open. He stated Testing, Trace and Trend must all be favorable. These parameters are not realistic, necessary or achievable in the near future. While testing and research should increase, it is clear that the risk from the "outbreak" of COVID-19 in our state has been grossly misreported. The goal of flattening the curve to position ourselves to manage the disease has been achieved. It would be an overreach of government to extend mandates further based on faulty models. Our liberties are at risk and the cost to business is too great. I implore members of The House Select Committee on COVID-19 to put NC first and reopen May 1st!
04/16/2020 12:50 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Angie Coleman	Reopen NC. Small businesses are going under and can not survive staying closed any longer. NC will never be the same if this goes on much longer.
04/16/2020 12:50 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Tracy Komito	We need to put people back to work and our children back to school. Obviously the state is unable to educate our children at home, so they need to be educated in their school

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			system. The data does not support keeping everything shut down.
04/16/2020 12:50 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Salon Owner Christa Lanier	As a small business owner I am requesting we be allowed to reopen. We have received zero help for the business or our personal selves through this. We were made to shut the doors of our salon and have gotten no help financially. Small businesses are and will continue to suffer with no support .
04/16/2020 12:50 PM	Economic Support Working Group	#reopennc R. Allen	Governor Cooper's Executive Orders which have businesses closed down and the liberty and freedom of citizens limited, restricted, and even removed are in blatant violation of the United States Constitution and should be removed immediately. Law enforcement cannot legally enforce them but in many cases they ARE enforcing them, which is a direct contravention of the oath they swore. That contravention of oath applies to Cooper as well. His EOs are a deceptive, unlawful and intentional overreaction for the purpose of reprehensible government overreach. This fits the very definition, not only the spirit of what the framers of the constitution called tyranny and are the very reason that same constitution calls on us as citizens to oppose and throw off a tyrannical government. Safety is one thing. Suspending and canceling our rights is never legal and will never be acceptable. If our rights can be taken from us, then they aren't rights. #reopennc
04/16/2020 12:50 PM	Economic Support Working Group	John Nealey	We need to get the state open again. These small businesses can't survive. We can't let the cure for the virus be worse than the virus itself. We have to find a way for the state to get people back to work while protecting those people at higher risk. If not we will be in a Great Depression which will be worse than the virus itself
04/16/2020 12:51 PM	Economic Support Working Group	1986 Ashley Perez	We need the state reopened! I understand there are people who are against it, great they can stay home. Punishing healthy people is unfair. You quarantine and isolate sick not healthy people who need to provide for their families
04/16/2020 12:51 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Yvette Conatser	Everyone goes to the grocery stores , but there are almost no grocery store workers that are sick. If grocery stores that are visited constantly by everyone can safely operate their companies, than so can everyone else in the state. It's not fair that so many have to suffer without a job. Please learn from the grocery stores' success and reopen North Carolina. Many people are already suffering from not having enough money to cover their bills. They do not want the government to support them when they can do it themselves. Please reopen North Carolina. Thank you.
04/16/2020 12:51 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Brian Privett	I want to see NC opened back up completely. I understand that this is not as popular an opinion as others. I believe that the treatment is now much much worse than the virus. I believe it is unconstitutional to require healthy Residents to stay home in the name of the greater good. I believe people at high risk should stay home if they choose. My business is all but closed, and my wife's is, there has not been any of the promised economic relief to our family or any other that I am aware of. Where is the promised unemployment for us self employed people. I want to be working, My wife wants to be working. Open our State back up immediately
04/16/2020 12:51 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr George Powell	We need to get NC back working. People are losing their ability to feed their families and at some point they will be so far behind it will kill their credit.
04/16/2020 12:52 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Re OPEN NC Beth Pierce	Please RE OPEN NC. We that are self employed and do not get any unemployment or funding cannot survive. This will kill us

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04/16/2020 12:52 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Laura Jansen	Please reopen the state NOW. We've flattened the curve and prevented the hospitals from becoming overwhelmed as was our goal. It's time to reopen everything now. Don't keep pushing it down the road. This is not sustainable. Thank you.
04/16/2020 12:53 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Teresa Graves	PLEASE REOPEN NC!!!!!! My husband and daughter are both self-employed and in "non-essential" occupations. Their income is very essential to our household! While we mourn with those who have lost loved ones and pray for all health workers putting their lives at risk, the numbers are representative of many who had underlying health issues. They need to remain quarantined while the rest of us get back to living. Respectfully submitted, Teresa Graves
04/16/2020 12:53 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Business Owner Susan Cherry	All of us small business owners have lost 90% of our customers and will not survive if the quarantine is extended. My daddy worked hard to build the family business and I don't want to lose it or my way of providing for my family. This is killing us worse than Covid19 ever will.
04/16/2020 12:53 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Alicia Shytle	Open this economy back!
04/16/2020 12:53 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Melissa	Please reopen NC! Lives depend on it!
04/16/2020 12:54 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Reopen NC Carrie Bonner	I am petitioning the state of North Carolina to lift the stay at home mandate. I'm not saying we shouldn't take precautions. If you're at high risk or if you've been sick, then be practical and continue the quarantine. But what this is doing to our economy is disastrous.
04/16/2020 12:54 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Miriam Boger	98% survival rate what else needs to be said? If people are concerned then they should stay home but let the rest of us who are not afraid get back to work and church. There is a misconception that an executive order is a law but that is false and when it violates the constitution it can't be enforced by law enforcement. We The People are learning what our laws say and how we're protected under those laws. I can promise you if we are forced to forfeit the suggestion made by the governor we will and that will not be a good option for any of us. The safe way to do this is by lifting these orders and by accepting whatever the fate may be. Let the people decide for themselves if this is too dangerous for them. Quite frankly the numbers are no where near the "projected" models and you expect us to trust that? We're tired of being lied to.
04/16/2020 12:54 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Amanda Herrera	Please reopen NC May 1. People want and NEED to go back to work. The economy needs it. Older people and those who are compromised can continue to quarantine but it's time to get the economy moving again. The current situation is not sustainable.
04/16/2020 12:54 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Connie Richards	I am requesting that North Carolina is opened up as of May 1st. We were told at the beginning of the current shutdown that it would be temporary to flatten the curve. The curve has been flattened and now I want my freedoms returned!
04/16/2020 12:54 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Kathy Davis	Please reopen NC. This is not worth losing the economy over the less than accurate projected deaths from this virus. People lives are being ruined and the statistics, the facts, even the "doctored ones" are not worth the toll this is taking on all of healthy ones which is the vast majority!
04/16/2020 12:55 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms Alicia Kornmeyer	We need to reopen our state! Our economy is in dire straights! The continued lock down, at this point, is going to be more detrimental to our beautiful state than the virus. Our number of sick and fatalities is low. It is not the government's job to keep us safe, it is our

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			job to keep ourselves safe. We need our state reopened so that we can take care of ourselves and our community!
04/16/2020 12:55 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Nicole Criddle	Reopen N.C. businesses as planned April 29th! The data has never mentioned the far reaching projections and won't that is why places like Washington closed up field hospitals without thankfully ever needing them. We have the beds necessary to care for our sick now it is time to care for everyone. Open our state back up and give us our freedoms, this is a democracy and an emergency order when there isn't a true emergency is just tyranny. The true data not projections prove this is NO emergency allow North Carolinians to practice responsible distancing and hygiene practices on their own and get back to work!
04/16/2020 12:56 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Christy Henley	Please reopen North Carolina.
04/16/2020 12:56 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Businesses Betsy Daley	Please open up small businesses starting May 1st with the same limitations in place for all the various essential ones still open. Allow our state's economy to rebound. This is possible with some trust in the citizens of NC to make smart choices. Using precautions and limitations, this can absolutely be possible. While still working on testing, antibodies testing and tracing. We can't put our lives on hold for much longer and stop living. Give citizens some light in this darkness we are all dealing with each and everyday.
04/16/2020 12:56 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr. Lee Winters, Jr.	Hi..I would support a gradual re-opening of the NC economy beginning May 1...It is important that healthy, hard working North Carolinians are able to get back to work and provide for their families. I would also recommend that churches/faith institutions be deemed "essential" and allowed to meet ASAP. Thanks for your service to our state.
04/16/2020 12:56 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Reopen NC Blake Koenekamp	We need to reopen our economy!!! There will be unrepairable damage to families and small businesses if we do not act accordingly. We are slowly losing our rights and the ability to provide for our families. The facts override the fear, and if we continue to let fear guide our actions, there will be more economic destruction, then actual deaths from covid-19. North Carolinians are smart, and I believe we can adapt to this new environment while keeping our economy open. As a business owner, I must operate in a manner that is safe for my employees and customers. We have done this. My Business is also essential, so we are open, but that does not mean we are turning a profit. Unfortunately, our government's promise of supporting small businesses has not produced many results. With revenue down 90%, every day we are open, it is more challenging to keep my promise of paying our employees during this time. I fear that if we do not take action together myself and many other business owners will be out of business. This means fewer taxes paid to our state and more people without jobs and a way to pay for mortgages, car payments, medical expenses, and many other services that profit not only our government but also our community. "In God we trust" is our nation's official motto. Take heed to this motto and do not let fear and lousy information dictate your life and the people around you. We must be wise as a serpent and gentle as a dove. Let's get back to work while implementing measures to keep people healthy and allowing us to enjoy our freedoms.
04/16/2020 12:56 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Open N C James Tilley	Let people work
04/16/2020 12:57 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Thats enough!! Open NC Craig Coil	Quit deciding whats essential!! You don't know my needs or need to determine if i can buy toilet paper for my butt, or seeds for my garden!!

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04/16/2020 12:57 PM	Economic Support Working Group	R ROSE	NEED TO OPEN THIS STATE BACK UP! WHY ARE DAYCARES STILL OPEN? HOW MANY WORKING PEOPLE HAVE CONTRACTED THE VIRUS? HOW MANY NC HOSPITALS ARE OVERRUN WITH PATIENTS? RE-OPEN OUR STATE!
04/16/2020 12:57 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr. Jack Kessler	While I can understand and appreciate the steps initially taken to attempt to limit the spread of Covid-19 it would appear that damage being caused to the economy and public trust is far more dangerous. It is time to begin lifting the restrictions and get life back to normal. This can be done smartly and safely. While a minority may scream loudly on social media the silent majority understands that the state and country need to get moving.
04/16/2020 12:57 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Corey Wyatt	We need to open NC back up. The numbers do not support what is happening. At this point you are creating more issues and struggles than this virus could ever hope to do
04/16/2020 12:57 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Re-open North Carolina Susan Hughes	Please re-open our state. Families and businesses are struggling and suffering. Thank you.
04/16/2020 12:58 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Jacob Moore	Lift the stay at home order! We need to work or small businesses will be non-existent when this is over. We can not survive any longer.
04/16/2020 12:58 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Al Burnette	REOPEN NC. This is repulsive that you are taking away our ability to make a living.
04/16/2020 12:58 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Alice Corl	The small business I work for supports 255 artists and 100+ shop owners as well as 12 employees all local or regional to NC. Closing our doors has been a huge drain on resources, they waved rents for April. I don't know if they will be able to sustain much longer, so keeping closed will have widespread long term consequences for these 370 people and their families. Non essential doesn't mean we won't vote. Adults can make their own choices as to what the risk is, as we do with everything in life. Thank you for your consideration.
04/16/2020 12:58 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Diane Parsons	Please open the State for business. This shutdown is hammering small business!!
04/16/2020 12:58 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Diana Lotito	For the love of GOD! OPEN up NC now! Release us immediately, quit stomping on my constitutional rights!
04/16/2020 12:58 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Shannon Hamrick	Open our state back up and give small business owners a chance to survive!!!
04/16/2020 12:59 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr James Michaels	Please reopen the economy. All of the models we have been presented are grossly inaccurate. We cannot keep the economy turned off. We can continue to practice additional safety measures. But this current government response is not reasonable based on the numbers we're seeing.
04/16/2020 12:59 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Jennifer Klas	Please ReopenNC! Continued stay at home orders will amount to economic destruction for so many citizens. Workers will not be able to work and take care of their families. The same for business owners. Many people have situations that need care that go beyond the coronavirus and need to be able to get surgeries, get therapies (such as children with special needs who need therapy to function), medical care, etc. that they cannot get due to shut down. The people should not need to wait in a line for charity offerings to get basic needs met because the government won't let them work. The government should not decide for the

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04/16/2020 12:59 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms Renee Adams	We need to reopen NC and soon! Many small businesses will not withstand many more days of shutdown while Lowe's, etc is filled with hundreds of people. It is time to reopen NC.
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04/16/2020 12:59 PM	Economic Support Working Group	North Carolina Gail Kiker	Reopen our state of North Carolina backup. People are ready to go back to work. This is not a hotspot state. Thank you
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04/16/2020 12:59 PM	Economic Support Working Group	SJ Steinbeck	The cure is now more harmful than the virus. Our great State cannot sustain an indefinite shutdown. We can affect mitigation's without picking winners (open) and losers (closed). We have removed the spike...#ReOpenNC!
04/16/2020 01:00 PM	Economic Support Working Group	ReOpenNC Amy Chen	An economic depression is more dangerous for the health and future of NC than the virus. Let the People Work!
04/16/2020 01:00 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Dr Stan Walker	I am infuriated by the lack of common sense that is being used in the NC response to the pandemic. Science tells us that we need "herd immunity" and staying home is simply prolonging the curve not eliminating infections. We are 18 months from a vaccination. We can't stay home for a year and a half. REOPEN NC
04/16/2020 01:00 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Reopen NC Malinda Dilday	Please consider allowing businesses in NC to reopen, especially small businesses. With small business relief funds running out, they will not be able to survive extra time shut down. We've all been dealing with and practicing safety measures to try to stop the spread. We can continue to do so with businesses open, much like we do with the flu, which is far more deadly than Covid19. That has been proven with essential businesses that have remained open. Allow them to open. They can limit the number of customers in at a time to comply with social distancing. But for our small businesses to survive, they must reopen. Thank you.
04/16/2020 01:00 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Business owner Rick Tozier	Please allow business to re-open.
04/16/2020 01:00 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Kathy Hart	Please carefully consider the advice of scientists and epidemiologists while you are forming a plan to return people to work and open businesses. Although we do need to build The economy back up, we certainly don't want to cause a surge in cases of COVID-19 because we've opened up things too soon. Thank you for your careful consideration of these difficult issues.
04/16/2020 01:01 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Jessica Burch	We are already losing small businesses. Let the people make their own decisions. Isolate if you want, freedom to this who prefer to work!

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04/16/2020 01:01 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Massage Therapist Deirdre Brown	Re open May 1st as promised
04/16/2020 01:01 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Richard Pettit	Reopen NC now. Stop destroying our businesses. Stop harassing and arresting people who are exercising their 1st Amendment Rights. We do not live in a police state.
04/16/2020 01:01 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Shauna Stephenson	Please open N.C.-this has lower deaths than the flu. We can't hide forever. It's sad so many people are out of work with no pay. If this shutdown goes any longer-they'll be no coming back.
04/16/2020 01:01 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Karen Mantica	Please start to re-open NC. The number of unemployed is devastating. We need to allow small businesses to open to save those businesses and the related jobs. We are not NYC, we do not need the same level of restrictions. Let's start to move toward a less restrictive state.
04/16/2020 01:02 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Michelle Jolly	REOPEN NC!!
04/16/2020 01:02 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Elizabeth Schweighardt	I have faith in North Carolinians that we can be safe and open up our state again. Please know many small businesses employ so many. We have so few cases and deaths we are not NYC. We need to let the facts speak for themselves. We can read the charts, view the cases of those affected and those recovered and lost. We need to open up NC before more people lose their lives not due to this virus.
04/16/2020 01:02 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Elana Brancato	Please seriously consider allowing businesses to start operations again as of May 1st, even with conditions. We need to be able to work. Also, many people are starting to suffer mental health issues because of lack of face to face contact with people. I strongly urge you to lighten the restrictions ASAP, especially in Wake County, where they are more stringent than the state's orders, yet we have just over 500 confirmed cases. Respectfully.
04/16/2020 01:02 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Corbin Settlemyer	Small businesses are suffering and as a result none of us have jobs. We can't survive like this. We must REOPEN NC now ! We are being stripped of every things we have worked our whole lives for....common sense, please.
04/16/2020 01:02 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Dawn Cox	Open our state for business! Our people are suffering! Businesses are dying! This goes against our constitutional rights!
04/16/2020 01:03 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Open NC Nicole Layaou	The shut down has done it's job (effectively or not) to prepare the medical community to fight this virus or any other by stocking supplies, having testing, opening temporary medical station, etc. It's time to let people get back to work now. We are as prepared as we'll get. Re open NC for business!
04/16/2020 01:03 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ashley	REOPEN NC! Let the people work! An economic depression is much worse for this state than a virus. The people at risk can stay at home while the rest of us can start making a living again.
04/16/2020 01:03 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Reopen NC Lauren Eanes	Reopen NC. Research clearly shows deaths of despair will continue to rise. Small businesses provide jobs for over half the people in our state, and federal funding has DRIED UP for our small businesses. The data clearly shows hospitals are furloughing due to lack of patients. Vulnerable can choose to isolate and sick can quarantine.
04/16/2020 01:04 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms Paula Peterson	Reopen North Carolina. Families in our small towns are losing everything.

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04/16/2020 01:05 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Christina DeVaughn	Please reopen NC for our people & families!!
04/16/2020 01:05 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Susan Lily	REOPEN NC—we are broke and losing everything we worked for. Please open our economy before we all have no thing left.
04/16/2020 01:05 PM	Economic Support Working Group	We need our state to open Matthew Doss	The people of this state can't afford to stay out of work any longer
04/16/2020 01:05 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Amy Watts	Please reopen NC! Let's us get back to work. Immune compromised people can remain quarantined but let those who wish to work get back to it!
04/16/2020 01:05 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Herbert Cox	Lift the closures! Business and people are being harmed! Our economy is being crushed!
04/16/2020 01:05 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Michelle Johnson	Reopen NC
04/16/2020 01:05 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ashley Esleeck	The numbers, models, medical advice in no way support continued state wide shut down after April 29. You know and the citizens know it. Reopen NC!
04/16/2020 01:05 PM	Economic Support Working Group	SOUNDRA BEAMON	PLEASE REOPEN NORTH CAROLINA. SMALL BUSINESSES ARE CLOSING AND FAMILIES ARE LOSING THEIR HOMES. LARGE COMPANIES ARE OPEN AND PROFITING FROM THESE CLOSURES. PLEASE REOPEN NORTH CAROLINA THANK YOU
04/16/2020 01:06 PM	Economic Support Working Group		Open NC Now!! We can not survive this shutdown.
04/16/2020 01:06 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Haley Boyer	Please reopen NC ASAP. This has become beyond ridiculous...
04/16/2020 01:06 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ken Bradley	We need to start easing the restrictions to allow our businesses to survive. Take reasonable precautions but open our businesses.
04/16/2020 01:06 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Heather Allen	Open NC!
04/16/2020 01:07 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Carson Tanner	REOPEN NC. We have been stripped out our basic civil rights granted by the US Constitution, our ability to make money to feed and clothe our children and now we are expected to remain silent and not have our voices heard (no protests). We won't stand for it. REOPEN NC
04/16/2020 01:07 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Robin Arney	We need to reopen this state. Hospitals are empty in this state. People are out of money and can't sustain this process much longer. Are you tracking the depression and suicide rates? What happens when the flu hits? Are we all running back inside?
04/16/2020 01:07 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Linda Coombs	Please stand with NC a residents against Roy Cooper, we do not need to extend the shut down. The numbers no longer support it and the hospitals are empty, the models were wrong we were to slow the spread not stop it. We are land of the free home of the brave. Our rights have been violated.
04/16/2020 01:07 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Kim Hull	Please reopen NC! Many self employed service providers are running out of time and money to keep their business afloat. We have already flattened the curve of this pandemic and this was the reason for all the shutdowns. Hospitals are standing empty and staff are

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			being furloughed. Elective procedures need to start back up. There are appropriate measures that can be put in place for public safety that we can try. The loss to this economy is damaging to all NC families. Please wake up and take action to get us all back to work!
04/16/2020 01:08 PM	Economic Support Working Group	William Anderson	Please reopen NC
04/16/2020 01:08 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Controller Stephanie Franks	Reopen nc now!!! It is time, there is no valid data supporting this kind of trampling on the liberties and freedoms of US citizens!!! Put NC back to work!!!
04/16/2020 01:08 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Tina Forrest	We need to get NC opened again. This is doing irreparable damage to our economy and small businesses. The assistance isn't coming fast enough to make a dent in the damage closing NC has done.
04/16/2020 01:08 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Samuel Bremer IV	Open our state! Let our people get back to work! Businesses are being crushed! People cannot survive! Open Our State!
04/16/2020 01:09 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Julie Barham	You have no authority to lock us up. Reopen everything now!
04/16/2020 01:09 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Debbie Coble	We need to get our state back open! Our people working, businesses open, our churches open so our economy can recover.
04/16/2020 01:09 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Norm Henninger	I sending this ask the General Assembly to reopen businesses in NC. The damage being dine people's lives in the terms of mental health, domestic and drug abuse, as well as people potentially losing their livelihoods is going to be catastrophic if we do not get our state open soon. Even health care workers are being laidoff or furloughed when is the damage going to be enough for the General Assembly to take action, I am afraid that when it is it will be to late and destroy our great state.
04/16/2020 01:09 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Marvin Beggs	The state of NC has no right to tell me that I can't buy Easter candy for my children. The way that governments (state and local) are dictating to us what is deemed Essential or Non essential--that's no one's decision but mine. REOPEN NC
04/16/2020 01:09 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Jackie Gable	please reopen NC - our small businesses are dying, and those they employ may be permanently unemployed id we don't get them going soon. The majority of people who get the virus are asymptomatic or get a very mild case. Less than .0017% of the general population are dying, and most of those had underlying conditions that may have been the actual cause of their death. Keeping NC shut down will endanger far more who will lose their livelihood and their ability yo provide food and shelter for their families.
04/16/2020 01:10 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Re Open NC Brenda Blankenship	Reopen NC! It can be done with precautions set in place.
04/16/2020 01:10 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Becky Filer	Please reopen NC! Our families and businesses can't support continued drastic restrictions. We have to start easing back into some sort of normalcy. Please allow the Stay at Home order to expire on the 29th. Our local statistics do not support continued closures.
04/16/2020 01:10 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms. Shannon Thorpe	Please open NC

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04/16/2020 01:11 PM	Economic Support Working Group	peggy stowe	The coming economic depression will be way worse than the virus. There is NO HELP available for some of us! Let our people get back to work!
04/16/2020 01:11 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Michelle Rath	It is imperative we end the shut down of NC on or before May 1st. There is much more to consider than just public health. Specifically, our citizens livelihoods, education, quality of life and liberty. Recent decisions have been made based on inaccurate data and this must end. The over reach of Government control must end. We the people will remember this come Election Day. Count on it.
04/16/2020 01:11 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Elisabeth Propst	Open nc back up! We need to work to survive. This virus isn't going to kill us . the economy being shutdown is what going to killing us. We gave enough time for whoever to find another way to slow the spread. So far no one has came up with anything!! Open nc back up!! I will take my chances.
04/16/2020 01:11 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mary Skov	Open NC!!
04/16/2020 01:12 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Lynda Garguilo	Living in a less than urban area, decisions need to be made to allow the economy to get back to normal. We have extremely minimal impacts from the virus; but the economic impacts will be devastating the longer we continue to 'isolate.' Please take steps to allow society to return to normal - whether phased, or by some other timeline - but soon.
04/16/2020 01:13 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Karen Sergent Rakers	I am a small business that doesn't want a loan or to rely on government handouts. I want to work and to be able to do that North Carolina needs to reopen! I am responsible for protecting my own health and the health of the customers I serve. Small businesses like mine can't sustain closures like this and we can't sustain taking on more debt. Open the state so we can support ourselves and our families.
04/16/2020 01:13 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Christian Barbour	Open NC!!!
04/16/2020 01:13 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Angie Rush	<p>To members of the North Carolina general Assembly:</p> <p>My husband and I own a small subcontracting business in Greensboro. Despite contractors being considered essential, many jobs have been either canceled or postponed due to the coronavirus and stay at home orders. This leaves our business, and consequently our family, in a precarious situation. My husband and I do not live extravagantly. We do not live in a big house, drive expensive cars, or travel extensively. Up until this point we have been able to sustain ourselves and our business and have not had to close our business as of yet. Unfortunately, however, we cannot continue with this limited work for much longer. Our family and business employees rely on us. Therefore, we strongly urge you to seriously consider reopening North Carolina as soon as possible. North Carolinians are ready and willing to work. Allow us to re-establish our federal, state, and local economies immediately.</p> <p>Sincerely, Angie Rush Greensboro, NC</p>
04/16/2020 01:14 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Commander USN (Retired) Cheryl Murray	Please remove all restrictions now. These impositions are not necessary.

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04/16/2020 01:14 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Lisa DAlessio	ReOpen NC no later than 4/30/2020. We the people are capable of protecting ourselves. The situation in NC is not the same as in NYC. You are destroying our economy and peoples lives the longer you keep businesses closed.
04/16/2020 01:14 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Herbie Beasley	The models have been wrong since the word go. This shutdown is doing far more harm to NC than the virus is, certainly when you consider the mental health implications of losing a job or wages and being told by a government that you cannot do anything but stay home. This was the worst response to the virus that anyone could have imposed on any body of citizens in the world. End it. Soon.
04/16/2020 01:14 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Michelle Johnson	North Carolina needs to be reopened for business. Neither the economy nor the people can take this shutdown any further
04/16/2020 01:14 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Sherry Wallace	We have GOT to get some of these small businesses back open. We can do it just as safety as the big box stores are. We have applied for the PPP on Day 1 with no response except we are reviewing; we did not get a stimulus direct deposit because we PAID taxes in 2018 and cannot get anything from the IRS website. People are not going to stand for this much longer and there will be worse problems than worrying about the hospitals being overrun when people can't feed their families. Open up the state; require safety gear be worn; encourage the compromised to stay home and for heaven sake allow people to make a living!
04/16/2020 01:15 PM	Economic Support Working Group		Being a North Carolina Resident with close family and friends ties that have small businesses (local artists and beauty shop owners) that have been crushed by these extensive and damaging EO's put in place, we must reopen NC. They have been told they are not qualified to get loan assistance because of the number of people that work together. And after close to a month, no unemployment assistance either. Being from a small area this is very common. NC needs to be reopened for business so individuals can survive and flourish.
04/16/2020 01:15 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Chris	We need to reopen N.C. we should implement basic social distancing, no concerts or sporting events, and no large gatherings. Open NC for business.
04/16/2020 01:15 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Dr. Thomas Mitchell-Olds	Governor Cooper has followed the recommendations of physicians, epidemiologists and scientists in taking measures to mitigate the spread of COVID19. It has been successful, decreasing both morbidity and mortality in our state. He should continue to do so, regardless of pressure from groups funded by unknown sources." Widespread death and suffering will not be a boon to our economy. Reopening NC would mean a spike in cases, as well as increased risk for health care workers and others on the front lines, and all other North Carolinians. We need a well considered, organized and medically sound strategy going forward.
04/16/2020 01:16 PM	Economic Support Working Group		The economic numbers are devastating. Emergency funds are inadequate and realistically cannot and should not be increased. What the taxpayer base will not be able to support in any fashion are tax hikes that would be required to pay for the effects of the continued shutdown, lost tax revenues, and bailout monies. What needs and must happen is to get folks back to work. Continuing to hide away in sanitized bubbles is far more detrimental. Aggressive, phased reopening is optimal.
04/16/2020 01:16 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Linzy Mills	PLEASE REOPEN NC!!!! My husband is a small business owner and has worked so incredibly hard to get us to where we are today. We have 3 young children that are depending on the future of our business. We are falling apart here. The cure is worse than

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			the disease!!
04/16/2020 01:16 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Reopen our state Tara Price	Please reopen our state. Over a month is long enough to be shut down. Most people can not provide for their families much longer without income. Our HEALTHCARE workers are being furloughed or taking severe pay cuts due to hospitals and offices being empty. There is no need to extend this any further.
04/16/2020 01:16 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Sylvia Mattingly	Re-open North Carolina so we can get back to work
04/16/2020 01:16 PM	Economic Support Working Group	1965 Crystal Murphy	Please open NC up. There are people needing to work. This will become a cycle of people in debt, losing their homes, businesses going under. We are not NYC. As of Sunday, CVMC had ZERO cases of Covid 19. They are laying off. Make some compromises; allow people to eat out but only a few at time. Unless you want to become a socialized state.
04/16/2020 01:17 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Continue shelter in home Adam Robinson	Please help protect the people of North Carolina by continuing sheltering at home until the risk of infection is dramatically lower. I'm so worried that some people feel invulnerable and will put others at risk due to their impatience.
04/16/2020 01:17 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Select Open Ben Chitty	Dear committee, I hope that will consider opening small businesses again across our great state. This pandemic has been very harmful to our small business and economy. People are struggling! If you care about the people of NC then you will take our plea seriously. We can still be effective at social distancing strategies all while lifting some of these restrictions that have cripple local business. Show us that you care! It's time to begin lifting restrictions and allowing our great state to prosper again!
			Thank you!
04/16/2020 01:17 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Jeanette Carpenter	We need to reopen North Carolina somehow. People are going to lose their homes. Something has to be done.
04/16/2020 01:17 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Debbie Stephens	Please reopen North Carolina ASAP. It is nonsense and killing our economy and small businesses.
04/16/2020 01:18 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Mary Rushing	you need to reopen NC for the sake if families, small businesses and our sanity.
04/16/2020 01:18 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Small Business Owner Cheri Grady	NC needs to REOPEN!!! As a small business owner, if we don't reopen I will have no business to go back to. Along with so many others. Governor Cooper isn't looking out for MY BEST INTEREST, he's looking out for his. REOPEN NC!!!
04/16/2020 01:18 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Tonya Geren	Open our state up. We have one death per 100,000 people. We need to work and avoid the economic devastation this is causing.
04/16/2020 01:18 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Dara Damery	I think we must begin the process of reopening NC. The curve has been flattened, no NC hospitals are overwhelmed with COVID-19 patients, yet our economy may never recover the longer we are closed. I was laid off from my job and am worried about things being able to turn around. We must start slowly and get things back on track. NC citizens should not keep losing more and more basic freedoms. I live at the beach and am not permitted to take walks in what is practically my front yard as I have been doing for many years. I walk on freeman park, which is the most isolated I could get, but somehow my solo isolated beach walks are spreading the virus? We are not free to come and go as

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			we please, we are being told how to live. This is America: land of the free. Please start easing restrictions that impair our basic human liberties. Thank you.
04/16/2020 01:18 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Reopen NC Dana Williams	Reopen NC. All workers are essential. They are essential to their own individual lives, as well as to those they support. Not only is this shutdown financially crippling our state and individuals, but it is surely affecting our health in other ways. Women and children may depend on work to escape violent home lives, and depend on schools systems food. Individuals with depression are suffering. The toll on residents is far further reaching than a virus with mortality rates less than that of the flu.
04/16/2020 01:19 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Ted Meehan	We should strive to reopen small businesses as soon as possible, with the same precautions (social distancing, mask wearing) that are currently taken at larger stores like grocery stores and Home Depot. If we do not reopen very soon, bankruptcies will soar, layoffs will continue, and both state and local government tax revenues will be drastically cut, as was mentioned on the national news today. Open businesses, use precaution, and come up with strategies to protect the most vulnerable who need to continue to stay home. But put the rest of us back to work ASAP or else the state and US economy will suffer beyond belief and plunge into another Great Depression!
04/16/2020 01:19 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms. Jeanette Mical	It's time for us to get back to living, working. You are killing the economy!
04/16/2020 01:19 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Kevin Johnson	Hello we need to allow the state to open up for business. Why can't smaller retailers open up with the same restrictions at the grocery and big box stores? why cant hair salons open one person at a time with proper protective gear? why can't offices open with distancing and so forth? This is an ongoing economic tragedy and there is not enough money to be printed in Washington to help everyone. We need to open back up Kevin
04/16/2020 01:19 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Sherry Miller	We need to reopen NC. Our families are suffering! Small businesses are going to perish if we continue this lockdown. Open the state NOW
04/16/2020 01:19 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Re open NC Sara Butcher	Reopen NC for business
04/16/2020 01:20 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Denise Evans	I'm a one chair hair salon. Shut Down March 25 self employed. Have seen zero unemployment. Reopen N.C.
04/16/2020 01:20 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Jeff Friddle	I request that the Governor and all local officials stop acting like we do not have US and NC State Constitutions that guarantee their citizens' rights and liberties. I request that the Governor and all law enforcement officials stop breaking their oath of office to uphold the constitution. We live in a country founded on principals of liberty and all those that want for the state to remain closed are in no ways required to participate in the economy or go out of their homes. I do not see in the NORTH CAROLINA EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PLAN in the COMMUNICABLE DISEASE AND BIOHAZARD RESPONSE OPERATIONS PLAN the authorities the Governor and local governments have taken upon themselves. This abuse of power needs to end. The following rights guaranteed to citizens in the NC Constitution have been denied or abridged by these orders: Section 1. The equality and rights of persons. Sec. 5. Allegiance to the United States. (Violations of rights under the US Constitution) Sec. 12. Right of assembly and petition. (Right to protest blatantly and repeatedly denied). Sec. 13. Religious liberty. Sec. 14. Freedom of speech and press. Sec. 17. Slavery and involuntary servitude. (Forcing people to remain in their homes that have

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			<p>committed no crime and preventing them from doing the work and service they desire to do). Sec. 18. Court shall be open. Sec. 19. Law of the land; equal protection of the laws. Sec. 21. Inquiry into restraints on liberty. Sec. 36. Other rights of the people.</p> <p>I request that all representatives that have taken an oath to uphold the NC Constitution defend these liberties.</p> <p>God will judge those who violate their oaths.</p>
04/16/2020 01:20 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Kitsie Whitfield	North Carolina needs to be opened now. The damage the closure is creating is now far worse than what the virus is doing. Keep hot spots under restrictions but open the rest. Waiting to see how other states respond is absurd. Destroying the masses to save a few is idiotic and destructive.
04/16/2020 01:20 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Tiffany Sayers	North Carolina needs to return to work on May 1 , 2020. Our great state cannot maintain it's current level of shut down without dire, predictable, and other unforeseen consequences on so many levels. The impacts will affect each and every person. Our communities, churches, neighbors, and personal choices will be able to move forward successfully and handle the future repercussions. If you must chose to quarantine, then do so with the minority of the population of high risk individuals. Families, churches, communities, and neighbors (a.k.a the majority of the population) can then provide any necessary support for the high risk population by providing services, goods, and financial support. It would be less of a burden and lessen the impact on so many levels if we rallied and provided care for the minority of the population instead of providing financial support for every single person in North Carolina. Our state and federal government has a limited amount of money, NOT an UNlimited amount. #ReopenNC
04/16/2020 01:21 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Kimberly	We need to open NC, our businesses will not survive. Keep immune compromised safe by them staying home and let us work. 94% survive this. Advertise that.
04/16/2020 01:21 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr. Coreydon Moody	<p>We have to open our businesses back up. The 14th Amendment is being violated daily. We must stop picking winners and losers and allow the people of NC to use their personal judgment on how, when, and where they do business. You must remember: Quarantine is when we restrict the movement of sick people. Tyranny is when we restrict the movement of healthy people. Open our great state again and allow the vulnerable to stay home. Thank you.</p>
04/16/2020 01:21 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Dan Baugher	Please for the love of God open the state back up. How are ABC stores essential but school and church aren't? The virus is nowhere near as virulent or deadly as thought. Stole restricting our liberty in the name of "safety"
04/16/2020 01:21 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Taxpayers Sandra Bray	Reopen NC . There is no sense in continuing. People who argue with this than stay at home!! This virus is no different than the flu. People have recovered and some have passed. So there is no difference!! You can't hide if you gonna get it or I am gonna get it so be it. You cannot fear the unseen! You have to learn to live with things that happen! Staying closed has done nothing!! Use your heads!! Roy coop you a disgrace! I pray you get voted out!!!
04/16/2020 01:22 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Susan Cox	We need you all to reopen NC now!!!! People are being ruined as we speak!!! The numbers do not warrant a continued shutdown.
04/16/2020 01:22 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Please reopen NC jobs! Carol Winesette	<p>-prioritize protection of elderly</p> <p>- allow small businesses to reopen with protective measures</p>

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			- get our children back in school Please! They are least vulnerable. Separate them from elderly. They are already separated even in isolation. There are serious mental health issues on our horizon!
04/16/2020 01:22 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ashlyn Harrelson	Strongly for reopening NC small businesses. We need our small businesses and are capable of making our own safe and smart decisions.
04/16/2020 01:22 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Joanna Pike	Please stop this ridiculous shutdown. Everyone knows it is part of a game.I and has nothing to do with the virus. Open it up - we are calling your bluff!!
04/16/2020 01:22 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Charles Myers	Open N.C. now. Totally unconstitutional. Destroying people's right to life, liberty and pursuit of happiness.
04/16/2020 01:23 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Karen Viscito	You should keep the state closed and continue the stay at home order until science proves it is time to reopen. And I fully trust that it will be done only when there is proper testing, And it should NOT be simply a flip of a switch and everyone is back out as if it was 2019. If the state reopens too soon, we will experience what NY, NJ and other hard hit areas are experiencing. People need to understand that NC does not have the capacity to handle the number of critical COVID-19 cases that will emerge. Too many people think that this is being "overblown". These people are uneducated and should not be influencing the correct decision, which is to follow what science is telling us to do.
04/16/2020 01:23 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Denise Foutz	Time to reopen. Or state economy and way of life are being hammered. Quarantine those who are at risk only. Give the attention to our nursing homes where it is needed.
04/16/2020 01:24 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Melly Bosch	To Governor Cooper and all those in leadership. I implore you to please get NC open and back to work. I believe that those who are immune compromised along with Nursing Homes and places of our most sick and vulnerable should remain quarantined or remain home, no different than when you're normally sick, and allow those who are healthy to return to work. We are already seeing the devastating effects to friends and families who have either already announced that they will not be able to re-open, along with others that will not be able to continue to hold on, and there is not enough money for all the small businesses! There has been an increase in suicide and drug/ alcohol addictions. If we continue to stay closed beyond April I believe you are choosing to hurt and hinder more people causing more destruction then COVID-19 will.
04/16/2020 01:24 PM	Economic Support Working Group	C Stevenson	Please reopen NC now! Let the healthy work. Let the at risk quarantine.
04/16/2020 01:24 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Carah Wheeler	Reopen NC!
04/16/2020 01:24 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Support shut down coVid19 Theresa Coleman	We should remain as we are until such time as there can be proven a safe and effective way to reopen. This should be non-debatable. The lives and health of our citizens should always come first.
04/16/2020 01:25 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms Rachel Mills	Please reopen the state ASAP exactly as you closed it down. It should not be more complicated than that. The virus is nasty, but it was a false alarm. It is treatable.
04/16/2020 01:25 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Reopen NC Heidi Medlin	Please allow Salons to reopen on a one client at a time basis by May 1. I've been a private nail technician for 25 years. My husband (Horse and carriage business) and I are both considered non essential and have not receive assistance. We have applied but all is still pending. We need to work! We want to work! Allow us to reopen and work safely so we can support our family.

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04/16/2020 01:25 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Heather Sammons	Reopen NC!
04/16/2020 01:25 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Laura White	You need to reopen NC and get people back to work!!!
04/16/2020 01:25 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Connie Bumgarner	open North Carolina now..we are being sold a bill of goods...flattening the curve is prolonging the agony..give me back my freedom..open up my state.
04/16/2020 01:25 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Heather Gibbs	Please, please let us make the best decisions for our family and ourselves and re-open North Carolina. Real estate agents must be deemed essential both state wide and in our county. I have so many clients that must sell transferring for a new job and we are not able to properly market their home because of the restrictions. We can practice safe social distancing and CDC recommendations for all private showings. North Carolina must re-open
04/16/2020 01:26 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Re Open NC Holly Gibson	Please reopen NC!!! I'm a single mom who needs to go back to the salon so I can provide for my kids. We were already taking extreme precautions before Gov. Cooper shut us down. The numbers don't add up to closing us down and taking our freedom away. I am yet to be able to receive unemployment and still have not received a stimulus check. People are going to be in an uproar as we face warmer weather. The virus is not anything like we have been led to believe by the media. Please open up our state!!! It's not just for my benefit...it's best for our state and our country!!!!
04/16/2020 01:26 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Karen Dioli	PLEASE open North Carolina. Residents at risk can stay home but our economy is dying and local businesses need to reopen so that those of us who are not at risk can support our fellow citizens!!!
04/16/2020 01:26 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Amy Rose	We need to get back to work. I am self employed and cannot work due to shutdown restrictions. Please let us go back to work! We will lose everything if we can't.
04/16/2020 01:27 PM	Economic Support Working Group	CONCERNED CITIZEN OF NC J Williams	We desperately need to REOPEN NC. We have already reached the peak and the numbers are extremely lower than the initial projections. Hospitals are not overwhelmed BUT our economy is. We need to reopen businesses so that business owners have a chance to survive and all other workers can get back to work and meet their financial commitments.
04/16/2020 01:27 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Rebecca Roth	There is no reason for all businesses to be closed at this point. If large chains are allowed to be open with limited amounts of customers & the use of acceptable preventatives, why are we killing our small business owners & their employees by refusing to allow them to be open with the same rules? Large gatherings can continue to be slowly added, but allowing churches to open with limited seating, or utilizing the outdoors to accommodate the needed space needs to be offered. Beaches should be open to the residents that live there. By continuing to keep things as they are, it is just prolonging the inevitable, and doing more harm than good, economically, as well as keeping the peace.
04/16/2020 01:27 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Steve Norman	Governor Cooper should allow businesses to reopen no later than May 1st. As an American I have the right to live my life. Life is full of risks. Government does not have the right to tell me I can't leave my home. The lives of many good hardworking people are being destroyed by this order. Open NC now.

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04/16/2020 01:27 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Paula Federline	Open NC
04/16/2020 01:28 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr. Gregory Miller	Please open NC up. By staying shut down, It will be harder for the economy to recover & our civil liberties are dwindling away. The cure will kill more people than the virus.
04/16/2020 01:28 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Open up Roxanne B	We really need to open our economy. people are losing everything because they can not work. Peoples mental health is in danger as well.
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04/16/2020 01:28 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Elana McClure	Please allow us to reopen our businesses in North Carolina, my husband and I own restaurants and a brewery in Carteret County and have been in this business for close to 30 years. We have had to lay off 90 employees, all of which are ready to come back to work. Carteret County is a tourist destination, we only have a 3 month window to make enough money to sustain our businesses throughout the rest of the year. If we cannot open up by May, we may face shutting down all together. We are capable of social distancing our customers by only seating a certain percentage of our tables. Our staff is well aware of what it would take as far as hygiene practices to be able to work safely. We cannot afford to stay closed any longer. Please allow us to open by May. ALL businesses and their employees in NC are "essential" to our economy and we are ready to go back to work.
04/16/2020 01:28 PM	Economic Support Working Group	beth capillary	Friends and family members of mine are losing their lifelong business is because of the shut down. It's time to let small businesses return to work with precautions in place and limited capacity. The data just does not show that we need to be in the shut down that we are in to save lives. Lives are being lost already in other ways because of this shut down.
04/16/2020 01:28 PM	Economic Support Working Group	My health my decision Katie Crane	It is not the government's role to protect individual health. It is my role to protect myself and I have no expectation that society shut down to protect me. We know many things in this world are deadly, but they do not get the same treatment as this. We do not shut down knowing others will die every year from the flu. This is not about doing anything to save 1 life, if so the flu, car accidents, cancer, pneumonia, etc would all be treated exactly like this situation. Allow individuals to reopen their businesses. Social distancing can still be maintained while not ruining everything people have worked for and crushing the American dream.
04/16/2020 01:29 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Event Specialist Mary Benjamin	Governor. Please consider the economic harm to our great State and do your best to reopen NC for business while there is still time to keep us on our feet, falling now...cannot maintain against the gravitotal pull! A concerned elderly working citizen, willing to chance it to save our State!!
04/16/2020 01:29 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Reopen Charity Richardson	We have to go to reopen NC!!! This is hurting our economy so badly!! Thousands are out of jobs with no hope in sight. Reopen NC with proper rules put in place. Don't make things worse by having an economy shut down. Please!
04/16/2020 01:29 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Diane Lamm	Re open North Carolina..
04/16/2020 01:29 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Diana Laughter	OPEN NC BACK UP! Your decisions are destroying our economy! Do it slowly with small businesses first. Require masks to be worn in public! The workers in this nation supply the tax money to pay your salaries! When we don't work you're not going to get paid

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			eventually!!!! Use some common sense.
04/16/2020 01:29 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Marsha Postlewaite	Too many are suffering. Please #ReopenNC
04/16/2020 01:29 PM	Economic Support Working Group	End the shutdown madison broussard	Re-open NC
04/16/2020 01:29 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Open NC!!! Carrington Buck	Gov. Cooper - My husband and I are both out of work and have a 7mo old son and 2 mothers with advanced stage cancer. We need to work to provide for our family. Please reopen NC so we can get back to work. ALL the models have been wrong thus far - we need to reopen and manage the virus in tandem. Please don't make this about politics, make this about giving your state a fighting chance. We need you to do the reasonable thing here.
04/16/2020 01:29 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Randal Thomas	An economic depression is more dangerous than the virus.
04/16/2020 01:29 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr. Brian Pitts	This state needs to be opened ASAP! It is ridiculous that a virus no worse than the flu is causing our entire state, and country, to be shut down and our constitutional rights being infringed upon!
04/16/2020 01:29 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Jill Oliver	I agree ro reopen NC for small business owners. Keeping everything shut down is certain economic decline and death for our state!
04/16/2020 01:30 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Nancy Patterson	#ReOpenNC. The state needs to get back our freedoms. All businesses need to be open. Those who are vulnerable can continue staying home but those who are not need to get back to living. This is unconstitutional
04/16/2020 01:30 PM	Economic Support Working Group		Open NC!!
04/16/2020 01:30 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Amy Irving	Open our state! Your killing us!!
04/16/2020 01:30 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Jess Mills	We have to reopen businesses. More lives will be lost or destroyed by the economic shutdown than by this virus if we don't reopen immediately.
04/16/2020 01:30 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Small Businesses Suffer! Carla Shaver	Small businesses are suffering, the American dream of owning your own business is diminishing quickly. Reopen NC and let people use common sense. Some of you have said, my body my choice. If it can apply to taking a life (which I don't agree with, but apparently some do), it should definitely apply to whether I want to go out in public.
04/16/2020 01:30 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Dr Sondra Stein	I am greatly concerned about requests to reopen the economy before we have put in place an appropriate regimen of testing, tracing, and treatment that will allow us to continue to contain and mitigate the virus. While we are in the process of preparing in these ways to reopen, it would be helpful if the General Assembly would assist workers and businesses by: expanding unemployment insurance so it is consistent with the CARES Act and covers the maximum percent of workers who have lost their jobs as a result of the virus emergency, underwriting efforts like the Durham FEAST program which keeps restaurant staff working

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			and feeds poor families, creating a state level small business stabilization program that provides short-term interest-free loans to businesses to keep them from going under and help them prepare for reopening in a safe way. Thank you!
04/16/2020 01:31 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mike Concannon	The state needs to look at easing restrictions instead of continuing or the economic and general welfare fallout will be severe.
04/16/2020 01:31 PM	Economic Support Working Group	REOPEN NC Jennifer Horne	REOPEN NC and protect businesses from having to permanently close their doors.
04/16/2020 01:32 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Frankie Hart	Please be the voice of reason and consider keeping at risk people sheltered but allow healthy people to work! Allow businesses to open before they close forever. The numbers DO NOT justify this shutdown!
04/16/2020 01:32 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Jennifer Hansley	Please reopen North Carolina starting May 1st. The strain cannot continue to be maintained. Please relinquish the orders.
04/16/2020 01:32 PM	Economic Support Working Group		Shutting the economy down and shutting people into their homes is having negative mental and emotional effects on many. The threat of covid-19 has been proven to be much smaller than originally thought & there are therapies that have been proven safe and effective. At this point, the shutdown is more harmful to the general health of our population than the coronavirus.
04/16/2020 01:32 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Reopen cynthia willis	Please let us open our salons. I'm one on one. This is my livelihood. I am Essential because it's work of starve. Loose everything I got. We know how to be safe. Please allow us to open.
04/16/2020 01:33 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Open NC up soon!!!! Kelly Gates	We are without hardly any income because my hours were drastically cut as a RN (in s clinic) and my husbands business is closed due to COVID19.... he has not been approved unemployment benefits yet from the state of NC! How are we supposed to survive?! We need to open back up because people's lives are being destroyed economically!
04/16/2020 01:33 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Rick Donaldson	I live in Brunswick County. We have beaches shut down. We have a LOT of small businesses barely making ends meet. We have ABC stores OPEN, which equates to Revenue income for the State, but all the small businesses expected to pay their taxes, can't function. There is something SERIOUSLY wrong with this picture. Reopen our state, reopen out counties, reopen our beaches and do it now. People are adults, and reasoning individuals and can CHOSE to stay HOME without a "Police State" forcing them to do so, if they feel they are in danger from this virus. Get some common sense back in to the state officials, or lose your jobs. It's time to Man (Or Woman) up and get your act in gear.
04/16/2020 01:33 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Char Kluvers	Please reopen North Carolina on May 1, 2020
04/16/2020 01:33 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Richard Sumner	We must open sooner than later. Our businesses cannot expect to survive this.
04/16/2020 01:33 PM	Economic Support	Mrs Emily Goodman	Please reopen NC immediately. NC families need to go back to work. Everyone drawing

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	Working Group		unemployment will not help. We need our jobs and our state up and running again!!
04/16/2020 01:34 PM	Economic Support Working Group	ReOpen NC Destinee Shumate	I am writing in regards to opening up NC again. My brother lived with me for 2 years and finally moved out 2 months ago with his girlfriend and bought a house. He just got a new car and was thriving before this shut down. It have been hard on both of them and my husband and I are helping them out as much as possible but if you open up NC it won't just help them again but us! I truly believe if you open up NC again and just have places take precautions to help stay safe we will be just fine! Thank you for listening and reading my message!
04/16/2020 01:34 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Erin Vasquez	Please open NC back up. It is killing my small business. As a single mother with no other means of income and being denied (for now) unemployment, the state needs to be open. I cannot work unless I have childcare which will not accept my children unless I have an essential job.
04/16/2020 01:34 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Jackie Damato	You need to open NC now
04/16/2020 01:34 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Ernesta Rhodes	REOPEN NC!!!!
04/16/2020 01:34 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Reopen NC Sieglinde Stevens	Reopen NC and allow us, the citizens, to use common sense in deciding how much public exposure is safe for ourselves and our families!
04/16/2020 01:34 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Becky Skinner	It is time to reopen the state. Let people work and take care of their families. You are ruining the economy, businesses and people's lives. People are suffering mentally. They cannot pay bills. Stop falsifying numbers of cases and deaths.
04/16/2020 01:35 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Heather Henson	Open NC before you loose all small businesses!!!!!!
04/16/2020 01:36 PM	Economic Support Working Group	1967 Debbie Nickel	There is growing scientific and statistical evidence that the coronavirus pandemic is not nearly as devastating to the North Carolina general public or healthcare system as was predicted. In that case, the quarantine order needs to be amended to target vulnerable populations. There is no scientific evidence that children are vulnerable, and therefore the schools need to be reopened immediately. Legally, executive order 121 violates the United States Constitution. The order on its face violates the provisions of the 1st amendment that provides the government shall make no law that prohibits the right of the people to peacefully assemble or to prohibit the free exercise of religion. The order is a violation of civil liberties in that it prohibits certain classes of citizens the right to earn a living. The order violates the equal protection clause of the 14th amendment because it does not provide a rational basis for discriminating against small business owners. The term "essential" is inherently vague, and any law that is vague is void on its face. Enforcement of the law leads to absurd results. If a person is arrested for violating the law, then the peace officer must violate the 6-foot distance requirement. If the person arrested is taken into custody, then they are being forced to violate the provision that requires people to stay at home unless for a reason that is essentia
04/16/2020 01:36 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Richard Bivins	We need to reopen North Carolina, With Governor Cooper's Executive orders he has single handedly shut down many small businesses, not to mention hairdressers. Reopen NC
04/16/2020 01:37 PM	Economic Support	Robin Gross	Reopen NC. The economy is crashing. The hospitals in NC are not overflowing with

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	Working Group		Covid-19 patients. We are a country that earns their paychecks by working hard and using common sense.
04/16/2020 01:37 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Jefferey Garrett	PLEASE do the right thing and re-open NC. I am a small business owner and I can't survive much longer without a way to provide for my family. Thank you
04/16/2020 01:37 PM	Economic Support Working Group		Please open North Carolina. Thank you.
04/16/2020 01:37 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Reopen NC David Bassett	Please open NC. Save our small town companies.
04/16/2020 01:37 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Stuart Collins	<p>Dear Representatives:</p> <p>I am writing today to encourage you all to begin moving against Governor Cooper in order to force him to re-open the state. I live in Mecklenburg County where our local governmental officials are likely to push to stay closed for as long as possible even though the medical evidence in relation to COVID-19 doesn't support any claims for a longer closure -- 5,553 cases in 93 counties and 139 deaths: What is really going on here? Businesses have been closed; our God given Constitutional rights to protest and assemble freely have been criminally attacked by every level of government. None of you should expect for the majority of people in North Carolina to continue to go along with this situation much longer.</p> <p>Sincerely, Stuart Collins</p>
04/16/2020 01:38 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Melisa Berrier	I am a small business owner and myself and other businesses are dying under Mandate 121. I have been trying for 3 weeks to sign up for unemployment and still have not been able to get signed up because the online information requirements are not set up for self employed and unemployed individuals so you have to call in to get help and the lines are so bogged down you cannot get through. We still have business and personal bills coming due and NO income. We need help!! Tired of hearing about all of the help we are getting and I do not know of any small business who has received any her in NC!!
04/16/2020 01:38 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Janelle Haynes	<p>Re-open NC! We need a shift to personal responsibility instead of government overreach. How?</p> <p>1- Those with compromised immune systems (like me) stay in whenever possible, taking extra measures to screen & limit their visitors (only visit outside, maintaining 6 ft distance, etc) & protect themselves with frequent, correct handwashing, building up their immune system, etc. Care-givers should also ensure that for those under their care.(in nursing homes, etc)</p> <p>2-People not in high risk groups can go out & work, shop, eat at restaurants, get their hair & nails done, have elective medical procedures, massages, attend classes, etc! Businesses can take extra precautions to protect their customers, & if they don't, customers can choose to go elsewhere. Requiring screening measures like touchless temp readings at work might be a viable idea.</p> <p>3-Government should *support* these efforts on all sides, and make reliable testing available to everyone, but NOT strip away personal freedom.</p> <p>We are responsible to make decisions to limit our personal exposure if we know we're</p>

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			<p>vulnerable...everyone else isn't responsible for ensuring that we do that. Those who are sick are responsible to stay away from others until they are well.</p> <p>That's the sensible way to protect our citizens without destroying our economy.</p> <p>There are now many documented cases where re-purposed applications of existing medication combinations are helping people recover from this virus in just a few days.</p> <p>Everyone should take *reasonable* precautions to limit the spread of this virus, but destroying our economy is NOT reasonable.</p> <p>We now have reliable data to base our models on, and predict the behavior of this virus (at first our experts were having to rely on faulty or scarce info). Let's use that real-world data from our own country to inform our decisions going forward. Let's base our reactions on scientific knowledge of how viruses behave, not on fear. It's time to re-open NC!</p>
04/16/2020 01:38 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Jennings Wright	<p>This shutdown MUST END. The numbers of sick do not in any way justify the economic devastation caused by the shut down. Less than 1% of the country has had this virus and felt bad enough to get tested. The number who have died is less than half of flu deaths. Wake county just had its FIRST death - the first one from Covid19. Meanwhile, suicide, domestic violence, alcohol use, and drug abuse have soared. Our constitutional rights have been stripped. And small businesses like ours are dying. And then there's the unemployment and accompanying devastation. This CANNOT continue and the governor cannot be allowed to use executive orders to make laws, trample on our rights, and deprive us of our ability to work. Please DO SOMETHING to end this misery!</p>
04/16/2020 01:38 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Carla Warren	<p>Reopen NC!! We are being lied to on a daily basis, this is beyond ridiculous. Businesses have to be open, to make things, sell things--we need the supply chain back up and running. We are FREE people and demand to be treated as such. We will decide what is essential for us. #REOPENNC</p>
04/16/2020 01:38 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Ginger Casbon	<p>NC needs to be re-opened now!!! Keep the elderly and the at risk people at home and let the healthy get the state going again!!!</p>
04/16/2020 01:38 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Jennifer Keith	<p>Thank you for keeping us safe. We learned a lot about how to do that. Now just like we do our children, it's time to let us go back out in the world and be responsible for ourselves. It's time for us to go back out and support ourselves. It's time for us to pay our in bills so those that we owe can pay their bills. It's time for our children to go back to learning together. Let Seniors at least get to say goodbye to friends of 13 years. They can't get this time back. Folks are getting depressed and that is a disease that you can also prevent by letting us get back to work and life. Let it be our choice. Thank you.</p>
04/16/2020 01:39 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Chase Moser	<p>Open my state back up. This was never about saving lives, it was about not letting the hospitals get over run, many hospitals are now furloughing employees because they're so slow. This decision was made on bad information from flawed data and made up models.</p> <p>Keeping the sick home is a quarantine, keeping the healthy home is tyranny.</p>
04/16/2020 01:39 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Amy Pegram	<p>Please reopen NC. We need our businesses opened back up.</p>
04/16/2020 01:40 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms Della Purifoy	<p>REOPEN</p>
04/16/2020 01:40 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Reopen small business Sheila Gurganus	<p>we need to reopen our businesses before its too late! If people can go to Walmart, my hair salon is by far cleaner and safer! We self employed are getting no help!</p>

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04/16/2020 01:40 PM	Economic Support Working Group	A Ehrenreich	Making a request to reopen NC. Many businesses are hurting. Many individuals and families are hurting. UIB is not a life saver to all . It is more of a convoluted mess. Even the stimulus money is not a life saver - esp not when you are accustomed to making more than that and your bills reflect what you make. There are those that are falling thru the cracks based on the unrealistic eligibility requirements for the UIB and the stimulus. You can't hide behind closed doors from a virus. People have to live and be cautious and do the best they can but you can't stay isolated long term. People need their lives to go back to some sort of normalcy. People need to work. People need to interact. Enough is enough you know. It's time to reopen NC.
04/16/2020 01:40 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Jeff Gower	If we continue this shutdown, the "remedy" will most certainly will be worse than the disease. As of the 13th the death rate for civil was .0065%...65 in 10,000. As tragic as it is for those 65 and their families, it hardly justifies the economic destruction being caused by the shutdown. Thank you for your consideration.
04/16/2020 01:40 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Jennifer Smith	Please reopen our state! We NEED our small businesses. They are the glue of our communities! Please work on a plan to get these hard working people back where they belong.
04/16/2020 01:41 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Rodney Keesee	ReopenNC. Businesses are suffering terribly!!!
04/16/2020 01:41 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Kathy Snyder	We need to get our state and people back to working now. We do not want to be held as slaves to the government and don't want handouts that keep us from being responsible to ourselves. Common sense can and will be used but enough slavery is enough. Waiting for a vaccine to cure this virus is like using the flu vaccine to cure the flu which doesn't work and has killed more every year. Stop using false data, false diagnosis, telling doctors to use COVID 19 codes for deaths that without actual proof of infection is fraud and the fake news to elevate the numbers.
04/16/2020 01:41 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Jaime Pike	The Governor needs to reopen the state immediately. If we are concerned with the autoimmune-deficient, the young and elderly, then they should be able to WILLINGLY stay home if they feel the need to do so. DO NOT mandate more "Executive Orders" that affect our general freedoms and rights. This is affecting our families, our businesses and more. It is not warranted due to the number of cases reported.
04/16/2020 01:42 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Reopen NC Now! Deb Dossinger	We need to reopen as soon as possible...the models being used are flawed, current infection rates dont bear out these draconian measures and you are bankrupting small businesses and causing millions to lose their jobs over 400 hospitalized statewide! Its unconstitutional. There is new research that shows this virus acts in the same manner with an 8 week course whether a country shuts down or stays open. People need to go back to work or there will be more deaths, suicides, food lines, homeless, crime. It needs to end NOW!
04/16/2020 01:42 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Lindsey Nance	NC needs to reopen! This is killing small businesses! Our economy was at its all time best and we need to get that back now!
04/16/2020 01:42 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Business Stephen Morris	I'm next to bankruptcy..two.more weeks and I'll be bankrupt. And 700k of debt will hurt everyone I owe as well. Let that sink in to your decision
04/16/2020 01:42 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Pam Stalls	NC business need to be reopened! We gave you your month now get us back to work. Business can be opened and social distancing can still be effective. We have flattened the

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			curve - this virus is going no where! Shutting down people's businesses is only going to make matters worse!
04/16/2020 01:42 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Owner Tori Langley	Open NC, small business owners are going under in record numbers.
04/16/2020 01:42 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms Suzanne Devane	We are not NYC when it comes to COVID-19. The closure was meant to flatten the curve so hospitals wouldn't be overwhelmed. We need to build herd immunity and get the people back to work. Those who are at high risk should feel free to stay home. Enough is enough.
04/16/2020 01:43 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Brenda Tucker	Please re-open our state. The economic impact is devastating and you are not a dictator. You sir, will not be receiving my vote in November if you continue down this reckless path.
04/16/2020 01:43 PM	Economic Support Working Group	MRS Robin Sutton	open up !!!!!
04/16/2020 01:43 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Heather Newingham	I am the ESSENCE of a small business... My husband and I own a small retail shop in Northeast NC. We applied for any and all assistance we could get and received NONE! If you do not reopen NC by at least May 1st will be force to close our small business of 15 years. Let the individual decide if they want to go out.
04/16/2020 01:43 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Shanielle Harvey	We need NC to reopen NOW. The economic devastation is far greater than this virus that has ONLY affected a SMALL percentage of our great state. Unemployment is at an all time high and you can reverse that. We can safely and responsibly open our state back up for work!!
04/16/2020 01:44 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Reopen NC Haleigh Davis	Open N.C.
04/16/2020 01:44 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Jarett Rierson	While the situation with the virus should be taken seriously, many of the steps taken have been beyond reasonable and dangerous to individual freedom and well being. Social distancing can be achieved while "non essential" businesses can be open.
04/16/2020 01:44 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Laura Miller	Listen up North Carolina State government: you need to lift this austere and unnecessary set of restrictions on your citizens. You are destroying our state's economy. Lift the restrictions now. Covid 19 is no worse than the seasonal influenza. And the worst of it appears to be over. Stop listening to the fear-mongering media. Make smart decisions as elected officials of the people of your state. Allow people to return to work. To be able to make an honest income. To be able to support their families.
04/16/2020 01:44 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Nathan Robbins	We need to reopen NC!
04/16/2020 01:45 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Business reopening William Gray	I am strongly in favor of responsible reopening of non-essential businesses. It is an abhorrent overreach of government intervention to have shuttered some businesses without immediate funding relief while other essential businesses have operated in a very responsible manner and have proven businesses can be open with responsible distancing and sanitation processes. The state system was in no way prepared to support the shutdown and either must immediately provide quick funding or allow business to function responsibly.
04/16/2020 01:45 PM	Economic Support	Mr Samuel Tucker	The shutdown needs to stop now. The economic impact is going to be irreversible. We

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	Working Group		don't need a military state implemented here.
04/16/2020 01:45 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Matthew Costa	I am a small business owner in Kitty Hawk. This closure has impacted the ability to feed, house and clothe my young children. Reopen NOW!
04/16/2020 01:45 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Melissa Suggs	My husband is a freelance commercial photographer. His work has been deemed "non-essential". In order to continue to provide for our family of five, he is now working for DoorDash. He is being exposed to more people now (and making a small percentage of his normal daily rate of pay) than if he were to be allowed to work in the small commercial photography studios where he is contracted. Please, REOPEN NC his work is incredibly ESSENTIAL to our family's well-being.
			We are all for keeping the at-risk populations safe. Let's be creative with alternative solutions and stop paralyzing local small businesses that our economy is built upon.
04/16/2020 01:45 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Deborah Trkula	Please start reopening small businesses. Hair salon, nail salons, medical non essentials like dental cleaning and elective surgery. Appointment only. Masks worn by all involved. Hands washed before and after. Not more than x people in sq footage and 6 foot rule enforced. (As much as possible with salon involvement.). Please please
04/16/2020 01:45 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr. Fred Stagg	Reopen NC now. Remove the stay at home order. Small businesses are drowning. You are destroying the economy. Your cure, is worse than the disease.
04/16/2020 01:46 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Scoti Testa	Freedom is the right to make good and bad choices. It's the choice to quarantine yourself or to go to work! We don't need a new normal!!!! Please do not make a mockery of every military death! Do not put >1% of our population above everyone else!!!
04/16/2020 01:46 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Teresa Threadgill	Re open NC
04/16/2020 01:47 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Nicole Clark	We need to reopen NC. Businesses are suffering and some even closing due to this. It's time to get our economy back up and going.
04/16/2020 01:47 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Russell Coillot	Please allow the citizens of NC to get back to work. Many of us will start dying from depression and financial despair if we don't do something quickly. The reality is that those who are most susceptible can self quarantine and we can help them by making sure we respect their rights as well as respecting others right to provide for our families.
04/16/2020 01:47 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Shelbi awabdy	RE OPEN NC!! What on earth do you think will happen to our State / Country if we don't get our economy back up and running !?? RE OPEN NC NOW! We are pleading that you do the right thing for the people! We can do both, protect our vulnerable and protect our economy - unless we continue in this direction and do nothing, making us ALL vulnerable. Stop making this about politics, stop placing your leftist agenda before the well being of the people you were elected to serve! We will remember this in NOVEMBER! We will vote you out!
04/16/2020 01:47 PM	Economic Support Working Group	William Eubanks	I respectfully request the Governor lift his executive order closing most businesses in North Carolina no later than April 30th. The citizens of this Great State need to get back to work. People of North Carolina are beginning to get impatient and need to open their businesses and get back to the business of making a living and caring for their families. The federal and state governments cannot support all families financially. I understand the health aspect of this shut-down, but Governor Cooper has to understand the economic

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			aspect as well. I think the citizens of North Carolina will be willing to stay home until April 30th, but I also think the governor and the legislators will see a substantial push back of any extension beyond the 30th. Thank you for your time and support.
04/16/2020 01:48 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Jeanette Carter	REOPEN NC! The collateral damage that will be done by a complete economic collapse will be far worse than the original problem. Small business owners who have worked their whole lives building their business will lose everything, the stress from lost jobs lost businesses or furloughed workers who cannot pay their bills or their rent or their mortgage and support their families will be a bigger health crisis than the virus! Stress can cause heart attack, stroke, high blood pressure, suicide, mental illness etc. The most vulnerable people can Quarantine themselves and protect themselves while letting People work and hold onto their businesses and support their families so that they don't experience complete financial ruin and the health risks associated with that as well. This has become a political issue, with our Democratic Governor just "towing the party line" with no real regard for the well being of ALL citizens of this state! Do the right thing for everyone and re-open NC!!
04/16/2020 01:48 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Hairstylist Karen McIntosh	We need our beaches open, allow us to go back to work. I have not received stimulus or unemployment which I have filed for both. Running out of savings. Please ! Give us the right to take care of ourselves! We can use universal precautions.!
04/16/2020 01:48 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr David Geren	The negative economic impact of this shutdown is now outweighing the health benefit. We are nowhere near the projected deaths predicted for NC. The state needs to re-open at the end of April
04/16/2020 01:48 PM	Economic Support Working Group	LouRae Holt	I would like to see NC reopen for business May 1. My family needs their livelihood back. People need to use their own best judgment at this point to protect themselves from the virus which has not overwhelmed our state. Thank you for considering my voice.
04/16/2020 01:49 PM	Economic Support Working Group	William Bunn	open this state back up for business or step down.
04/16/2020 01:49 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Reopen N.C.! Anita Blake	We need to reopen N.C. and get back to work. This shutdown is hurting more people than the virus! Let us get back to work so we can support ourselves & families.
04/16/2020 01:49 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Tabitha Woodard	We NEED to get NC back to work! This state and individuals that have small businesses NEED to make a living! This is going to ruin us if we don't get back to working! All the lies have to stop! This was NOT about flattening the curve. This has was all about those in control pushing their agendas. This insanity has got to stop!
04/16/2020 01:49 PM	Economic Support Working Group	OPEN NC! You don't KNOW! Karen Willette	I've worked over 20 years on my career, wedding planning, catering, floral and venues, bringing in over 1mil/year for the past ten, supporting HUNDREDS of other venues and vendors across the state. I've now been closed for 6 weeks without income, lost all employees, other contractors have lost everything, DJ's, photographers, musicians, servers, bartenders, decorators, bakers... I've waited for 3 weeks on responses for my bank & PPP applications to no avail. My husband just got laid off as well after 18 years as an engineer.... We are healthy and our industries are falling apart! You don't know the extent! People are embarrassed to share how bad it is on social media. People are crumbling and going broke, not paying bills and ignoring creditors calling! How can we pay business bills like insurance, monthly drafts, committed advertisements, residual expenses and payroll that HAS to be paid during this? And the money we would bring IN

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			during this time??? A loan can't enough....Much less pay personal bills like a mortgage! HELP US ALL GET BACK TO WORK ASAP!!!!
04/16/2020 01:50 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Mark Adam	As Communist China's Covid-19 virus has not been as drastic as portrayed, and as our economy is heading further into the toilet, and, as the Governor's orders abrogate our state and federal constitutions and Bill of Rights, Reopen NC for business NOW!
04/16/2020 01:50 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Angela Ackerman	Please open up North Carolina! We can keep our at risk people, older, underlying health issue, poor immune system etc people safe, they can simply stay home! While the others myself included can pick up supplies and help them while they stay home awhile longer! Most of us are ready and able to go back to work! We flattened the curve, we did as you asked, and I'm not here to argue if it was necessary or not I'm only stating we did as you asked, and now we are done! We want to work and try our best to save our businesses! Leave it up to us "we the people" to decide if we are willing to risk catching this virus or losing our business and everything we've worked hard for, the choice is ours!!
04/16/2020 01:50 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Gregg Kubis	A quick note to add my support for the start of opening the state back up, I certainly understand that it cannot be opened full throttle right away, but a plan needs to be in place to start opening businesses soon. Those that are higher risk need to do what's right for themselves, and everyone needs to continue to practice some level of social distancing, this can all be accomplished with most businesses slowed to operate at some capacity.
04/16/2020 01:51 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms Hayley Huth	Please protect and defend our Constitutional Rights! Also, please consider the total destruction this shut down is having on our economy. My company has done widespread layoffs. If you weren't laid off, you had to take a pay cut. Who ever would have thought I would be 'thankful' for a 30% paycut (because the alternative was a 100% paycut)? Please stop this madness. Please open North Carolina's economy, without restrictions, and let us get back to work so that we can provide for our families. Respectfully, Hayley Huth
04/16/2020 01:51 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Pastor Ron Wallace	Please isolate the sick elderly and you but put the healthy back to work and let herd immunity take place as we have with every other novel virus. Your attempt cure is worse than the disease. Isolation has never destroyed a disease only slowed its progression
04/16/2020 01:51 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Rebecca Bernhardt	Please reopen NC businesses, use precaution and come up with strategies to protect the most vulnerable. If someone feels the need to stay home then by all means they should be allowed but if someone wants to go to work, please let them work. If we do not reopen NC businesses immediately the economy will suffer beyond belief!
04/16/2020 01:52 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Shannon Whitaker	Reopen NC
04/16/2020 01:52 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Stop socialism. Reopen NC Laura Winchester	Please stop the insanity and reopen NC. This is starting to feel like a socialism experiment, and it is not good. Read yesterday that Dems want to pass bill to give each American \$2000 a month until covid is gone. This is ridiculous! Some people don't even work or make \$2000/mo now! We are just going towards govt paying everyone until we are bankrupt and then will be just like Venezuela. Please be a leader and reopen NC! Where was the shut down when H1N1 affected over 60 million? That's way more than 600,000. Time to be smart and let non high risk people get back to work!

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04/16/2020 01:53 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Rachel Caveness	Please start reopening NC businesses. Our economy cannot afford to continue with the closures. Even opening with some restrictions is better than continuing to be closed. Thank you
04/16/2020 01:53 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms. Kristen Berkheiser	I am a full time bartender and I have lost my livelihood. I am a single woman living on my own, and I fear losing my home. We have followed the order for the last five weeks... This cannot continue! The numbers are NOT bearing out these draconian restrictions... we MUST get our economy open and moving again!!! If this continues, we will not recover!! The longer this shutdown continues, the more businesses that will be forced to close permanently... and the less jobs people will have to return to. PLEASE put an end to this!
04/16/2020 01:53 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Destroying our Way of Lif Ashley Morello	Currently, my job is considered essential. However, many others aren't. I don't understand how keeping us shut down is going to prevent the spread of this disease. It's just preventing it in the short term and destroying what so many of us have worked hard to build. Whenever we do "open", the disease will spread again and we will be back to square one. What is the best way to reopen and keep people safe? How can we all work toward this goal? Reopen, but reopen smart!
04/16/2020 01:53 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Holly Stewart	Reopen NC. People must be able to work to live.
04/16/2020 01:53 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Nurse Practitioner Sallie Harrell	Please reopen NC! The cure has become worse than the disease and our state does not need to keep the economy shut down. As a healthcare professional I understand the seriousness of the virus but even more so understand the deaths of despair that will far outweigh the virus deaths.
04/16/2020 01:53 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Christine	We need to reopen NC! There are many of us who are self employed and not receiving unemployment benefits! Please take the financial devastation into consideration when deciding when to reopen for business. I hear too many people saying it's better to be broke than dead. This has to be coming from people who have some form of income keeping the roof over their heads and food on their tables. Not all of us have the luxury of collecting unemployment and riding this out.
04/16/2020 01:53 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Bucks ice cream Don Buckalew	Open business restrictions now, I am going to lose my business soon and many others I know will as well.
04/16/2020 01:54 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Crystal Rieke	We need to re open NC no later than May 1!! People need to get back to work, we need our small businesses to get back on their feet!! We need to get these people out of the depression they are slipping in to due to not working and can't pay bills. We are all aware of how this virus works and we are all ready and willing to get back to work, we need to desperately need to re open NC please!!
04/16/2020 01:54 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Business Owner Terrie Donovan	NC. NEEDS to reopen NOW!! How can anyone possible justify SHUTTING down businesses? The Doctors and Nurses are speaking, the White House and CDC has spoken AND the economic shut down is not warranted! These #'s to not add up to support such.
04/16/2020 01:54 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Covid 19 Renee Del Grosso	Open North Carolina
04/16/2020 01:54 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Kathleen Cobe	Continuing the state shutdown into May is absurd and detrimental to the economic health of our whole state. There are approximately 430 current COVID-19 hospitalizations in THE WHOLE STATE of NC. Reopen NC May 1st! A friendly reminder: Your constituents are watching. We will not accept tyranny or our constitutional rights being violated - even

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04/16/2020 01:54 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Kelly Arthur	<p>when there is a pandemic. Also, please do your homework regarding past pandemics in our country. Simply look up "Past Pandemics" on the cdc website. You will be surprised and enlightened.</p> <p>Dear House Committee, I hate to even have to even select a category. COVID effects every area of daily life. The precautions that were put in place were to flatten the curve to protect our hospitals. As a high risk individual, with high risk family members, I can appreciate this...</p> <p>BUT...the curve was flatten....our hospitals were NOT over run....MISSION ACCOMPLISHED and Kudos all the way around...</p> <p>NOW it is time for the next step...</p> <p>Our legislature needs to take steps to get our state up and running. Governor Cooper did a good job, initially, but he is now stepping out of the scope of his authority and this needs to stop. Reasoning needs to take place of fear mongering. Let there be transparency in the numbers, let's celebrate the success and MOVE ON!</p> <p>Don't sit here and do nothing OR....this could ACTUALLY become the disaster some in the government and the media are making it to be.</p> <p>Ease small business restriction. Let's use common sense. SUPPORT our constitutional rights. Get people back to work. Get our kids back to school. Let our citizens observe their faiths in their places of worship. Lift hours of travel. Let's get back to what normal should look like.</p> <p>Thank you for doing the right thing. Kelly Arthur</p>
04/16/2020 01:55 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Betty Jones	Reopen NC!!!
04/16/2020 01:55 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Ryan Mcgee	We need to get North Carolina open immediately
04/16/2020 01:56 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Re-open NC Jeff Graves	Please re-open NC when the current order expires on April 30th. We can all responsibly follow guidelines to help prevent the spread without furthering the damage caused by shutting down the economy.
04/16/2020 01:56 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr. Brian White	Please lay out a plan to begin reopening businesses and allowing low risk individuals to get back to work by the end of April. This is not a "business as usual" request. Please allow us as US and NC citizens to practice our own appropriate levels of caution. The current stay at home orders are simply funneling higher volumes of people into their community grocery stores, while simultaneously destroying local businesses. Allowing businesses to reopen while practicing sanitization will not only save the businesses but allow for less concentration of individuals in the few essential businesses that remain open now. The threat of "overwhelming" our NC health care system is not based in any statistics that exist.

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04/16/2020 01:56 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Gilbert	We need to reopen NC! You will lose my vote in the next election if we remain closed. It's getting ridiculous and you are abusing your authority and ruining lives.
04/16/2020 01:56 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Erica Loring	It is important that we continue with the current stay at home order and a possible extension of the order. While i understand the suffering of small business and affected workers we will recover from this temporary action. Our lives are more important. Every life is important. There is no "acceptable" number of lost lives. Stay the course and we will recover economically as well as with more lives saved.
04/16/2020 01:56 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Catheryn Dymond	Leaders, We need to find a compromise that will allow us to #reopenNC, and provide safety for those affected with the virus and those concerned about themselves and their families. We need to STOP Social Distancing, and START Distance Socializing. Let's educate the public on how to take vitamins and supplements to boost immune systems, continue education on hand washing, facial coverings, and 6 ft radius, all while getting our businesses reopened. We will all get this virus eventually. It is pretty much guaranteed it will not go away. But we cannot function as a society in permanent lock down for another month. We must find a way to Distant Socialize and be respectful for all concerned, not just the 2% who are sick.
04/16/2020 01:57 PM	Economic Support Working Group	#REOPENNC Sarah Navey	<p>Dear Gov Cooper & North Carolina Legislators,</p> <p>I am a resident of North Carolina and I stand for The Constitution. I am requesting that the current North Carolina Covid-19 order be completely and absolutely withdrawn immediately and that our state be COMPLETELY reopened for all businesses immediately so that our freedom, as outlined and declared in the Constitution of the United States of America, is restored.. We are American workers who have the right to decide what is "essential". We have the right to work for our wages. We have the right to liberty and freedom, even if it requires risk.</p> <p>The NC Covid-19 order violates our XIV Amendment rights. The State is depriving us of "life, liberty, or property." These orders are a government overreach and a socialist agenda that prohibits the North Carolina people our right to live the lives we worked so hard for.</p> <p>We are losing our small businesses, which are the backbone of our economy. We want to go back to work. Besides that, domestic assault is on the rise. Depression and suicides will rise. Violence and crime will rise. Criminals are being let out of the jails and yet FREE PEOPLE are going to be arrested for PEACEFUL PROTESTS. This is a shameful act of tyranny. The shutdown is not warranted, nor sustainable for our area. Covid-19 may be a risk, but numbers have been inflated, news has been twisted, and fear has been amplified.</p> <p>Without being able to work for ourselves, the State of North Carolina is directly depriving us of our homes, relationships, and businesses which we have worked for with our own two hands, our own minds, and our own hearts.</p> <p>We, the people, know we can stay safe without sacrificing our entire state economy. We can wear masks and gloves and continue to stand 6 feet from people. Let us follow sanitation guidelines instead of putting us out of work and crashing our economy. Let us not become the next Venezuela.</p>

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			I stand with the countless others that demand that you cease your direct violation of the Constitution of the United States of America.
04/16/2020 01:57 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Bev Holm	Please, we ask you to reopen NC. As well intended for good reasons, the decision was made without our input. I ask you now to consider our families, our finances and our futures.
04/16/2020 01:57 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Dr Jared Criddle	We need to re-open all businesses within North Carolina no later than 4/29. The draconian measures put in place Roy Cooper have destroyed lives and have inevitably will lead to far more mortality and morbidity (suicide, substance abuse, domestic violence , and delay in necessary medical care). Re-open the state and allow N.C. to once again be first in freedom
04/16/2020 01:57 PM	Economic Support Working Group	AMERICAN CITIZEN JOE VANSCHPEN	Re open NC!!!! We need to work!! OPEN our businesses up, let those who are sick or elderly stay home. GIVE US A CHOICE!!!! STOP VIOLATING OUR CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS!!!! OPEN UP NORTH CAROLINA!!!!
04/16/2020 01:57 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Laura Montemurro	We will not survive if our state continues to be shut down. We need to reopen businesses and get our economy going. Individuals need to be personally accountable for their own well being and health. You are now doing more damage to people's health-physical, mental and financial by continuing with this governmental overreach.
04/16/2020 01:58 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mitchel Ross	We need to reopen this state. Keeping the economy shut down any longer will result in more deaths from depression & starvation.
04/16/2020 01:58 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Sherman Dye	We are going to lose our small businesses. We are sitting here with a 30% hospital population. We will not have a vaccine for 18 months, if it even is effective. Sweden has remained open for business and is not having the bad experience that many were predicting. NYC has subways, elevators, taxis and multiple family units in dense housing. Little of that exists in NC. Suicides are already increasing. Tennessee has more suicides than virus deaths. The longer we sit here and do not let the virus pass through our population at a quicker rate, the longer we will deal with it. Let's protect the at risk folks but get the rest of us back to work immediately.
04/16/2020 01:59 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Donna Krauss	Time is now to open our businesses! I'm watching our small town die. The only thriving business is Walmart. I'm thankful for Walmart, but it's unfair to the rest of the community to have them be closed. Open NC for business!
04/16/2020 01:59 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr. Talmage Hall	Dear Sirs, How long does this have to drag out? Our state economy is collapsing before our eyes. People have lost their jobs. People are losing their jobs. Businesses are disappearing that will never rebound from this. Fear pedaling, hyper-inflated numbers and political agendas have shut down our wonderful state. Look at the current COVID-19 (5024 confirmed/108 dead as I write this) numbers. Was it worth shutting down the state for that? I also keep hearing that medical facilities are cutting back hours as they are underwhelmed by the sick that this virus has produced. If that's true I ask again, was it worth shutting down the state? The reality is that you can't keep everyone from getting this virus.

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04/16/2020 01:59 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Carmon Campbell	<p>Please open the economy back up. You can do it safely by isolating those at risk rather than everyone else. It is imperative you do this as quickly as possible to save the financial and mental health of millions of people. The models have been so far off that they are useless. If you look just at the numbers unemotionally, logically, reasonably - they tell us that this is not nearly as bad as has been portrayed and we can safely reopen the economy. LOOK AT THE REAL NUMBERS!!!! 105 deaths/ 10,500,000 NC population is .00001 mortality rate. LOOK AT THAT AGAIN ~ .00001 mortality rate for the state That is an extremely small percentage to be closing the entire state. We have flattened the curve. The healthcare system is not overwhelmed but rather having to let people go due to no patients. There is no rational or logical reason for our state to be closed at all. There is no justification for this.</p>
04/16/2020 01:59 PM	Economic Support Working Group	#reopenNC Eugenia Myers	<p>Please allow small businesses and restaurants to reopen under cautionary guidelines so we can get NC back to work. We have not over flowed our healthcare locations and the are sending workers home. With some provisions and common sense precaution we can reopen almost everything by May 1st-May15th. Thank you for considering this request.</p>
04/16/2020 01:59 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ashley Turner	<p>I am concerned about the economic state of NC if Governor Cooper's executive order is extended past April 30th. Please DO NOT extend the order! NC needs to open on May 1st. Thank you.</p>
04/16/2020 01:59 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr. Richard Downey	<p>The Governor needs to end his unconstitutional executive order. He is attempt to destroy one of the best economies in the southeast. In so doing his I ruining the economic lives of the middle class. Hospitals are not overrun and are lying off staff. There is no vaccine and there probably won't be one any time soon. The vulnerable can stay home if they like but the rest of us need to get back to work!</p>
04/16/2020 02:00 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Tonya Garrison	<p>Please reopen NC on May 1st so that small business can survive. People will lose their business, homes and not be able to provide for their families if the shutdown continues. People who may be compromised can stay home, but healthy people should be able to work.</p>
04/16/2020 02:00 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Donna Williams	<p>OPEN UP THE STATE. OUR FREEDOMS. OUR CHOICE.</p>
04/16/2020 02:00 PM	Economic Support	Stay At Home! Jeremy	<p>Keep N.C. Closed until the threat us gone. Keep us closed!</p>

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04/16/2020 02:00 PM	Economic Support Working Group	John Styron	N.C. should be open. Many businesses are suffering due to this shutdown.
04/16/2020 02:00 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Kelly Arthur	House Select Committee, I have a question. My understanding...the purpose of the stimulus check was to help bolster our local small businesses/ economy.... How does this check help anyone but the large box stores that have been allowed to remain open? How does this stimulus money help our local small businesses when they are not deemed "essential" and their doors have closed? THIS is where I want to spend my money. PLEASE....pass a law to open up our small businesses! Yours truly, Kelly Arthur
04/16/2020 02:00 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Shutdown Pamela Graham	Please reopen North Carolina
04/16/2020 02:01 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Nicholas	We as citizens of North Carolina need North Carolina reopened on or by the date you have given the 30 days to expire. We need to open North Carolina soon. No more this is the new normal for us; it needs to stop and we need to get back to work at the end of the 30 days. What will you do for those of us who exercise our 1st amendment and protest this shutdown to protect our rights given to us by the constitution to peacefully assemble and protest
04/16/2020 02:01 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Nancy Cooper	Open N.C. Our lives are being destroyed by the shut down NOT the virus. We are adults who accept that there is risk in everything we do. Let us go to work.
04/16/2020 02:01 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Esther Ward	Please reopen NC before our economy is completely destroyed. Do you not care that so many of the people of NC are suffering? This shut down is causing more harm than good. There is an increase in domestic violence, anxiety, depression, and suicide. The future generation of NC, our children, are struggling and suffering being out of school for so long. Our CONSTITUTIONAL rights are being trampled upon and ignored. Americans are being treated as if our rights don't matter. The infection and death rates do not warrant the continuation of this state being shut-down any longer than is already planned. It seems to me that the goal and main purpose of the restrictions have been reached, to continue, in my opinion, is tyranny and overreaching of government power. Thank you
04/16/2020 02:01 PM	Economic Support Working Group	mr dale byerly	please open the state up thank about it we have no cure for cancer as such no vacine for cancer some will die some will live leave it in Gods hands
04/16/2020 02:02 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Keep N.C. Closed Jennifer Wilson	Keep us closed Gov. Cooper! Do not let them scare you. We want to stay safe indoors!
04/16/2020 02:02 PM	Economic Support	Mr Dean Bartlett	The restrictions enacted Gov. Cooper's executive orders have left the economy of North

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04/16/2020 02:02 PM	Working Group		Carolina in shambles if they are not lifted soon the damage will be irreparable.
	Economic Support Working Group		Just commented with this: Dear Sirs, How long does this have to drag out? Our state economy is collapsing before our eyes. People have lost their jobs. People are losing their jobs. Businesses are disappearing that will never rebound from this. Fear pedaling, hyper-inflated numbers and political agendas have shut down our wonderful state. Look at the current COVID-19 (5024 confirmed/108 dead as I write this) numbers. Was it worth shutting down the state for that? I also keep hearing that medical facilities are cutting back hours as they are underwhelmed by the sick that this virus has produced. If that's true I ask again, was it worth shutting down the state? The reality is that you can't keep everyone from getting this virus. Please let us go back to work, let us open for business and let us get back to our lives and livelihoods on May 1st. Let the virus run it's course. Most of us have common sense and will take care to not put ourselves at risk unless absolutely necessary. Lastly, the 1st Amendment allows for freedom of speech and peaceful assembly. The Governor, Raleigh Police Department, Capital Police and anyone else involved in the debacle with the protesters this past Tuesday should be called into question as to what exactly is their agenda.
	Economic Support Working Group	Annette Fain	We are dying here with this shut down, Please let us get back to our way of life, The shut down is killing more Businesses then this virus is killing people. Let our businesses open back up before it is to late, If people want to stay home let them make the decision this should not be a government choice Save our economy.
	Economic Support Working Group	Re Open NC Katelyn Rufty	So many of our people in the state are hurting right now and it isn't from the virus. We need to get our people back to work while taking precautions. We need to reconnect with our family and friends to help our mental health, our kids need those connections to thrive. We feel like prisoners in our own homes. And we hope we can start getting back by the beginning of May. Please!
	Economic Support Working Group	Ms Hwa sun Burkett	131 deaths, 424 hospitalized in a state with 10 million people. The numbers do not justify your actions. We want you to open the state back up before there is nothing to open up. I would like the medical records of the deaths audited also.
04/16/2020 02:03 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Jill Czysz	NC MUST be reopened!!! The numbers predicted and faced with today DO NOT justify the blatant disregard for the United States Constitution and our Civil Liberties. We live in a state of over 10 Million people and as of today 131 deaths of which MANY had underlying health issues....quarantine the sick and let the rest of us live. Prolonging these restrictions is illegal and at the detriment of YOUR CITIZENS
04/16/2020 02:04 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Brenda King	This is in reference to the continued quarantine in NC. These orders needs to be removed. There is not enough threat to warrant all of NC being shut down for this period of time. Small business owners are struggling, and many will not be able to return to their business. The economy has taken a plummet. My husband and I are both small business

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			owners, and have not had one penny of income in the past five weeks. And who knows if we will ever see a stimulus check. Due to the fact that we don't receive an income tax return, there is no bank information on file for us to receive a direct deposit. When I log onto the website, I am not given the option to enter bank info. It just states they can't determine eligibility at this time. So the ones who pay in lump sums of income tax seem to be the last to get a stimulus check. What are small businesses supposed to do ? Just sit at home without any income, and pay our bills, how ??? This system is so messed up. All we are asking is to allow the businesses to open back up, so they can provide for their families, and the economy will not take a further nose dive.
04/16/2020 02:05 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Close! Close! Close! Jacob	Do not open N.C. too soon! The majority is with you Cooper!
04/16/2020 02:05 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Chris Meadows	OPEN THE STATE!!!!!! Gov. Cooper needs to have a better advisory group that actually understands small business and the effects on the economy. Our economy is heavily based on consumerism and if consumers are not spending, then the economy will collapse. The only benefit of Cooper not opening the economy by May 1st is that it will guarantee he is a one term governor.
04/16/2020 02:05 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Reopen NC Melissa Rios	We need to reopen small business. Staying closed is not helping anyone. It is destroying NC. Quarantine the people at risk Not the healthy. The funds spent on people and businesses not able to work could be put towards efforts to find long term solutions. Shutting down NC is not a solution it is causing more problems than the " virus " .
04/16/2020 02:05 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Reopen North Carolina Sarah Stalnaker	We need North Carolina back open! Our small businesses and all of our people depend on it! A way needs to be found that protects our freedoms while getting our businesses back to being open. Its not healthy for people to sit idle for too long. We need our economy back Open as soon as possible! Our country was built by the people and for the people and our elected officials need to remember that. We need our country back up and running!
04/16/2020 02:06 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mary McPherson	We must find a way to allow small businesses to open. Destroying the economy is just as deadly as the coronavirus, if not more. The governor is overreaching and causing additional danger by breaking public trust. Soon you will have widespread rebellion, and you will not be able to lock everyone up. We deserve a clear, nuanced approach. No more government bailouts - get out of the way and allow people to use their own judgement in conducting business.
04/16/2020 02:06 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Reopen! Gail Jones	It is now past time to reopen our state. The rally cry to gain compliance to the shut-downs was "Flatten the curve so healthcare resources won't be overwhelmed!" Well, not only are we astronomically below capacity with regard to overwhelming healthcare, but there is mounting evidence that the models used for forecasting health outcomes were greatly flawed. There is no evidence to support continuing to shut down and more and more evidence proving the proper course of action is reopening and gaining natural immunity (which studies are finding people have been gaining months before the shut downs began...). The trickle-down of economic impacts to the economy- small business in particular- are becoming more and more apparent. The lack of promised help actually being provided to self-employed in NC should be embarrassing for you. It is your duty to uphold the constitution and it is imperative that business be legally allowed to resume before the effects of this overreach of power are catastrophic... moving far beyond

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04/16/2020 02:06 PM	Economic Support Working Group	David Radford	Being the owner of an HVAC small business I have been able to stay open and service the public with certain rules of operation(mask, health questions asked, taking temp of all employees, cleaning and common sense thinking. And then this to think of: USA Small business stimulus package money = \$350,000,000,000 divided by 30,200,000 small businesses = \$11,894 each...should I laugh or cry...I'll hold my head up and keep on going with a chuckle.....Wake up out there...Time to open up with precautions and common sense
04/16/2020 02:06 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr. Tommy McAlister III	I am currently working as a Regional manager of a Landscaping company based in 3 of the largest markets in North Carolina. We have been diligently working and following the over whelming adjustments to the work flow. We are proud to be working. However; in the current situation the flow of work is slowing and slowing drastically. People are getting scared that we are around the uncertainty of being laid off from their job. the housing market is unstable with the finance and banking having to go through the loops on purchasing. This is a time where we need each others support and we need to focus on helping each other. The current position does not have people in a condition to keep the economy going it has a fear that is over whelming people. The fear is not of the virus or the chance of getting it. We have all made the necessary adjustments to adjust to those systems. the fear is dedicated to the uncertainty of how to provide for my family and make sure that we can make it through with a dwindling uncertainty of the future. I on behalf of the NC residence would like to request that we end the shut in and reopen the economy so that we can give the citizens something to look forward to by being able to support and provide for their families. It would give me a since of "light at the end of the tunnel" to see people going back to work and able to enjoy living rather than the fear of a failing world around them. Thank you for allowing our input and hope that you will read and observe what is best for the state and the people residing here.
04/16/2020 02:06 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Do not open! Jason Newsom	The majority wants to shelter in place where it's safe! Do not open!
04/16/2020 02:07 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Barbara Wood	Reopen North Carolina. Many small businesses can operate just fine maintaining a safe distance and other precautions. We do not want our friends and families to lose their lively hood and be forced into bankruptcy.
04/16/2020 02:07 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms Sheri McDermott	We need to move forward- I do not want Bill Gates vaccine or his microchip
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04/16/2020 02:08 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Reopen NC Kimberly Tesh	Please reopen small businesses!!!! Let these people work!
04/16/2020 02:08 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms. Susan Walters	We need to open up North Carolina. People and small businesses cannot afford to stay shut down. It is not that bad in N.C. if you are sick you should stay home just like you

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			would if you had the flu.
04/16/2020 02:09 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Robert Farmer	Open our economy!!!
04/16/2020 02:09 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Marietta Whitehurst	More and better people than I have put together the words that need to be said. Please rescind the stay-at-home order and Reopen North Carolina businesses by May 1, 2020. This order is causing more harm than good.
04/16/2020 02:09 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Jill Poythress	I am asking as a small business owner of 2 businesses. One is closed and my restaurant is working at 50% reduction in sales. Please open us up for business soon!!!
04/16/2020 02:10 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Don't listen to crazies Sal N	The crazies want to open because they are greedy and only care about money! Care about our health and keep us safe and in the house!
04/16/2020 02:10 PM	Economic Support Working Group	ReOpen NC Jennifer Livingston	Let us get back to work and support our families!
04/16/2020 02:10 PM	Economic Support Working Group	#reopennc Wendy white	We need to reopen NC!!!
04/16/2020 02:10 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Doctor Jennifer Perry	Protect public health; do not prematurely lift stat at home orders.
04/16/2020 02:10 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Alison Katschkowsky	Why can't small businesses see their customers/clients and maintain responsible social distancing? Some of us can't do 'curbside' or take out service. The data provided so far don't support a total shut down of the state's economy. Small businesses need to be able to make these decisions on their own--not have them mandated.
04/16/2020 02:11 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Common Sense Alex Pennden	Think about the safety of others. Please keep us closed!
04/16/2020 02:11 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Jane Pownall	We must Reopen NC by May 1st bc what is being done to us is unconstitutional. The numbers of cases and deaths do not come anywhere close to any other diseases that move through our population on any given year and so, should not receive this kind of consideration where the rights of citizens are removed. To continue to keep NC closed is to show that COVID deaths are more important than those that will be from suicide, loneliness, and depression, as well as those of women and children who are subjected to domestic violence. If this tyranny continues after May1, I will consider it a purely political ploy on your part with no consideration for the people of NC. Show us you have a patriotic backbone and reopen NC
04/16/2020 02:11 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Caitlyn Caban	We need NC to reopen!! People who have health issues or do not feel well should stay home. Too many businesses are suffering with this it's time to reopen.
04/16/2020 02:12 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Susan Hines	OPEN THE STATE BACK UP!!! These small businesses will NEVER recover.
04/16/2020 02:12 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Do not open too soon! Elaine Alfred	Stay safe and be smart! Keep us home!
04/16/2020 02:12 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Benny W	END THE SHUT DOWN!!!! It is unconstitutional and the state will be sued, every representative will be voted out of office. It is doing irreparable damage to the nation and you will be held accountable.
04/16/2020 02:12 PM	Economic Support	ReOpen! Dave Anglin	Reopen the state, it's time. This state is not New York, monitor our large cities and get our

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04/16/2020 02:13 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Jill McKeand	Please please honor the constitution and open NC!!!! These restrictions went into place to SLOW the spread of this virus so that we didn't overwhelm our medical system. The purpose was to prevent too many people from getting sick at the same time!!! Most people WILL catch this virus as all experts have said!!! Our hospitals are NOT overwhelmed and we have flattened the curve!! It's time to get NC back to work before we loose more lives because of economic and mental health hardships!! Please do the right thing and remember WHY we are supposed to be the land of the FREE!
04/16/2020 02:13 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Greedy People stay home! Marcus S.	Those businessess want to open for their own money! Keep us closed and save lives!!
04/16/2020 02:14 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Lives over money Molly	Please Governor Cooper... values our lives over their money. Keep us home.
04/16/2020 02:14 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Please OPEN our economy!! Jeremy Skipper	Let the people of NC go back to work!
04/16/2020 02:14 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Stay in! Tyrell	We cannot go back to the outside until it is safe! Do not open up NC!!!
04/16/2020 02:15 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Glynis Giles	I need to work, open nc or you should take no wages until we do!
04/16/2020 02:15 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Susan Brock	Please reopen NC. The COVID - 19 virus numbers do not show the need of keeping the state and businesses closed any longer. With good hygiene and common sense, people can go back to work and build up the economy. People are going to remember the hardships that were forced upon them, and will put Roy Cooper's face on it.
04/16/2020 02:15 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr. Christopher Lassiter	The state needs to re-open.. The math doesn't add up to keep us shut down. Businesses can open and operate with their own precautions and people can decide for themselves whether to patronize them or not. No one is forced to go out. Any people that feel unsafe can just stay at home. The social distancing is not working anyway as nursing homes are already have large numbers of positive tests. So many that testing is no longer even being done.
04/16/2020 02:15 PM	Economic Support Working Group	No! Esther Pearson	I have 12 grandbabies and 5 children and I want them to be safe. I can wait to see them until it is safe to do so. Please keep us closed and sheltering in place. Keep my family safe.
04/16/2020 02:16 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Susan Greene	The shut down is working and we need to stay the course. Reopening too early will repeat the Spanish flu second wave. It's hard, but more sick and dying people is worse.
04/16/2020 02:17 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Christie Chadwick	The healthy and non-risk individuals need to keep the economy going. North Carolinian's do not want to live off government handouts. We believe in personal responsibility and life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. This shut down is tyranny! There is no valid cause for the stay home order to continue. REOPEN NC
04/16/2020 02:17 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Orwellian shutdown Kelly KuBrock	I run a small business. Sole proprietor. I have ZERO INCOME. And my life is shut down over a virus less deadly than the flu. The measures worked. There's no need to tighten the controls, for control and political reasons. The virus is dying down. People aren't so stupid they need to be regulated into not getting sick. Enough is ENOUGH. Reopen this state

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04/16/2020 02:17 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Open us back up Christy Brown	This shut down is causing way more damage than good. Wake County has a population of 1.1M and only just over 500 cases. No deaths. I know more people who have been severely economically impacted than I do people who have gotten sick or even know someone who has gotten sick. If you continue this shut down then the state needs to be able to support the people it is screwing over. Please tell me where in Wake Co. will \$1200 cover rent/mortgage, food, power, and water in total? Sure people can apply for unemployment but how long will that take to get? MILLIONS of people have applied for unemployment. Thousands are sick. That math does not add up. None of the numbers add up. Where are people supposed to go back to work to if their place of business is now completely closed and cant open back up because rent is still due. Mortgage is still due. Some places may allow mortgages to be skipped but then expect several months worth of payments all at once. Are you doing anything about that crappy practice? Probably not. I have been utterly disgusted at the government's response to this. Once again the needs of the few outweigh the needs of the many. I want to get back to my life.
04/16/2020 02:17 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Re-Open NC Stephanie Wildes	<p>Dear Sirs,</p> <p>How long does this have to drag out? Our state economy is collapsing before our eyes. People have lost their jobs. People are losing their jobs. Businesses are disappearing that will never rebound from this. Fear pedaling, hyper-inflated numbers and political agendas have shut down our wonderful state. Look at the current COVID-19 (5024 confirmed/108 dead as I write this) numbers. Was it worth shutting down the state for that?</p> <p>I also keep hearing that medical facilities are cutting back hours as they are underwhelmed by the sick that this virus has produced. If that's true I ask again, was it worth shutting down the state? The reality is that you can't keep everyone from getting this virus.</p> <p>Please let us go back to work, let us open for business and let us get back to our lives and livelihoods on May 1st. Let the virus run it's course. Most of us have common sense and will take care to not put ourselves at risk unless absolutely necessary.</p> <p>Lastly, the 1st Amendment allows for freedom of speech and peaceful assembly. The Governor, Raleigh Police Department, Capital Police and anyone else involved in the debacle with the protesters this past Tuesday should be called into question as to what exactly is their agenda.</p>
04/16/2020 02:17 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Debra Savage	Please REOPEN NC, people are suffering, going bankrupt, hungry, children deprived of education, worried, lack of sleep. Those that are at risk should quarantine, not continue to have everyone quarantine. There have only been 130 deaths, less than the flu, which is ignored. Many people are in pain and need other surgeries, open the hospitals. And please open parks, national forest, trails, and Blue Ridge Parkway, hiking is excellent for your health.
04/16/2020 02:17 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Angie Barnes	NC must reopen by May 1 2020 to prevent further economic disaster as well for humanity and our freedoms. Individuals at risk can continue to take the necessary precautions needed
04/16/2020 02:17 PM	Economic Support	9197721521 Hanna	There is nothing more important than our health. If our health is compromised, then the

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	Working Group	Lyons	economy is not even something to talk about - workers and employers will be unable to work. Thank you, Gov. Cooper, for following the recommendations of the medical community and continuing stay at home orders and continuing to close non-essential workplaces. Our health is the most important asset we have, and your leadership is important in maintaining our health. Thank you.
04/16/2020 02:17 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Leah Sanney	As a small business owner who still has received zero support for my business thus shut down must cease! It's ruining businesses. Destroying jobs. Towns. The list could go on. For a virus with a 98%+ survival rate this is not acceptable. This should not be decided by the state in a whole. Let town Mayors decide what is best for their community. This shut down is destroying us!
04/16/2020 02:18 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Re-Open NC Emilee Wildes	<p>Dear Sirs,</p> <p>How long does this have to drag out? Our state economy is collapsing before our eyes. People have lost their jobs. People are losing their jobs. Businesses are disappearing that will never rebound from this. Fear pedaling, hyper-inflated numbers and political agendas have shut down our wonderful state. Look at the current COVID-19 (5024 confirmed/108 dead as I write this) numbers. Was it worth shutting down the state for that?</p> <p>I also keep hearing that medical facilities are cutting back hours as they are underwhelmed by the sick that this virus has produced. If that's true I ask again, was it worth shutting down the state? The reality is that you can't keep everyone from getting this virus.</p> <p>Please let us go back to work, let us open for business and let us get back to our lives and livelihoods on May 1st. Let the virus run it's course. Most of us have common sense and will take care to not put ourselves at risk unless absolutely necessary.</p> <p>Lastly, the 1st Amendment allows for freedom of speech and peaceful assembly. The Governor, Raleigh Police Department, Capital Police and anyone else involved in the debacle with the protesters this past Tuesday should be called into question as to what exactly is their agenda.</p>
04/16/2020 02:18 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Caranna OMelveny	Open the state of NC with common sense strategies to mitigate the risk of the virus while getting citizens back to work! If you don't take action now, there will not be an economy to RE-open. Be reasonable, we do not need to continue to be shuttered past the current order!
04/16/2020 02:19 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms Cathy Lancaster	Reopen NC businesses and churches. Anyone of you who choses to continue to violate my civil rights as a US citizen need not look for my vote this fall.
04/16/2020 02:19 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Dustin Holland	I understand the reason for the initial shutdown was to assess and attempt to halt the spread of the virus. I feel the media has blown this "pandemic" way out of proportion in order to forward some underlying agenda and probably more so, to boost ratings. We need strong leadership to use common sense and end this shutdown immediately. Our Constitutional Rights are being violated and it must stop. We've heard the Democratic Party scream that President Trump and the Republican Party have been violating the Constitution since he took office, yet they don't seem to have a problem with it being violated now. All elected persons, I refuse to say officials, work for us, the people. How about doing what the people want? More people die from the flu and other routine

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			illnesses every year, but there's never been such a knee jerk reaction as the one we have now. Maybe those individuals who are more susceptible to the virus take precautions to prevent themselves from getting sick and let the rest of us go on with our lives.
04/16/2020 02:19 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Reopen NC Sabrina Smith	We will not recover if you don't let us get back to work! We all feel like we're being lied to and controlled! Where is our freedom?
04/16/2020 02:19 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Philip Danz	OPEN the state NOW. How many lives will you ruin to possibly save a few. Responsible adults understand how to protect themselves from the risks inherent in living their lived.
04/16/2020 02:20 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Tammy Brown	Reopen NC This is ridiculous. Our state is not densely populated. Businesses know precautions. Open up. People concerned can stay home. Heck Walmart is busier than ever. Open open open
04/16/2020 02:20 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Cherie Whitley	Please encourage Gov Cooper to reopen N.C. If we do not reopen, the effects from this shutdown will have far more devastating effects than the virus ever would have.
04/16/2020 02:21 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Open business Verna Middleton	Open business
04/16/2020 02:21 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Jerry Snyder	My family's small business can not survive another month if the shut down order remains in place. It is my family's sole source of income. We will not recover. We are suffering and feel helpless and hopeless. Please do not extend the shelter in place order.
04/16/2020 02:22 PM	Economic Support Working Group	J Fox	<p>Please REOPEN NC-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) For the furloughed worker whose unemployment check still isn't enough to cover their bills 2) For those who can't afford to feed their families and their food supply is limited because food banks quickly running out of stock 3) for those who suffer from domestic abuse 4) for those with mental health issues, whose struggles are being worsened ten fold by the isolation, uncertainty, and economic hardship 5) for people who own small businesses who might not be able to open back up and then have lost their whole livelihood 6) for the farmers throwing away fresh produce because there aren't buyers or food banks to store the food 7) for the college student is simultaneously working to provide their living AND pay for school at the same time <p>There are more health risks associated to this shut down than ONLY Covid-19. Let's make a plan to open in a such way that people can back to work and still be safe. If that means that every salon, retail store, or bar has to limit the number of patrons inside so be it. At least they can be open and make a profit. Make a plan. Re open- May 1st.</p>
04/16/2020 02:23 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Kristin Roberts	Open up Nc and schools. Let's get things back up and running!!
04/16/2020 02:23 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Danny Simpson	We need to let the small businesses in North Carolina open. Many probably won't be able to open now anyway because of lost revenue
04/16/2020 02:23 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Priscilla Mellon	Our small businesses are being shut down at an alarming rate. We have 125 people losing their jobs for every person you claim has this virus. I say claim because not everyone is

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			actually being tested as long as they have symptoms, they could have anything for all we know. We need to stop living in fear and live life. Our economy will take decades to recover if this keeps up much longer. Look to Sweden if you need to see how to do it but just do it fast.
04/16/2020 02:24 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Chris C	We need to re-open NC by May 1st.. We are suffering..
04/16/2020 02:24 PM	Economic Support Working Group	reopen nc brenda feathers	nc businesses need work
04/16/2020 02:25 PM	Economic Support Working Group	ReOpen NC Now Laura Piedad	Reopen the state. Families can't survive under the current restrictions. I can take care of myself and my family just fine without government interference.
04/16/2020 02:25 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Christie Avery	We must open the state right away, but no later than May 1st. Our small business community is being hammered during this shut down. As is our larger bushiness, just most haven't noticed because the trickle down effect has not landed on their doorstep. it will, by then it will be far too late to do anything timely about it. My husband is a essential worker in manufacturing, they have GOVERNMENT as well as private sector contracts. two weeks ago they SHUT down for at least a month sighting lack of work, if things don't improve a company who hasn't laid off workers in 27 years will be forced to do just that. this is HORRIFIC... Their unemployment hasn't come through. He and the others just want to return to work. This is our story, however it mirrors thousands if not millions across the state. We the people must get back to work, and yes we can be kept aware of the status of the virus. Taking needed precautions, as a immune compromised individual it is up to me to take responsibility for my healthcare and life, judging the risk and balancing those risk with due diligence and precaution. Respectfully, It is not the Governments job.
04/16/2020 02:26 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Sara Baucom	It's time to open our economy and let the healthy work. Keep the vulnerable home.
04/16/2020 02:26 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Melody Edghill	Please REOPEN NC small business & sole proprietors are suffering. We can maintain social distancing, washing hands, sanitizing surfaces & wearing mask. There is no more \$ to give to these folks. Americans know how to be smart
04/16/2020 02:26 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Crystal Sossoman	I feel like NC should start to reopen some businesses in a very careful manor beginning May 1st but still require some degree of social distancing in restaurants and stores. I believe hair salons should be able to reopen as long as both people wear masks.
04/16/2020 02:26 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Kristin WitcheK	I am a single self employed hairdresser. Ive worked at my salon since 2007. I have no one coming to save me. This is financially ruining me as well as my 12 co workers, also self employed. I stand to lose my home, my car, and most importantly my livelihood. The state of NC needs to open NOW. PLEASE!!!
04/16/2020 02:26 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms. Daune Pitman	It is time to reopen our state! As a small business owner of a 28 year old business, WE NEED to reopen! Our business is statewide and our workers can't file unemployment or get any of the benefits. What is being done is absurd and there is NO science or logic that supports it. There will be blood on your hands due to the mass tragedy you've caused to families and generational businesses that will not recover.
04/16/2020 02:27 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Monica Donaldson	Small business owner of a spa and request to open NC ONLY when the scientists think it will be safe for myself and my clients. The nature of my job has my face inches from my clients. I have justifiable concerns due to the shortage of PPE. How will I be able to

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			protect myself and my "high at risk" clients? Please put NC lives before profits. Trust me when I say I desperately want to be earning money at my business I am missing so much. But not at the cost of another's life!!!
04/16/2020 02:27 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr David StClair	It is imperative that Governor Cooper's shelter in place order stays in place until comprehensive testing is available throughout North Carolina and the rest of the country. Health care experts are saying it is the only way to prevent further spikes in cases, and deaths. The group pushing to reopen North Carolina is tragically mistaken.
04/16/2020 02:27 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Jason Taylor	Open up the State!!!! The cure is worse than the disease!!!!
04/16/2020 02:28 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Alison Roberts	Please reopen North Carolina for business. Our small businesses are suffering. Some of them will never recover from this loss of revenue. Our economy will suffer greatly from unemployment and business failures if we do not loosen the restrictions. Common sense, says that we would need to open things gradually and not just go back to the way things were before but we CAN do this. Please listen to the economists just as you listen to doctors. A great depression could be worse for society as a whole than a virus with at 97+% survival rate.
04/16/2020 02:28 PM	Economic Support Working Group	REOPEN NC Darleen Masterson	Reopen NC! We have 10.5 million people with 4kish cases. The numbers are not there. Let the healthy people get back to work & if people feel they need to social distance still they can. I don't know what numbers y'all have been looking at but there's been no rise. Quarantine is for the sick and autoimmune compromised not for the majority of us who will recover if we did catch the virus. Any virus is contagious and the numbers have been much higher for the flu. Please reopen Nc and let the healthy people start this economy back up. You have to think about mental health as well. The amount of crimes, suicide, depression, it's time to get back to work. We've been doing this for a month there's no need to continue.
04/16/2020 02:28 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr. Joshua Monday	#reopennc this is getting ridiculous
04/16/2020 02:28 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Reopen NC Anyssa Bell	We need to reopen NC our people are suffering!! Most of the people in my town rely on small businesses for goods and jobs! Schools are being told to go online while many residents in the NC mountains don't have internet! We desperately need our state reopen!!!
04/16/2020 02:29 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Dr Albert Jones	I implore the committee to act with reason and common sense and work toward re-opening the state. The statistics on the virus do not reflect reality.
04/16/2020 02:29 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Andrea Ballinger	We need our state to open back up. People are losing jobs not being able to get assistance. Unemployment isn't enough to pay bills and get food. We need our Economy to go forward not backwards. Trump wants the states to open by May 1. Please listen to the people who are speaking loud and clear. Open the forest back up to give people an option to breathe fresh air. Allow small businesses to reopen. Stop all the fear mongering.
04/16/2020 02:29 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr William Ray	I am a consultant for 32 businesses in the Triangle area. Many of them have been shut down by the Executive order, and across the 32, several dozen people have lost their jobs as the business owners struggle to maintain solvency. A few have had their businesses completely evaporate before their eyes. This is completely unacceptable. Most of them were otherwise healthy and flourishing before this gov't imposed shutdown. The economy needs to be reopened. We can protect vulnerable populations AND reopen the economy.

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			People at risk can quarantine themselves. We can take extra precaution. Our healthcare capacity is nowhere near being tested, and our hospitals are suffering from under-utilization of their capacities. This has to stop.
04/16/2020 02:30 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Open NC Pauline Heiny	I am writing to desperately implore you to open this state. It is BEYOND clear that the consequences of these shut downs have far outweighed the effects of this disease. This sudden concern for every single death in the state of NC is unprecedented. Last week we were told that this would be one of the darkest days in American history. We all prepared for the worst. It never happened. We were told our hospitals would be overrun. It never happened. In fact, we were told the entire sole purpose of these measures was to keep hospitals from being overloaded, not to eradicate the disease in its entirety. That was clearly a lie as hospitals haven't even been close to capacity yet we are being told that we must still stay closed. People are going to continue to die in traffic accidents, from heart disease, from cancer, from respiratory illness, from suicide and from all measure of disease whether we open or not. Death is a part of life that we have lived with since the beginning of time. The numbers are beyond clear and even with mitigation factored in have not reached anywhere near what we were led to believe. At this point I statistically have a greater chance of being struck by lightning than dying of this disease. I can't imagine a crueller act taken by government than restricting the ability of a parent to provide for their children. This is so cruel and based off of apocalyptic models that have not taken place..... not even remotely close. PLEASE open up this economy before it's too late for so many. PLEASE!!!!
04/16/2020 02:30 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Pastor Jeff McCann	NC families are hurting economically. Please give individuals the opportunity to take responsibility. Open NC back up for business and education.
04/16/2020 02:31 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Phoebe Brown	We need to reopen all business in our state. The. low numbers of Covid cases does not warrant such drastic action.
04/16/2020 02:31 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Mary Henderson	It's time to re-open NC. It's time for our businesses to be opened and unrestricted. These regulations our governor is imposing are unconstitutional and he has overstepped his boundaries. It is time to re-open NC!
04/16/2020 02:31 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Reopen NC Linda Bristow	We the citizens of NC need our state to reopen. Businesses are suffering, our economy is going to crash. We need to be able to have church. This is so important.
04/16/2020 02:31 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Melissa Greene	Governor Cooper our economy and small businesses cannot survive much more of this!! I think we are going to have to start reopening our state. I listened to your "new normal" recommendations. I think there is another way. We can start opening small businesses letting them design their own ways to handle the social distancing concern and still open for business. If you are in a high risk group make your own choices but recommend they avoid public areas, Wear masks when in public but REOPEN THE STATE!!! I hope and pray you are not trying to forward your political agenda at the expense of the people. The economy needs this, the people need this, North Carolina needs this, Reopen NC. Thank you
04/16/2020 02:31 PM	Economic Support Working Group	RE Open North Carolina Robert Miller	Please hear our plea - we need to re-open the state. Our businesses are becoming devastated by the shut down. The cure is causing way more than the disease. We have all learned our lesson and understand social distancing and how to be safe and clean. We all know you cannot get sick if you keep your hands clean and sterile, and do not put them in your eyes nose and mouth. Please re-open

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04/16/2020 02:32 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Lacey Cost er	Please! My husband is a Dentist and we have zero paycheck coming in, and make too much to qualify for the stimulus but yet have huge bills that come with being a Dentist. Can we please come up with a plan to reopen our economy? Less patients in the building, less maximum capacity? Something is better then nothing at this point and I worry for his mental health as well as his assistants and many other North Carolinians who are in the same boat.
04/16/2020 02:32 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr. Paul Church	Open N.C. for business again!!
04/16/2020 02:32 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Christopher Dancu	please reopen NC starting May 1st. You can phase in the reopening setting guidelines for the businesses
04/16/2020 02:32 PM	Economic Support Working Group		Please open NC for business. The 'cure' for COVID 19 is going to hurt a lot more people than the virus. Poverty is a disease that will affect generations to come.
04/16/2020 02:32 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Randy Hawley	Please reopen North Carolina
04/16/2020 02:32 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Cheryl Plageman	As a lifetime resident of NC I ask that you re-open all of NC businesses now. You are taking away out freedoms here in NC.
04/16/2020 02:32 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Victoria Hillis	My husband and I, both N.C. residents and voters, are extremely concerned with the impact, economic and otherwise, of continuing the shutdown of the N.C. economy. This shutdown is unsustainable from whatever angle you look at it, and is wholly unwarranted in light of the danger to the public health posed by COVID-19. The curve has been flattened, we have beefed up our health care resources, and there is no way we can eliminate (or ever could have eliminated), the threat of the virus - now we need to get on with our lives before all economic activity grinds to a halt. As it is, our "safety" is being borne on the backs of too few "essential" workers - they cannot bear the burden much longer. We strongly favor reopening NC now!
04/16/2020 02:33 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Jackie Poston	I'm not sure if I am in the correct category or not but I hope my concerns will be noted. The shutdown in NC is oppressive and unconstitutional let alone unwarranted according to statistics for our state. Keeping people in their homes actually adds to their risk. This virus has been here in NC way before testing for it began. FOR ONCE, quit towing the "party" line and be an example for all governors by putting some practical, workable guidelines in place. Unless your goal is to hurt our economy and NC citizens then you will keep things as is. Very disappointed thus far, Governor.
04/16/2020 02:33 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Joy Pennell	RE-OPEN! NC citizens and particularly small business owners desperately need NC to RE-OPEN!
04/16/2020 02:33 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr John Tkach	We need to reopen business throughout NC. Allow business owners to make the appropriate decisions and take appropriate actions to help slow the spread.
04/16/2020 02:33 PM	Economic Support Working Group	kathleen mueller	Small businesses are dying . In counties that have a low case loads, loosen the rules. Keep cities like Charlotte, Raleigh /Durham and the beaches closed.
04/16/2020 02:34 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms Linda Bumgardner	It is time to open NC for small businesses before it is too late. We can take precautions while we are reopening our doors. We need our governor to lift the Stay at Home mandate. Please don't let this get worse.
04/16/2020 02:34 PM	Economic Support	Jennifer Johnson	My husband and I operate three business in Wake County and live in Granville County. This

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	Working Group		shutdown has reduced our income to less than 2-% of what it was. While we do have some revenue coming in, it is very little. Our busienssnes can operate remotely on a very basic level, but do require face to face engagement at some point. I feel our curve is flattening and that with caution, we should allow business to start conducting business again. I agree with that those at risk should continue to shelter in place. But those of us who are healthy can continue working. Wear masks, wash hands and use sanitizer, keep distance as much as possible . . . but this is not sustainable. The SBA and Unemployment simply cannot keep up with demand NOR fulfill the demand. Larger companies, mostly unaffected by this (think law firms who are busy) have received PPP nad EIDL funding while Mom and Pop shops are considering shutdowns. Give us a chance or be ready for extended unemployment and more demand on our subsidized programs.
04/16/2020 02:34 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Owner Charles morrow	Our small retail business is struggling because of this shut down. We would love to reopen soon even if we have to follow certain guidelines about how many people are allowed in our store at one time. This can't continue for any great length of time or we will no longer be able to pay our staff or ourselves.
04/16/2020 02:34 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Chris Weldon	This virus is not nearly as bad as predicted, open NC
04/16/2020 02:35 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Reopen Danielle Drehsen	We need to reopen, we need to be able to work. People can't pay their bills and feed there families. Not everyone has been eligible for assistance. Reopen!
04/16/2020 02:35 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Iris Carman	North Carolina has immediate needs for healthcare and public health support, to protect families from lost work and strengthen our economy. Focus on people first and their need to replace lost income, put food on the table and keep a roof over peoples' heads. These resources should exclude no person for their identity or immigration status. Our fates are intertwined, bold commitments to support our neighbors' health and well-being are required to address the devastating impacts of COVID-19. Collective resources to build systems that will help every person and every community recover must be designed and implemented quickly. I am very concerned about the produce farmers. There produce must not go to waste. Many people are going hungry and the food banks require more to help those in need of food. Please work with produce farmers locally and across states to prevent the loss of their produce! Buy it and ship it to food banks and other groups working diligently to stop hunger!
04/16/2020 02:35 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. A G	Open us up!!! My dad will die of a heart attack trying to save his business that is drowning and it will be because of this shutdown. He is high risk but would rather die trying to protect what he worked so har dof r and the livelihoods of his employees before allowing you to run his lifes work to the ground. We are all watching you!
04/16/2020 02:35 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Angie Arrants	It is time to implement some safety guidelines and reopen our state. It is not the place of government to restrict our livelihood.
04/16/2020 02:35 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mary Ann Shultz	Open NC!
04/16/2020 02:36 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ellen Nudi	Reopen NC and get our people back to work! We can operate safely
04/16/2020 02:36 PM	Economic Support Working Group	The state needs to open Beth Roach	This virus has caused us to suffer in ways far superior than the devastation of the disease. The original plan was to flatten the curve, let the healthcare and supply chain catch up.

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			The plan was not to eradicate. We can't change the "plan" . Open up the colleges and the businesses so people can go on With their lives and not experience other health issues And other unintended side effects from this quarantine.
04/16/2020 02:36 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Chas Stratton	Please allow businesses to reopen on May 1. Keep stay at home orders only for those citizens that are susceptible to the disease. The curve has been successfully flattened.
04/16/2020 02:38 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Owner Alyssa Toro	We need to reopen NC as soon as the president allows. Our numbers are low and our hospitals are equipped. My husband and I run 2 small businesses that are negatively impacted by the shelter at home order. We have employees we need to pay and are supporting through this but won't survive much longer like this. We also have a business owner friend that has had to close their doors to all three of their locations.
04/16/2020 02:38 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Sonja Hamric	Open up NC! NOW!
04/16/2020 02:38 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Business owner Traci Strickland	We are more than able to make decisions for ourselves as to where we go, what we buy and how we run our businesses! Open NC!!!
04/16/2020 02:39 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr. Abraham Thornton	<p>I think that all of us are aware that the COVID-19 pandemic represents a threat, particularly to the elderly and health compromised. I also believe that the vast majority of North Carolina residents are responsible adults who are able to evaluate the risks and make the right decisions for themselves, their families, and their community.</p> <p>However, this is not a single-faceted issue. Many individuals are worried about their livelihoods - their ability to feed their family, make rent, pay the mortgage, or keep their business from closing. These issues aren't just about money - they impact the mental, social, and physical health of the state and its residents. Studies have shown conclusive connections between unemployment and suicide, not to mention increases in substance abuse and domestic violence. I strongly urge the committee to consider these impacts and move to ease restrictions.</p>
04/16/2020 02:39 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms. Stacy Caldwell	<p>Reopen NC</p> <p>This whole process has been unconstitutional and reckless. Statistics don't support this drastic measure that has been taken.</p> <p>Quarantine the fragile and let the rest of the community work and support the economy! That is common sense.</p> <p>All people are essential and to say to a person you aren't essential is wrong. People's paychecks are essential. Are my illustrious governor and state reps going without pay? I think not. It is easy to make such stupid decisions when they don't affect your livelihood.</p> <p>The constitution does not have a clause that says this only applies in a healthy country! It is sort of like marriage vows. The constitution stands in sickness and in health.</p> <p>It is past time to do what is right for the 99% of the population. Protect and help the 1%, but no more gross abuses of power.</p> <p>We are a Gov't of the people, by the people, and for the people!</p>

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04/16/2020 02:39 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Bonnie Caskey	<p>It is way past time to reopen the state!</p> <p>I'm writing today as a concerned North Carolina voter. I vehemently oppose the continued shutdown of our state and the Unconstitutional orders in place. The data does not support the actions taken by our state government. My husband and I both own small businesses and have lost thousands of dollars in the last several weeks. Our children are struggling. Our family's financial, physical and emotional health should be a part of the equation as well. I believe there is a way we can protect those who need it and get people back to work. Please hear our heart when we say, "We need to REOPEN NC now!"</p>
04/16/2020 02:39 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr. Kenneth Carlson	<p>Thank you for your time.</p> <p>If North Carolina and other states want an example of how the economy can open up while still taking thoughtful, effective precautions to limit the Coronavirus risk, one effective way is to evaluate the many "essential businesses" still operating. In short, those businesses are mini-test labs of how to work while honoring COVID-19 concerns. And absent the occasional outlier, if those essential businesses haven't had any consistent spikes in positive cases -- which apparently has not happened -- then there's our prototype.</p> <p>Latest morning stats as of today, April 16, from the NCDHHS: 5,465 confirmed cases = just .00052% of NC's population, and .077% of the 70,917 people tested. 131 deaths = .000012% of NC's population and .024% of those testing positive.</p> <p>In short, there's got to be a better way to manage the relative risks of COVID-19 without essentially shutting down our economy as currently being done. And hopefully this comment will help take us in that better direction.</p> <p>Thanks for considering.</p>
04/16/2020 02:40 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Nicole Wyche	<p>This shut down cannot continue to go on. More lives will be lost because the complications resulting from this shut down. Those numbers will not be told to everyone in the world like covid numbers, will they.</p>
04/16/2020 02:40 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Tracy Shumack	<p>I am writing this because as a NC resident and business owner I want to see us back up and running ASAP. Now, I do not say this lightly. I worked in healthcare for more than 25 years. In the beginning I was all for this, because we didn't know what this was, how it worked, how to treat it. It was the unknown that was the worst. Now we have a ton more of information, we have treatments for it and they are working, and we need to get back to normal. Please for the love of God, open this country back up... There are more people that die from flu or cancer each year than this virus. Please do what is right and stop this before it is too late.</p>
04/16/2020 02:40 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Christopher Russell	<p>Please do not extend this we will not be able to recover many won't be able to now. And we will certainly loose a lot more if this continues</p>
04/16/2020 02:42 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Business owner Audrey McKenzie	<p>I'm a new business owner and new resident to NC! My livelihood depends on you opening the State!! By nit doing so, you are just going to be sending residents back out to start visiting in each other's homes and simply undoing all that's been done!</p>
04/16/2020 02:42 PM	Economic Support	Business Owner Vicki	<p>We need our businesses open. People are going to die from starvation, homelessness,</p>

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	Working Group	Ashley	suicide and other medical issues. We can't visit doctors, dentists or any medical professional. People are losing everything they worked for. Please open on April 30th!!!!
04/16/2020 02:43 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Elizabeth Yates	We need to be open! People in low risk categories should be able to return to life and work. Life and livelihoods are one in the same. We need precautions not panic. We need our economy to support our state now and into the future. Remaining closed is very shortsighted.
04/16/2020 02:43 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Carrie Howland	The hospitals are empty. Thousands of Doctors and Nurses have been furloughed. The unemployment lines are spilling over. The PPP is out of money. This was a huge overreach that was never supported with reliable data. We need to work. Open us back up.
04/16/2020 02:44 PM	Economic Support Working Group	COVID-19 openings Jeff Roach	Please open the State up for business. The cure is becoming worse than the virus with the impact to al N.C. citizens. The citizens of N.C. expect government to provide direction - not to implement a police state which will ruin our State and National in the long run. Getting people back to work is as important as finding a cure/vaccine for this dreaded virus.
04/16/2020 02:44 PM	Economic Support Working Group	CATHY CAGNO	REOPEN NC IS CRUCIAL! LET EVERYONE GET BACK TO WORK! THIS WHOLE THING IS INSANE AND HAS BEEN BLOWN WAY OUT OF PORPORTION TO SCARE AMERICA AND I AM SICK OF IT!
04/16/2020 02:45 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Charles LaVerdiere	<p>I am gravely concerned by the overreaches of the NC State and various County governments that are preventing law abiding citizens from working to earn a living.</p> <p>Please remove these draconian restrictions now -- people who are at risk can choose to shelter at home, and those of us at lower risk can choose to practice cautious hygiene measures. We all take calculated risks everyday and don't need you to protect us from a virus. Please stop treating your constituents like we're helpless children who need your benevolent guidance.</p> <p>I have no problem with the government requiring people with COVID-19 symptoms to quarantine, but shelter-in-place, or stay-at-home orders for healthy people are an egregious violation of our Constitutional rights. Please reopen NC now!</p>
04/16/2020 02:45 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Reopen NC Hillary Pennell	We need to reopen the NC economy! People's livelihoods are at stake. The suicide rate is up over 300% since the lockdown. Child abuse and domestic violence are up as well! To shut down the economy for such an extended time is asinine. It's hurting a bigger majority then it is protecting. Those who wish to self quarantine and social distance can still do so. But those of us who wish to get back to work can do so safely and responsibly. It's our right!
04/16/2020 02:46 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Kathy Cox	Open the state back up, our people are suffering
04/16/2020 02:47 PM	Economic Support Working Group	President RGO William Bletner	It's time to Reopen North Carolina !!!
04/16/2020 02:48 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Renae Williford	The current COVID-19 numbers for the state of North Carolina do not indicate that we should continue the stay at home orders as indicated by governor Cooper. The citizens of North Carolina are increasingly concerned of the law enforcement overreach in violation of our rights given to us by the Constitution of the United States of America. We will not be

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			silent on this matter. Our state could easily begin a safe rollout of opening businesses and getting people back to work today. We will remember the action and in action of our state representatives on this matter come election time. Reopen North Carolina!
04/16/2020 02:48 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Gary Carr	The state needs to be re-opened. This is devastating to small business and mental well being.
04/16/2020 02:49 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Kayla Griffin	I do not support continued shutdown, not at all. #Reopennc
04/16/2020 02:50 PM	Economic Support Working Group	ReopenNC Chris Respass	Please re-open North Carolina! Business owners are hurting terrible by the overage that governor Cooper is committing. In the election the people will speak, the working class, the ones who keep this country going that have been stopped because of public officials!
04/16/2020 02:50 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr. Thomas Antoine, Esq.	<p>Dir Sirs or Madams,</p> <p>The continued executive "Stay at Home" order has and continues to cause such harm that it is not in the public's interest of safety or health to continue. Said harm so outweighs the benefit that it is inconceivable that it should continue. There is no empirical evidence to support the shutdown. The shutdown has violated multiple constitutional rights that every office of legal authority of this Great State of North Carolina is sworn to uphold.</p> <p>The unemployment rate in North Carolina was exceptionally low at 3.8% before the executive order, just under the national 4.1% average. Now, as of the date of this letter, WRAL reports that the total new unemployment claims for the last month has reached 22 million, a record stretch of job loss. Some economists say the unemployment rate could reach as high as 20% in April alone. This will be the highest rate since the Great Depression of the 1930s.</p> <p>Already, we are seeing people run out of resources to buy groceries and bare necessities. Food banks cannot keep pace. Our death rate to COVID-19 will pale in comparison to the death rate by starvation should this continue. Agriculture across the state is being decimated, crops are being plowed under, fertilized eggs broken and supply chains stopped because we can't get product to the consumers.</p> <p>There is not enough economic stimulus to support impacted businesses. All the PPP funding available from the Fed was exhausted in a matter of days. That program was designed to be temporary, just 8 weeks. The IRS relief was also intended for a short duration that arrived in most peoples' accounts this week.</p> <p>Hard data available now is proving COVID-19 to be no more threatening than H1N1 and slightly more dangerous than the common flue. I do not have the space to quote the voluminous amount of medical data that demonstrates this. However, the fact that now 30% of people tested in Chicago, IL have COVID-19 antibodies is a strong indicator that this virus is no more harmful than the flue and our population is already generating the herd immunity required to render it ineffective. Tracking of the disease should not be used to quarantine, rather to ensure this immunity strengthens.</p> <p>We have trampled on both the State Constitution, the US Constitution, and Bill of Rights</p>

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			<p>that I as a lawyer and you as Assembly people are sworn to uphold. We've violated the Freedom to Assemble, the Freedom to Worship, the Right to Due Process in our court systems, and a myriad of other inalienable rights. Each of these is a separate cause of action. The irreparable economic damage to individuals and business also presents a strong case against the State's actions to both initiate and particularly to continue a State "Stay at Home" order. Counties supporting the same are in equally deep legal trouble.</p> <p>Therefore, it is imperative that we Re-Open the great State of North Carolina post haste. End the illegal and unconstitutional totalitarian style mandates and return power to the rightful owners of these liberties, the Citizens of North Carolina.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p> <p>Thomas L. Antoine, Esq.</p>
04/16/2020 02:51 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Apartment Assoc. of NC Janae Moore	<p>As an industry, owners, operators, and suppliers are all feeling the same burden of the average tenant. Income reduction, property loss, and a need for resources are all shared experiences through the duration of this pandemic.</p> <p>As a result, many housing providers are taking measures to help their tenants during this unprecedented time, offering rent deferment, developing payment plans and waiving late fees. We understand the hardships that are being faced and encourage tenants who have been financially impacted by COVID-19 to stay in active communication with property management.</p> <p>We strongly support efforts to pass additional relief and stimulus legislation. Our ask is that you include help for North Carolina rental housing providers, housing professionals, and tenants. This includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure all relief/aid measures specifically apply to individuals and businesses directly impacted by COVID 19. • Emergency Rental Assistance- particularly for those who are presently not receiving state and federal aid. • Relief to owner/operators particularly those who do not have federally backed mortgages. • Extend local governments the authority to offer critical property tax relief. <p>The enormity of the challenges we are facing as a nation and as an industry is evolving on a daily or even hourly basis. We remain committed to ensuring that all who live in apartments have a safe, secure place to call home; and we stand ready to work with you as you work to provide the assistance necessary to meet the challenges of the COVID-19 crisis.</p>
04/16/2020 02:51 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Terry Dyer	Open NC for business! Do not let this country fall because of partisan politics! We will remember come a November!
04/16/2020 02:51 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ann Glacken	Please re-open our state. People are suffering economically and emotionally with this shutdown. Jobs have been lost, the self-employed are being hammered economically. The money subsidy they will receive barely pays the rent.
04/16/2020 02:52 PM	Economic Support	Please Reopen NC	Please reopen.... allow those at high risk or those that are scared stay home. Please don't

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	Working Group	Gretchen Steed	sacrifice our livelihood for sake a a few.
04/16/2020 02:53 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr. Kirby LaForce	Please begin re-opening the state economy on May 1, 2020. Hardworking Americans are suffering and need to get back to work. Thank you.
04/16/2020 02:53 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Brian D'Amico	<p>I think we're all concerned about people's lives. The thing that gets the most news is the lives lost to the virus and the families affected. We all should pray for those families just as we should any family who has lost a loved one.</p> <p>The thing that does not get much news at all are the other lives lost due to suicide and murder, domestic and child abuse and more, all due to economic hardship and stay-at-home orders. These lives should also matter to us all, but are not discussed. So when you ask "does economics come before people's lives" we should all understand that economics AFFECTS people's lives. The loss of a job or an economic hardship is one of the biggest stressors in a person's life.</p> <p>I think we all care for people. It does not have to be an either THIS or THAT scenario. When people say 'we need to get back to work' people should not immediately assume they have no care for human life. It should not also be assumed that people saying "we need to get back to work" expect to go back to exactly the way things were. Businesses will adapt. People will adapt. We are now all wiser than before. For example, restaurants can begin seating less people and spreading them out. Department stores can implement the same policies that WalMart has done. (spreading people out, less people in the building)</p> <p>I'm not trying to minimize the coronavirus and its effects at all. But there has to be a more balanced way to address this issue than the one we're doing now. We need to care about all members of the population...those who are sick from the virus and those who are healthy because the healthy people are suffering too.</p>
04/16/2020 02:53 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Reopen Small Business Andrea Oteri	I am a self employed Hairstylist and have no income due to the shutdown. I am also a single Mother. Please help us get back to work so we can feed our children and pay our bill. Unemployment is not an option at the time either.
04/16/2020 02:53 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Tracey Smith	We CAN NOT keep nc shut down. Not only is this DEVASTATING to our state, but a VIRUS needs to run its course. Our numbers are low and NOT due to this shutdown... the 6 states that never issued stay at home orders and still have 6 of the LOWEST NUMBERS IN THE COUNTRY prove that. Those high risk are better off if we, the healthy, can be free to build herd immunity for them, which is how we deal with EVERY OTHER VIRUS. This nonsense is a weak attempt at stripping the residents of this state's rights away, little by little until there's nothing left. We need to #reopenNC!!!
04/16/2020 02:54 PM	Economic Support Working Group	We must reopen our state Kathleen Sharpe	We MUST reopen our economy immediately, and remove all unnecessary restrictions. The numbers simply do not bear the burden of ten million people and untold businesses facing bankruptcy!
04/16/2020 02:54 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr. Win Dale	Please work together to find common ground and compromise to keep people safe while getting this economy back up and running!!
04/16/2020 02:55 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms. Krista Brooks	Time to start re-opening NC!!!
04/16/2020 02:55 PM	Economic Support	S Messinger	Business' should be allowed to submit reopening business plans, get them approved, and

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	Working Group		work in accord with the plans- minimal people, distances, masks, etc .. all the same things essential businesses are implementing
04/16/2020 02:55 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Beverly Anderson	I feel it is time to reopen our state. Why can the vulnerable in our society self quarantine and allow those who are not to return to work. We are devastating families, destroying businesses. If this continues we will loose even more people. We need to think about all citizens. For 98% of the population it is no more than flu like symptoms. How are we ever going to reach any kind of herd immunity if people have no exposure. Start thinking about all NC residents and come up with a plan to get us moving now not a month from now.
04/16/2020 02:55 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Martin Robbins	To whom it may concern. Please allow business in NC to reopen. The numbers on this virus is wrong and blowed way out of proportion. There are to many people that have lost there jobs on count of this shutdown and it will only get worse if it continues. #ReopenNC
04/16/2020 02:57 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr. Stephen Benton	Governor Cooper's EO is killing North Carolina's economy and will have repercussions that are potentially far worse than the Wuhan virus. The cure is indeed worse than the disease. Even after taking "social distancing" into account, all the "chicken little" models have turned out to be simply flat out wrong. Maybe criminally so. As I understand it, Cooper failed to get endorsement from the Council of State for his emergency declaration. The General Assembly needs to take action and end Cooper's lock down for the good of the state. Those that are most at risk can take appropriate measures on their own while the rest of us get back to work and repair our economy!
04/16/2020 02:57 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Heather MacAulay	We are a family of 6 and have not been able to work in a month. We are still taking health care precautions, but please OPEN small businesses who will not have as many people in them as a Walmart or Lowe's. They can have the same social distance rules in place as these big stores do!
04/16/2020 02:58 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Anna Reed	Please REOPEN NC asap. Small businesses and restaurants are all hurting...bankruptcies etc will happen NC needs to reopen. Keep risk population to stay home. We cannot ruin our lives economy well being to this virus that kills a SMALL % of people vs. The population of NC.please REOPEN
04/16/2020 02:58 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Kathy Deese	We need North Carolina reopened. Businesses can reopen and still abide by the social distancing and wearing of masks. Don't kill our economy!! We are voters and deserve to be supported.
04/16/2020 02:58 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Alicia Spease	We need our country to open again. Our small businesses will be gone forever leaving millions without a job which means a lot of hungry mouths. Suicide, hunger and abuse will kill more than this virus. This shutdown is ruining the American Dream and our livelihood. This shut down is not for the best of our people. The longer this lasts, the more dangerous it will become!
04/16/2020 02:59 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Jonathan Spivey	need to open up and go back to work
04/16/2020 02:59 PM	Economic Support Working Group	MR Allen Gang	We need to reopen NC businesses with some sensical restrictions. What is the difference if everyone goes to Walmart, Lowes or Home Depot everyday and other retailers that need to operate? The models were grossly off by a magnitude. We can not wait until these items that Cooper is proposing.
04/16/2020 03:00 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Thomas Savage	It is essential for North Carolina to bring back the economy NOW! We can't wait any longer. We must spend whatever it takes to have testing available for All residents on

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			<p>demand. We also need masks readily available to the general population. Anyone over 65 should have ready access to m95 masks, disposable gloves and hand sanitizer s. They are not available to us now . You need to get them from ASAP. It will be up to us to use them properly and to protect ourselves.</p> <p>There are too many people out of work. This will lead to as many or more deaths from drug use. Suicide, alcoholism as from the Wuhan virus. A large proportion of virus deaths are in nursing homes. You need to develop protocols for nursing homes to sole the problem.</p> <p>I live in Haywood County. We have had 4 cases. There is no reason for our economy to be shut down. Hiking trails have been closed throughout the area. For no reason.</p> <p>The governor wants to prolong the shutdown statewide without justification. You need to develop protocols for various sectors of the economy and let the economy function. You must send a strong message to the governor that the state must open for business NOW. With reasonable safeguards: PPE testing and reasonable distancing! Citizens are smart enough to know what risks we want to take!</p>
04/16/2020 03:00 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Me Louis Perrone	Please we need nc reopened by the 1st we cannot go another 14 days we are literally going broke all of our life savings is going fast we need to work ASAP
04/16/2020 03:00 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Reopen NC! Karin Potter	Unemployment is not the answer! We need to reopen now to save ourselves and our children's future! We can and will take responsibility for our own selves and our own health. My dad lives with us and I take this very seriously but if we can't pay our bills how will we feed our family??? The cure is worse than the virus!
04/16/2020 03:02 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Amanda Pope	Please reopen Nc! I am an independent hair stylist and have no paid leave, no retirement and no insurance! I can't survive much longer! Also there has been a 20% increase in domestic violence just in Charlotte. Robberies have also increased. This will continue to be the trend as long as people are unable to work! The solution is now becoming worse than the problem. Also side note. I've noticed during press conferences the governor and his associates are obviously getting their hair done! Tell me how that's fair. If i can't work as a stylist or barber then no one should be allowed!
04/16/2020 03:02 PM	Economic Support Working Group		We need to let the current stay at home order expire at the end of April and not extend it. We cannot keep stripping people of their right to earn a living and expecting them to be able to survive. Unemployment has been a failure. The stimulus checks are a failure. We need to stop failing our people and allow them to do business. It should be left up to the individuals if they want to patronize business, not the government to close all businesses. If you continue the lockdown you are putting millions of people in danger of starvation, homelessness, suicide, overdose and substance abuse.
04/16/2020 03:02 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Vicki OHearn	We need north Carolina open ASAP. People need to get back to work.
04/16/2020 03:03 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms Anne Bullard	Please don't waste the tremendous sacrifice of North Carolinians who have lost their incomes by staying at home. Reopening the economy prematurely would jeopardize the gains we've made in our collective efforts at bending the curve. It is a difficult time for all of us, but some of our neighbors have paid a significantly higher price than others. Attempting to "fix it" by restarting the economy prematurely will only invalidate the

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			sacrifices of those who can't afford to go through a second shutdown. Please allow our state to stick with the current program. It's working, and in the end, the price will be lower in terms of economic AND public health. Please don't invalidate the gains we have made.
04/16/2020 03:03 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr. Adam Leonard	Do not open the state until it is safe to do so! Even putting the loss of life aside, reopening the state too early will only force us to have to shut it down again. Do not listen to a small but vocal fringe group that is mostly motivated by politics!
04/16/2020 03:04 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Shannon Rohden	Governor Cooper. I want NC to reopen. Our people are suffering and the aid that was promised isn't there or isn't making a difference. Either way, it's destroying our state. I employ you as our representative to take some common sense actions to get our state up and running again. Many North Carolinians are questioning the models and statistics behind your decisions. Let us have our state back.
04/16/2020 03:04 PM	Economic Support Working Group	#reopen nc Melissa Roberts	The broad overreaching stay at home policies of Gov. Cooper must be ended! Killing our state's economy, and making more of our fellow citizens mentally, emotionally, and physically(+economically) unwell is not the way to beat this pandemic! Need some common sense brought into this, as well as individual cities, towns, communities, deciding what's best for their own situations. Remember the Duke Lacrosse fiasco? That was Cooper's doing! Sad we didn't we learn from that :(
04/16/2020 03:05 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Rebecca Shoaf	Children do not belong on house arrest. Reopen the parks, businesses, and tourism. Deaths of despair and poverty are not the gifts North Carolina has to offer. New York's overwhelm are not representative of the effects of this virus. Don't hold my children and their future hostage for the 0.1% who MIGHT be negatively impacted by a cold. Let those who are afraid stay home, not condemn us all.
04/16/2020 03:05 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Debby Sprinkle	Small businesses need to be open! We sanitize better then food stores and can follow the same guidelines. Get us off unemployment!!
04/16/2020 03:06 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Dawn Barham	ReOpen NC
04/16/2020 03:06 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Dr Holly Ackerman	Please protect public health and keep and extend stay-at-home orders, because without the public's health, there is no economy. That's how things actually work. Do not be buffaloed by a small group of lunk-headed social darwinists who somehow think they are invulnerable.
04/16/2020 03:06 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Timothy Anderson	Livelihoods are being destroyed and family's are oppressed by government overreach. Fear is destructive and toxic. Education on prevention is the solution. Continuation of government overreach will be fully recognized as tyranny and people will act to protect their freedom afforded under the U.S. Constitution.
04/16/2020 03:06 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Elisabeth Wertz	Please consider re-opening small businesses in our state! We are able to do this in a responsible manner. We can have business open and working and still be smart about how to manage the effects of the virus!
04/16/2020 03:07 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Phillip	If the cure is worse than the disease, we don't need the cure.
04/16/2020 03:07 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Josh Misso	First off, I want to applaud the State of North Carolina for doing everything they can to beat an invisible enemy. The response to COVID-19 was rapid, which is always much appreciated when faced with uncertainty.

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			<p>Now, I would like to call on North Carolina to continue to do the right thing and re-open for business and commerce. This includes lifting the stay-at-home order No Later Than 01 May 2020.</p> <p>Many have sacrificed their economic livelihood in order to comply with an unconstitutional mandate to shelter in place. While federal relief has been promised, many are waiting for stimulus checks that are still months away from businesses and families that did not get a tax refund from the IRS within the past 2 years. Hospitals, especially Wake Med, have ended many medical procedures and hired on extra staff expecting a surge in COVID-19 cases that never came -- as a result the very institutions designed to guide us through sickness are becoming cash-strapped with management hinting at the possibility of layoffs.</p> <p>If we, as a people, are devoted to safeguarding the lives of citizens while pursuing life, liberty, and happiness then the next logical step is to re-open the State and discontinue the stay-at-home order. Our nurses and hospital workers deserve better. Our small businesses deserve better. Our citizens deserve their civil liberties.</p>
04/16/2020 03:07 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Josh Overbeck	Please allow economy to reopen on May 1. This has become devastating to many in the small business community
04/16/2020 03:07 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Anna Hanks	<p>To whom it may concern,</p> <p>I am writing in support of the re-opening of North Carolina. We were asked to stay home and then mandated to stay home based on not overwhelming the hospitals. The models predicting deaths from this virus have been thrown out for being incredibly inaccurate. There is no longer any reason to continue tanking our economy and removing our constitutional freedom for this issue.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>
04/16/2020 03:07 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Veteran, mother to 11 Ashley Beaty	I swore to uphold and defend the constitution against all enemies, foreign and domestic. I'm an Iraq war veteran. These executive orders are unconstitutional. Reopen NC!
04/16/2020 03:07 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs A. Elliott	It is time to reopen N.C.! We need to open and get people back to work! Hospitals are even cutting hours and freezing hiring because there is no elective procedures and negligible number of COVID patients. Quarantine is confining sick people, Tyranny is holding well people hostage!!! This is tyranny !
04/16/2020 03:07 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Re open NC Melanie Stokes	Please reopen this state. We can not afford to stay closed Much longer
04/16/2020 03:07 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr. Bill Henkel	The measures we have taken have flattened the curve sufficiently and should be eased. We have not overrun the hospital system and people should be allowed to go to work. Some of the measures that have been taken are unconstitutional and should be removed immediately.
04/16/2020 03:08 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Reopen NC NOW Emily Poli	Please reopen the state immediately. We can follow proper health guidelines and limit customers but please let us get back to work! If all of you want to be reelected you should consider how you respond to the people who put you in office in the first place. Thank you.
04/16/2020 03:09 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Michelle Miller Harris	Please open NC, let our small business open back up

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04/16/2020 03:10 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Michelle Miller Harris	Please open NC, let our small business open back up
04/16/2020 03:10 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Michelle Miller Harris	Please open NC, let our small business open back up
04/16/2020 03:10 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Michelle Miller Harris	Please open NC, let our small business open back up
04/16/2020 03:11 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Mye Wilson	Reopen NC now!
04/16/2020 03:13 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Kim Taylor	Reopen NC!! Now
04/16/2020 03:13 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Philip Talley	<p>Hello. I have a message for Governor Cooper. I am a resident of North Carolina and I am very concerned about the prolonged closure of our area and the passing of unconstitutional orders by your administration. I have seen people illegally arrested in our state, while practicing social distancing, and I am alarmed. I and my fellow North Carolinians are writing to urge you to uphold the Constitution. According to the Constitution, we have God given rights to worship, to work, to peaceably assemble, to be secure in our persons, homes, and documents, among other things.</p> <p>We are citizens. Not subjects. We, the people, are the government. Government only exists by the consent of the governed. We voted you in and we will vote you out if you refuse to respect our constitutional rights. If you elect to trample on our constitutional rights and promote tyrannical rule we will remove you as is our duty according to the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution. We need to REOPEN NC now. The people will not continue to stand for this prolonged closure. I've provided a refresher on the constitutional rights being violated below.</p> <p>First Amendment: Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.</p> <p>Second Amendment: A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed.</p> <p>Fourth Amendment: The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated, and no Warrants shall issue, but upon probable cause, supported by Oath or affirmation, and particularly describing the place to be searched, and the persons or things to be seized.</p> <p>Fifth Amendment: No person shall be held to answer for a capital, or otherwise infamous crime, unless on a presentment or indictment of a Grand Jury, except in cases arising in the land or naval forces, or in the Militia, when in actual service in time of War or public danger; nor shall any person be subject for the same offence to be twice put in jeopardy of</p>

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			<p>life or limb; nor shall be compelled in any criminal case to be a witness against himself, nor be deprived of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor shall private property be taken for public use, without just compensation.</p> <p>Eighth Amendment: Excessive bail shall not be required, nor excessive fines imposed, nor cruel and unusual punishments inflicted.</p> <p>Fourteenth Amendment (S1): All persons born or naturalized in the United States, and subject to the jurisdiction thereof, are citizens of the United States and of the state wherein they reside. No state shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States; nor shall any state deprive any person of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws.</p> <p>Give Me Liberty or Give Me Death,</p> <p>Philip Talley</p>
04/16/2020 03:13 PM	Economic Support Working Group	J Carpenter	<p>REOPEN NC!</p> <p>The longer our state is closed the more small businesses will close, livelihoods, homes, and lives will be lost. I do not discount lives lost due to the virus, but more will die due to suicide, poverty, and abuse. Take into account those who have lost their jobs and are now unemployed and STRUGGLING to even receive their unemployment checks. You close businesses down and people aren't paid, guess what else is not paid? Taxes! There are so many more long term things to be concerned with than this virus. Don't keep us on lock down longer than the end of this month. If you do, the voices of those of us who are tired of our liberties being stomped on will rise up. REOPEN NC!</p>
04/16/2020 03:14 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Dr John McGregor	<p>The current restrictions placed on individuals and business in North Carolina due to COVID-19 are at odds with a risk based approach. By defaulting to the precautionary principle to address COVID-19, it is clear the leadership of NC is taking the "easy way out" as opposed to a thoughtful & detailed consideration of the risks and benefits. A precise and targeted approach is required, not the one size fits all simplistic solution that is currently in place.</p>
04/16/2020 03:14 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Michelle Hoffman	<p>Please open up our state for small businesses. I own a small gym and I need the income!!! Even 15-20 people at a time would help!! Thank you in advance.</p>
04/16/2020 03:15 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr. John Ellis	<p>Open NC back up immediately.</p>
04/16/2020 03:15 PM	Economic Support Working Group	President C R Goodwin	<p>We are struggling! Reopen NC now.</p>
04/16/2020 03:16 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Open NC Brittany McGee	<p>As a North Carolinian I ask that Governor Roy Cooper see that we NEED to get back to work! Open NC!</p>
04/16/2020 03:16 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Reopen Don Woodard	<p>We need to lift restrictions at the end of this month. Do not extend the "lock down"!</p>
04/16/2020 03:17 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Alan Montgomery	<p>We need a plan to begin opening back up immediately! So many people are suffering!</p>

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04/16/2020 03:18 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Covid19 Tom Conway	Re Open NC!
04/16/2020 03:18 PM	Economic Support Working Group	amanda tarlton	Reopen NC! Our economy and small businesses can't handle this shut down.
04/16/2020 03:18 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Patricia Rammacher	Our economy is in ruins. Our constitutional rights are being stomped on. Please #ReOpenNC
04/16/2020 03:19 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Suzanne Gregory	This is a trying time and I know the virus is serious and unfortunately deadly to some of the population. However this government shut down for businesses is just as deadly to those self employed who are trying to support their family and employees during this time. A great number of the NC population request that you reopen NC. If we continue to be shut down, the economy will have a difficult time rebounding and families will lose their businesses they have worked so hard to build, their homes, possibly their families. This is such a detriment to our communities and workforce. I believe we can reopen NC as most people know to protect themselves and others in public places while encouraging the at risk population to stay home until they feel safer. I am also worried that portions of the state that have a high percentage of tourism will suffer. Without tourism into these areas, not only will the county's suffer with less monies received from rental tax etc, since that income helps support schools and numerous other items. But also worried the homeowners of rental properties will quite frankly end up in foreclosure. And being involved in the 2008 debacle, I know lending institutions do not want a repeat. When making your decisions that have severe impacts on ALL NC residents, please consider the majority of the population are healthy enough to survive the virus but may not be able to survive the economic conditions. I humbly ask you to reopen NC. Thank you.
04/16/2020 03:20 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr. DJ Davis	Please reopen NC. Small business owners are being hammered. This isn't right. Let us get back to work. Please
04/16/2020 03:20 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Kirstyn Harbeson	Please reopen our state! Please! The IRS miscoded our stimulus and we will not be receiving anything for months! We are both contractors, we can't live like this! We have three kids and will lose everything! LET. US. WORK. PLEASE!!!
04/16/2020 03:21 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Emily McAllister	OPEN NC!!!!!!
04/16/2020 03:21 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Hairdresser Deborah Roberts	My husband and I are self employed .work everyday and live from payck to another
04/16/2020 03:22 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Teresa Garvin	Reopen NC We, the people, want to work. We want to feed our families and pay our bills. We, the people, are intelligent and know how to protect ourselves and our family best!!
04/16/2020 03:23 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Carol Lyn Wauford	we need to reopen NC immediately or the economic and psychological damage will be much worse and longer lasting than the covid virus
04/16/2020 03:24 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Carolina Cooper	Reopen North Carolina now! The number of cases does not support the continuation of this shutdown. Many more people will suffer and die from the economic devastation of the shutdown than will ever die from this virus. Not even close! We need to reopen now! It can't wait any longer! If the government won't do it, the people will do it themselves, with or without the government's blessing. If you want any say in how it gets done, you better take action now or get left behind.

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04/16/2020 03:26 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Wes Reese	OPEN! Keeping north Carolina closed is killing the economy. Those of us that are suffering needlessly will remember it when it's time to vote
04/16/2020 03:27 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Donna Warlick	OPEN NC Now. This is RIDICULOUS! There is ABSOLUTELY no justification for this shutdown. You look like fools. Can you people not do math?
04/16/2020 03:29 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Open N.C. Christopher Lewter	Please open N.C. back up. My friends are suffering and is about to lose everything. Please
04/16/2020 03:29 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Reopen NC Charles Cook	Reopen NC...SBA cash infusion is being blocked by Democrats amd I am a small business owner in NC who still hasn't recieved an answer. Why hasn't Hov. Cooper sone a single thing to help us out.
04/16/2020 03:29 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Dwayne Barber	Open NC back up!!! This is a joke!!
04/16/2020 03:32 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Leah Albright	Get NC back OPEN!
04/16/2020 03:32 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Randall Skinner	Reopen North Carolina with conditions
04/16/2020 03:32 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr. Sean Gilsenan	We have about 6,000 confirmed cases in our state but I imagine we really have 10 to 20 times that number. In a state with over 10 million people, 60 -120,000 cases just isn't much of a factor. I would like to see more businesses allowed to open within the next 2 weeks. People who are over 60 or who have underlying health problems can choose to stay home but the rest of us should be free to go about our business.
04/16/2020 03:32 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Dustin Isenhour	Open N.C. now. There is no factual data that what you are doing is helping while there is an overwhelming amount of data showing that it is not. You are killing the economy and it's people with speculation, herd immunity does a much better job and the scientist with decades of experience are saying the same thing.
04/16/2020 03:32 PM	Economic Support Working Group	mr charles showfety	NC needs to re-open. According to the CDC last year in 2018 2067 people died in NC from the flu and it's complications. Less than 150 NC citizens have died from Covid 19. In 2018 there was no shut down of the economy or destroying of the small business base of the NC economy. Much about these "pandemic" measures are politically based due to the election year. It's time to be rational not emotional and begin taking steps to get business in NC back in gear.
04/16/2020 03:32 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Elizabeth Demofonte	Absolutely need to leave to shelter orders in place until we are sure we are out of danger. If we go back to "normal" too soon, we'll just be doing this again later and more lives will be lost. In the long run, it could be worse for the economy to reopen before ready.
04/16/2020 03:34 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr. Terry Oldham	<p>Elected representatives!</p> <p>It is time to call for Governor Cooper to lift the stay home order. Hospital systems are not overwhelmed, and infection rates are well below even the most conservative forecasts!</p> <p>Businesses and citizens are being overwhelmed and our economy is suffering!</p> <p>The Governor is overstepping his lawful authority and condoning violations of the Constitution!</p>

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			We the people are watching carefully at what our elected representatives choose to do, or not do, in this time!
			Be on the right side of history and demand Governor Cooper open the state!
04/16/2020 03:34 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Joseph Ince	Although COVID-19 poses a very real health pandemic, the government's overreaction through shutdown and lockdown measures now threatens our economy and the livelihood and retirement of hundreds of millions of Americans. These lockdown measures also push all limits of government power even during an "emergency" and are a serious threat to our liberties. I want to say I oppose "stay-at-home" orders and blanket business and school shutdowns that are crippling our economy. Instead, government should use measures to contain the virus that focus on the most at-risk demographics and communities. The projections that these "stay-at-home" orders are based on were flawed from the beginning and are being shown still today to be flawed. The State of North Carolina needs to return to work and focus protection efforts instead of continuing far reaching blanket orders that are doing more harm than good.
04/16/2020 03:35 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Jill Grivois	Reopen the state!! All businesses matter and all people's livelihoods matter. This isn't a left or right thing this is an economic thing and you are making it just that!
04/16/2020 03:35 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Paul Drum	You need to to allow Massage therapist to go back to work. They see at the most 3 to 4 people a day and their spas are kept cleaner than most hospitals. Y'all are killing the independent owners because their bills are still required to be paid.
04/16/2020 03:35 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Liz Vaughan	Reopen NC!!!!
04/16/2020 03:36 PM	Economic Support Working Group	mr carl mims	Please open this economy up. We are headed to a great depression if this continues!
04/16/2020 03:36 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Shelley	The time for NC to open up is long been over due. We, the citizens of this state, are not ignorant & Gov Cooper's tyranny has over stepped many constitutional rights. We have families that can't sustain without their work. This is more so for self-employed & those who work for a company that has had to shut their doors due to the shelter in place order. Outdoor activities & parks have been shut down but yet golf courses & such are still allowed. We the people (those that elect you to your position) are fed up & are willing to fight for our rights, no matter the cost.
04/16/2020 03:36 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Annette Craver	Keep stay at home in place
04/16/2020 03:37 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Jamie Snyder	While the virus is a serious issue the suffering of many families cannot be ignored. It is imperative that our state's economy be reopened immediately to allow everyone to support their families while continuing to observe and support the mitigation effort. Allowing high risk individuals to remain at home while others carefully resume normal economic activity is the only practical way to move forward. Continuing with the stay at home order and other arbitrarily enforced guidelines not only violates the God given rights of all North Carolina citizens but will promote discord and civil unrest as time goes by and the economic conditions deteriorate for more and more citizens.
04/16/2020 03:37 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Open Nc Paula Moore	We need to open Nc asap. Our constitutional rights demand it! People need to get back to work. There is no help out there for self employed people.

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04/16/2020 03:37 PM	Economic Support Working Group		Open the state!
04/16/2020 03:37 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Cameron Tokay	Let's get back to work
04/16/2020 03:38 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Rebecca Fuller	<p>"Elected representatives !</p> <p>It is time to call for Governor Cooper to lift the stay home order. Hospital systems are not overwhelmed, and infection rates are well below even the most conservative forecasts.</p> <p>Businesses and citizens are being overwhelmed and our economy is suffering.</p> <p>The Governor is overstepping his lawful authority and condoning violations of the Constitution.</p> <p>We the people are watching carefully at what our elected representatives choose to do, or not do, in this time.</p> <p>Be on the right side of history and demand Governor Cooper open the state."</p>
04/16/2020 03:38 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Bob Watts	The primary objective of the stay at home order was to flatten the curve and ensure hospitals were able to meet the increase in CV-19 patient requirements. This has been achieved (through the voluntary cooperation of the citizenry) and the "actual" data proves it. It is impossible to ensure no one gets the virus. We live everyday with the risk of contracting a virus. The time has come to intelligently and systematically re-open the company while still taking reasonable and balanced measures to protect the at-risk population. Otherwise, the destruction and death caused by widespread tragedy of chronic unemployment will far exceed any CV-19 deaths. Time to protect and prioritize the healthy population.
04/16/2020 03:39 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Shaun Pollenz	Keep us closed until it makes scientific sense to reopen. ??
04/16/2020 03:39 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr. Brett McDowell	Open the economy now. People can't pay rent/mortgages, running out of food and can't get daily needs for families. The longer you wait the more people will get layed off. Isolate the high risk and help them. You are going to destroy families and small business.
04/16/2020 03:39 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Linda Starr	Please, please,please reopen the state. We need to get back to work!
04/16/2020 03:40 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Sam Eneman	Governor Cooper has followed the recommendations of physicians, epidemiologists and scientists in taking measures to mitigate the spread of COVID19. It has been successful, decreasing both morbidity and mortality in our state. He should continue to do so, regardless of pressure from groups funded by unknown sources pushing to reopen NC. Widespread death and suffering will not be a boon to our economy. Reopening too soon would mean a spike in cases, as well as increased risk for health care workers and others on the front lines, as well as all other North Carolinians.
04/16/2020 03:40 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Francis Israel	Please reopen North Carolina. We need to get back to work.

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04/16/2020 03:40 PM	Economic Support Working Group	mary mountcastle	Governor Cooper has followed the recommendations of physicians, epidemiologists and scientists in taking measures to mitigate the spread of COVID19. His measured response has been successful, decreasing both morbidity and mortality in our state. He should continue to do so, regardless of pressure from groups funded by unknown sources pushing to "ReopenNC." Widespread death and suffering will not be a boon to our economy. Reopening NC would mean a spike in cases, as well as increased risk for health care workers and others on the front lines, as well as all other North Carolinians. Why would anyone wish an increase in unnecessary death? I appreciate the sound, science-based approach of our state leaders.
04/16/2020 03:41 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms. Kathy Rauhauser-Smith	<p>Please keep the state under restrictions until we have a safe way to come out of this responsibly. Yes, I want the state and economy to come back to full strength. I work at a small non-profit history museum in Mount Airy. We are largely dependent on tourism and school groups for our visitorship and survival. The idea of coming into the summer season closed or with limited attendance is, frankly, terrifying. However, the thought of the damage this ongoing pandemic is doing to families and communities as it strikes down the most vulnerable among us, is worse.</p> <p>Please put effort and energy into getting test kits easily available so we can contain this disease more efficiently and with less negative impact. In 1918 the world was blind dealing with the Flu Pandemic that killed so many. We needn't be blind today but for delay in taking the threat from covid19 virus seriously earlier.</p> <p>From my perspective, it is better to hurt for awhile if we are working in that time to arm ourselves to address it better in the future. Please, please, do not allow those demanding immediate reopening to push the NC state leadership into potentially destructive decisions. Hold out for the tools we need to reopen responsibly and safely.</p>
04/16/2020 03:41 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms Elizabeth Blake-Kazmerski	Please extend the stay at home order until there are at least 14 days of consistent decline in new cases.
04/16/2020 03:45 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Jennifer Moss	As an informed citizen of North Carolina, I am concerned that 'stay-at-home' measures are becoming too extreme. Please open up NC by the end of April. Thank you.
04/16/2020 03:45 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr. Charles Keeling	<p>1. Maximize federal assistance To maximize the state's capacity to respond in this crisis, make full use of opportunities to use federal dollars before tapping into state reserves. Congressional actions have increased the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) by 6.2 percent, injected over \$4 billion into state and local government, and provided access to disaster relief and education stabilization funds.¹</p> <p>2. Don't cut taxes Lawmakers should resist the urge to cut corporate taxes. Most businesses are experiencing dramatic declines in revenues, and therefore will have little income to tax. Small business assistance and workforce stabilization are more effective ways to stimulate the economy than broad tax cuts, which would only deepen the revenue hole the state will be forced to crawl out of post-pandemic. That hole has been made worse by the state's recent tax cuts, which have dropped the corporate income tax rate from 6.9 percent in 2013 to 2.5 percent today.</p>

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			<p>3. Use state funds wisely Once federal funds have been exhausted, North Carolina should tap into its more than \$1 billion in rainy day funds and more than \$2 billion in unappropriated funds. To avoid budget cuts, North Carolina should use its reserves to meet the immediate needs of our state's most vulnerable without depleting these reserves for future natural disaster needs (e.g., climate-related) and while investing in long-term sustainability. Legislators should appropriate dollars toward urgent and systemic needs through a comprehensive budget that provides the public with a transparent view of their priorities.</p> <p>4. Don't cut services Demand for public services like health care, housing, and public safety are rarely more important than they are today. In the past three weeks, nearly 500,000 people in North Carolina have filed for unemployment insurance, an average of 21,000 people per day. The growing strain on our hospitals and public institutions requires urgent attention in the form of flexibility, funding, and capacity. The public sector, which is usually taken for granted, is now the only lifeline for people facing illness and financial ruin. Now more than ever, our public institutions need the staffing, capacity, and resources to deliver statewide the quality services and programming that serve as the foundation for a sound economy that delivers well-being to all.</p> <p>5. Raise revenue from those most able to pay After the Great Recession, North Carolina cut taxes for the wealthy and big corporations at the expense of everyone else. As a result of these tax cuts, the state is currently collecting at least \$3.6 billion less in revenue each year. Due to the "flat tax", taxpayers with the lowest income currently pay more of their income in taxes than millionaires pay. Restoring fairness to North Carolina's tax code will help generate the resources that are needed to respond to the current crisis and to benefit the state long-term.</p> <p>During this crisis, we must pull together across racial, economic, and ideological lines. That means prioritizing the needs of our communities most at risk to the public health and economic harms of COVID-19 and asking those most well-insulated from economic harm to contribute at least their fair share. It also requires our lawmakers to lead with sound fiscal decisions that invest in the well-being of people first and build systems that can sustain our communities through the recovery from this pandemic.</p>
04/16/2020 03:45 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms Christina Harkey	Please reopen NC. It is abhorrent that our economy has been ruined for the good of few while ruining the lives of many. Death happens. Open NC back up.
04/16/2020 03:46 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Kathryn Harris	I want my state open by May 1. My family and my economic future is at stake. I cannot survive another month without work - and the financial hardships.
04/16/2020 03:47 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Amanda Honeycutt	Reopen NC! People need to get back to work and businesses need to reopen!
04/16/2020 03:48 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Kim Clifford	We need to open N.C. now-I have too many friends who are losing their livelihood and will not be able to recover from this. Please help not only these small businesses but also Large business are suffering as well. When they go down-small business go down with them. Keep our jobs here in NC

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04/16/2020 03:48 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Kim Callaway	We need to open our state!! Our numbers are low and we cannot continue to let the economy decline. Please let us get back to work!
04/16/2020 03:48 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Nicholas Minney	ReOpenNC. Respect for human life goes hand in hand with respect for individual rights and self-government. My small business is ready to do its part and go the extra mile to keep our customers and employees healthy while ALSO providing our services to the community, income to our employees, and tax dollars to our localities.
04/16/2020 03:49 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Derek Flynt	Governor Cooper, I found this letter written to you and wanted to make sure you or your team saw it. It is very important for the numerous reasons listed and more that you completely reverse your actions against the citizens of our state.

An urgent appeal to North Carolina Gov. Roy Cooper:

For every COVID-19 case in North Carolina (4,500 estimated), 125 people have lost their jobs (500,000 unemployed across the state). You created this tragedy.

Your executive orders have quarantined healthy individuals for the first time in American history. Small businesses can no longer operate, and their employees are jobless. This may be a solution for your medical advisers, but the results are now devastating nearly every facet of our society.

You have also effectively denied religious freedom, a God-given and constitutional right. Now you are in the process of stripping all our freedoms, purportedly to protect us from ourselves.

COVID-19 is a serious virus, but North Carolinians are intelligent and practical. Each person is very capable of avoiding COVID-19 by practicing social distancing, hand washing, and refraining from face touching. The vulnerable and those with COVID-19 must stay home, but healthy individuals need to return to work and sustain our economy.

It is important to put this virus into perspective. In 2009–10, 60 million Americans had SARS, and 18,000 died, but few remember this event because the government did not restrict freedoms.

We are grateful and thankful to medical personnel and the health-care industry for scaling up quickly and caring for those in need.

Your executive orders have inflicted severe pain and suffering on our state:

The 500,000 who have filed for unemployment are just the beginning; soon there will be millions pleading for support.

You vetoed the state budget, which means many agencies do not have the financial resources needed in this crisis.

Because businesses cannot survive very long without revenue, thousands of small businesses soon will be permanently lost due to bankruptcy. The dreams and aspirations of their employees and families will be lost, as well.

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			<p>We now have widespread shortages of critically needed products such as paper goods, masks, and some food supplies. Since you have shuttered many producers, these shortages will become worse every week.</p> <p>Economies are fragile and interdependent; people and businesses rely on products and services provided by those shut down by your executive order. We are now witnessing a domino effect as more businesses close due to lack of supplies.</p> <p>Healthy people have been paralyzed in fear by the media and your health advisers to the point of great distrust and hysteria. Every citizen is now considered a suspect who may carry the virus, and even family members don't trust one other. In calmer times, this may be referred to as (state-sponsored) paranoia.</p> <p>Your orders are creating lines to buy critically needed food and supplies at grocery stores. Your shutdown mandates may soon lead to food riots and violence.</p> <p>Child abuse, domestic abuse, and suicide and depression rates are spiking. Special needs children are floundering, and children who depend on school lunches are hungry. Cardiac disease and cancer (the two leading causes of death in the U.S.) patients are not receiving the critical care they need to survive.</p> <p>Hospitals are losing revenue and laying off medical personnel because they are not treating most patients and instead are waiting for COVID-19 cases, which are well below projections.</p> <p>North Carolina Certificate of Needs (CON) laws prohibit adding new hospital beds or equipment without state approval, which makes hospitals a state-sponsored monopoly, driving up costs and reducing care. You could call a special session this week and end CON, expanding medical care and lowering costs.</p> <p>Your plan is to save us from COVID-19 based on virtually no data and death projections that were wildly overstated and are now being revised downward by the medical community. In the process, quality of life as we know it is rapidly declining, and thousands are without jobs. Every week you make life more difficult with more onerous regulations.</p> <p>This is an urgent appeal to consider the destruction your orders are causing compared to the purported benefits.</p> <p>You should allow all healthy workers and businesses to resume their roles as producers of critically needed goods and services for our families. Remember, economic destruction and job losses are measured in hours as your team talks in terms of months.</p> <p>Your claim that your restrictions have slowed the virus may be valid, but the virus will not disappear because we stayed home. It is clear we have experienced almost a complete loss of freedom. By the end of this quarantine, our jobs and our way of life will have been decimated. No amount of government money or programs can repair a fragile, interdependent network that took hardworking people decades to build.</p> <p>Most Americans want our products to be manufactured in America, but this is not possible because you have shut down our economy.</p> <p>In truth, government interventions lead to trouble, cause further problems, and create more interventions.</p>

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			Gov. Cooper, it is time to lead by following the example of many governors announcing this week the return of our freedom of association and our ability to support and feed our families.
			All healthy individuals in North Carolina must return to work immediately, before our state economy and jobs are destroyed.
			Bob Luddy CaptiveAire Founder & CEO
04/16/2020 03:49 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Robin Salzman	Time to open up NC! There are other ways to protect the population from the virus at the same time as allowing people to earn a living for their families.
04/16/2020 03:50 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Kathy Sherrill	Open North Carolina! People's lives are being destroyed! We can put safety measures in place but we have to open. Please do not extend stay at home past 4/29. Be smart!
04/16/2020 03:50 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms Brenda Carter	Please reopen the state.
04/16/2020 03:50 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Derek Flynt	<p>The Governor used the IHME model to declare a state of emergency and implement an Executive Order effectively shutting down the North Carolina's economy. The dire predictions of 80 deaths per day and 2537 deaths total came with a caveat that those numbers were IF extensive social distancing and lockdowns were implemented immediately, which is what the governor did on March 30th. Needless to say, those numbers were inaccurate by a factor of 6-10. The Governor says he is driven by data to make his decisions. I would like to know what data he is looking at since they are clearly incorrect. In fact, he issued another EO to restrict movement further this week.</p> <p>Total Deaths Predicted March 30th: 2537</p> <p>Total Deaths Predicted April 16: 415</p> <p>Actual To Date: 132</p> <p>Total ICU at Peak: 1,173</p> <p>Actual ICU at Peak: 165</p>
04/16/2020 03:51 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Open NC NOW! Kimberly B	<p>Elected representatives !</p> <p>It is time to call for Governor Cooper to lift the stay home order. Hospital systems are not overwhelmed, and infection rates are well below even the most conservative forecasts.</p> <p>Businesses and citizens are being overwhelmed and our economy is suffering.</p> <p>The Governor is overstepping his lawful authority and condoning violations of the Constitution.</p> <p>We the people are watching carefully at what our elected representatives choose to do, or</p>

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04/16/2020 03:52 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms. Sarah Ford	<p>I am a concerned Small Business Owner. I have exhausted every resource and have received very little help. We are sinking! People are scared. People are hungry, we need to re-open.</p> <p>Can we please put politics to the side and understand the dyer need for change? We cannot go on much longer.</p> <p>People will start rioting, people will start doing awful things, if we don't change. The Covid-19 numbers don't even make sense. Every time you leave your house your taking a risk.... yes, I get it, it's contagious, however, God gave us immune systems for a reason.</p> <p>Please REOPEN NC!!!!</p>
04/16/2020 03:52 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Re open NC Greg Zarpas	NC needs to be reopened by May 1st. If people can be checked with the new saliva testing before returning to work or something to that effect. NC families can't afford to wait another month or 2 to go back to work or wait for unemployment.
04/16/2020 03:52 PM	Economic Support Working Group	ReOpen NC Mark Ramsey	I have had several friends get laid off due to these overbearing restrictions. If they are working then why are so many people in nursing homes dying?! Maybe that's where you should focus on keeping people safe as opposed to limiting the freedoms of your "subjects". That is what we are now right? Told where we can eat, where we can shop, when we can go outside. This is tyranny.
04/16/2020 03:53 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Death of Small Businesses Marcy Petti	Please decide to let businesses open at our discretion as soon as possible. We are dying a slow death because our doors are closed and the hardship will become a bigger issue when families lose everything we've worked for for many long years. Make rules for the vulnerable populations and the rest of us will use safety measures and common sense. I beg of you! We have to open back up before it is all lost. Thank you!
04/16/2020 03:53 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr. Tyler Humphrey	<p>Hospital systems are not overwhelmed, and infection rates are well below even the most conservative forecasts. Businesses and citizens are being overwhelmed and our economy is suffering.</p> <p>The Governor is overstepping his lawful authority and condoning violations of the Constitution. We the people are watching carefully at what our elected representatives choose to do, or not do, in this time.</p> <p>Be on the right side of history and demand Governor Cooper open the state.</p>
04/16/2020 03:54 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Derek Flynt	<p>The majority of lives that will be adversely affected from this action is the coming economic depression. It will kill thousands more over the next few years, than this virus ever could.</p> <p>For very 1% the unemployment rate rises, 400 more deaths occur, statistically. Right now we are looking at a 27% increase in unemployment at the very least. That will result in over 10,000 deaths in the first 12 months. Do these lives matter to our state officials?</p>

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04/16/2020 03:54 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Owner small business Denise Frank	I own a small business in Chatlotte . Open for 15 years . We need to re-open NC . Our livelihood depends on it desperately. OPEN NC . We cannot continue like this !!!
04/16/2020 03:54 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Karen Lerch	RE OPEN North Carolina !!!! and our Nation for that matter ! democrats stop your evil destruction !
04/16/2020 03:54 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Robert Abernethy	<p>I am the one responsible for what "social distancing" I do. I am the one responsible for washing my hands.</p> <p>It is time to start reopening this state.</p> <p>There is no "blood on the hands" of any mayor, governor, or the President, for beginning this restart process. There WILL be people get sick and some may even die AFTER reopening, but that's going to happen with or without the country open.</p> <p>We require seatbelts and airbags in cars, yet some people still die in wrecks. We don't take away the privilege of driving, do we?</p> <p>I take responsibility for my own health safety, as should we all.</p>
04/16/2020 03:55 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Debbie Cromartie	Reopen NC. This shutdown is not sustainable. There are small businesses that will not comeback. This government is a business and has lost revenue. The data/model does not support this shutdown. For individuals that are afraid, let them stay home, let them have home deliveres. Let the majority of citizens have a normal life. Fear should not be the basis for decision making.
04/16/2020 03:56 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Rita Collins	We need to get our people back to work.
04/16/2020 03:56 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Julie Mulhern	<p>Elected representatives !</p> <p>It is time to call for Governor Cooper to lift the stay home order. Hospital systems are not overwhelmed, and infection rates are well below even the most conservative forecasts.</p> <p>Businesses and citizens are being overwhelmed and our economy is suffering.</p> <p>The Governor is overstepping his lawful authority and condoning violations of the Constitution.</p> <p>We the people are watching carefully at what our elected representatives choose to do, or not do, in this time.</p> <p>Be on the right side of history and demand Governor Cooper to reopen the state.</p> <p>Thank you, Julie Mulhern</p>
04/16/2020 03:56 PM	Economic Support Working Group	REOPEN NC	RE OPEN THE STATE IMMEDIATELY
04/16/2020 03:57 PM	Economic Support	Barry Eriksen	Reopening too soon is a big mistake because it will cause a surge in COVID-19 cases.

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	Working Group		How about passing Medicaid Expansion, finally?
04/16/2020 03:59 PM	Economic Support Working Group	1966 Jayme Lockyer	Please keep the measures in place to stay at home until the testing for COVID-19 is more available. Keep NC citizens safe! Thank you Governor Cooper for leading in a responsible way to reduce death and illness.
04/16/2020 03:59 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Debra Waller	I believe that businesses should be able to re-open on May 1st as previously scheduled. They can use precautions, such as only so many people inside at a time, sanitation, and distancing. These precautions will keep people safe. Compromised individuals need to be taking care of themselves. We, as I am one of the, do not need anyone to force my entire state, county, or city to protect me. That is my responsibility. If I feel unsafe going into an establishment, then I need to either use gloves and a mask or, just not go there and stay home. I do not feel the need to ask places to close to keep me safe. My health is in my hands when it comes to this situation, especially during a flu or virus spreading season. Thank you.
04/16/2020 04:00 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Andrae DeHaan	<p>I am a small business owner who is asking that you open our state back up to normal operating conditions. As a citizen of the United States and North Carolina, it is my right to make choices for myself, my family, and my business. These rights have been trampled by our governor and his overreach with his executive orders mandating that NC citizens stay at home and non-essential (according to who?) businesses close.</p> <p>God created us in such a marvelous way! He gave our bodies the ability to combat illness in a variety of ways, and one of those major ways has been taken from us – the ability to gather together and be exposed to and develop immunities to illness. Limiting our ability to gather is only going to make this fiasco drag on and be worse in the long run. God also numbered our days before we were born. He and He alone knows the exact hour we will die, and the exact way we will pass from this life into eternity. And I'm 100% good with that! I am confident that HE is in control of my future, whether it be life or death.</p> <p>I would much rather die of a virus with my freedoms intact than to live in a world where a tyrannical "leader" reigns and shuts down our ability to work and make a living for our families! We were created to WORK, not sit at home and wait on a handout from a government that can't even balance its own budget.</p> <p>In closing – REOPEN NORTH CAROLINA NOW! Please.</p>
04/16/2020 04:01 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Jeff Hoover	We don't want the cure to COVID-19 to be worse than the virus. The numbers do not justify the all the closures. Most of the deaths have been in nursing homes and people with other issues. Let the vulnerable state home, but put the rest of us back to work before we set back our economy back 40 years
04/16/2020 04:01 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mts Mindy Smith	Open NC immediately!
04/16/2020 04:02 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms Dorothy Freidt	We need to re open NC. This is becoming more of a Socialism issue.
04/16/2020 04:02 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Jeni Wyatt	Governor Cooper has followed the recommendations of physicians, epidemiologists and scientists in taking measures to mitigate the spread of COVID19. It has been successful, decreasing both morbidity and mortality in our state. He should continue to do so,

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04/16/2020 04:02 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Daniel Johnson	<p>regardless of pressure from groups funded by unknown sources pushing to "ReopenNC." Widespread death and suffering will not be a boon to our economy. Reopening NC would mean a spike in cases, as well as increased risk for health care workers and others on the front lines, as well as all other North Carolinians. Dying from COVID19 is an excruciating and lonely. Why would anyone wish an increase in this? A well considered, organized and medically sound strategy going forward would be just what the doctor ordered.</p> <p>According to NC GS § 166A-19.3., an "Emergency" is, "An occurrence or imminent threat of widespread or severe damage, injury, or loss of life or property resulting from any..." The actions to significantly shut down North Carolina were taken on the basis of a declaration of a State of Emergency by the governor. The problem with that action is that at plain reading of the language is that there has to be an imminent, widespread threat, but that didn't exist. We didn't have an imminent, widespread threat. We had models that, based on a finite amount of data, said the threat MIGHT be there.</p> <p>While it's fair to have differing opinions on whether particular epidemiological models are correct, there can be little doubt--especially by now--that the models that influenced the governor to make the decision were grossly incorrect. The models used didn't take in to account differences in population density, age distribution, geography, climate, lifestyle, hospital capacity, ventilator availability, etc. Building models and not controlling for differences like that is bad science. This was known when the models were the basis for the declaration.</p> <p>Even now, we're being told that the stay at home orders are "working," but there's no factual basis for that. It seems to be a logical conclusion, but it would be impossible to make a factual analysis given how little data there still is about the sate of the virus' spread in NC and its actual impact on the health, life, and death rates.</p> <p>What IS clear, though, is that we have an economic crisis on our hands. Hundreds of thousands of North Carolinians are out of work, thousands of businesses are closed--many to never reopen--and the economic impact is obvious. It doesn't need to be this way. We have plenty of capacity in our hospitals to deal with what may come, and as a state, country, and people we are so much more equipped--with knowledge about social distancing, methods of treatment for those who do get sick, etc.--to handle what is likely to turn out to be not significantly different that a host of other airborne respiratory diseases that widely affect North Carolina each year.</p> <p>We need to let North Carolina return to being North Carolina. We need to start the process of letting our economy wake back up and take the first steps on what will be a long journey to healing. We need to find a way to support--through targeted regulatory relief, tax cuts, and other incentives--the recovery of our small business community. They have been the hardest hit by what has been a largely arbitrary approach to shutdown, and they are the backbone of our economy.</p> <p>Please quickly work to get North Carolina out of the pit in to which these Executive Orders--not the virus--have thrown our state.</p>

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04/16/2020 04:03 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Aaron Sheets	Please reopen business in the state.
04/16/2020 04:05 PM	Economic Support Working Group		As a self employed business owner who has been FORCED to close my doors, I need NC to reopen so I can get back to work and pay my bills!
04/16/2020 04:06 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Robert Yeager	We need to open our economy up. This is doing more harm than good. Who's going to pay our bills when the SBA loans as advertised are closed? These actions are not saving lives they are destroying them. People have to realize the small business owner cannot support this country and state when our doors are forced to close. We want our businesses open we do not want stimulus checks. Cv19 is here for good. We are years away from a vaccine and this closure is only harming the masses. OPEN NC NOW!
04/16/2020 04:07 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Tina McClain	Open nc
04/16/2020 04:08 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Sheila Pridgen	Please allow North Carolina to open back on May 1st with common sense safety measures. Those businesses that don't want to open yet or employees that don't want to go back to work yet can still stay home to protect themselves if they feel the need to. The little businesses cannot survive much more of this kind of lockdown. Grocery stores, Lowe's, Walmart and the such are prospering but what about the small businesses. Are they not important to you? Respectfully submitted.
04/16/2020 04:09 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Tim Rogers	Please reopen as much as you can as soon as you can ... you can trust the people to make wise decisions about protecting the health-vulnerable, but we must provide some freedom with this responsibility ... otherwise, we risk economic disaster herd immunity is also not as possible with strict confinement.
04/16/2020 04:10 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Open NC Micah Baxter	Open back up our small business
04/16/2020 04:11 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Reopen NC Hillary Haseley	Please consider opening up NC come May 1st. I myself am not considered essential and this is taking a major toll on my family and I, not only financially but emotionally and mentally. Please do the right thing but letting us work again!
04/16/2020 04:11 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Reopen NC Charles Hathaway	Please allow all businesses to open - it is essential that we don't allow the work that North Carolina has done to build this economy to go down the drain. The crime rates that we will see with stable 20% unemployment is something that our communities are not prepared for or want. We need to get NC back in business. We can balance the health concerns with also not allowing our state to go in to a recession
04/16/2020 04:12 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms. Kim Gant	We are peacefully and respectfully protesting the economic shutdown of NC. The numbers do not add up, so it is time for NC to go back to work immediately.
04/16/2020 04:12 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Tara Lewis	Reopen small business The Constitution is the law of our land. Reopen NC
04/16/2020 04:12 PM	Economic Support Working Group		We are ready to see NC opened back up!
04/16/2020 04:13 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ashley Smith	I vote that N.C. should remain closed for non essential businesses because it's not worth someone's life. It has been less than a month of shut down and we already have people

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			angry with anyone that has this way of thinking. So much so that they are protesting & not following rules.
04/16/2020 04:14 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms. Elizabeth Coulter	It is so very important that we learn from and respect the health and science advisors on when to consider re-opening parts of our economy. We are very far behind the testing levels we need to have to make informed decisions about this. I get it. I'm have lost my job.....I have a stake in returning to work. I'm just not interested in prolonging the pandemic or in jeopardizing anyone's health and safety by opening early.
04/16/2020 04:15 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms. Mary Manucy	PLEASE REOPEN NC! I have 3 small rental cabins near TIEC, and since you have closed the equestrian center I have NO business! This is my ONLY source of income! I need business in April thru November to make enough to live off for the rest of the year when my business dies down for the season! I can't get unemployment benefits nor PPE.....I have tried everything to no avail! I am 65 and NEED this income DESPERATELY!!!!!! PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE RE-OPEN NC !!!!!!!
04/16/2020 04:15 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr. Joshua Hoogerwerf	Open it up
04/16/2020 04:16 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Diane Goliwas	<p>Re Open NC. I'm not a heartless person, but for goodness sake, there's a >98% survival rate. Let me say it again. >98% SURVIVAL RATE.</p> <p>Odds are, you aren't going to die from corona. Period. The elderly & vulnerable should be quarantined & take proper precautions, just as they should with any virus. Not the rest of us.</p> <p>This is about educating ourselves & not living in fear. This virus isn't going away in 2 weeks, 2 months or even 2 yrs. Yes, people are going to die. We're simply "staying home" to flatten the curve & not overwhelm the healthcare system- we aren't staying home to wait for it to disappear. We're going to get it, it's a matter of when, not if. It's a virus. It will stay around & we'll build up an immunity once we're exposed. Why do you think some people get the flu & some don't? Flu has been around & always will be. Corona will mutate, just like the flu. I just find it incredibly difficult to give up my rights and freedoms, my business, my livelihood, my family, friends and life as I knew it, for some virus that I MIGHT catch & I MIGHT have a 2% chance of dying from. I also find it hard to swallow the pill that our government is locking us down to protect us. -Small businesses (many are not eligible for the SBA loan) are closing their doors forever.</p> <p>-Corporations have made pay cuts & people cuts.</p> <p>-Prisoners are cashing in their 'get outta jail free' card.</p> <p>I value life, but more importantly, I value a life worth living.</p> <p>Re Open NC.</p>
04/16/2020 04:17 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Shannon Rogers	Reopen. Save our small businesses.
04/16/2020 04:18 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Amy Capps	It is not the responsibility of the government to police the health of the people. The constitution doesn't give rights "unless you might get sick" Reopen the state.
04/16/2020 04:19 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Cindy Mullett	We have a daughter who had a heart transplant, is immunocompromised and has very weak lungs. But it is absolutely outrageous and ridiculous for us to demand the whole state shuts down to keep her safe. We are being very cautious but it is OUR responsibility for our health. Or lack of it. She also goes into life-threatening anaphylactic shock to criss contamination of cow's milk. Should we be demanding you remove that from the market

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			as well and everyone stops drinking yet? This is not in the best interest of our country. OPEN UP OUR STATE ASAP!!!
04/16/2020 04:19 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr James Stewart	NC needs to reopen ASAP. Small businesses and restaurants are going to go under if not. This virus has a 98% survival rate... why were we ever shut down in the first place. Not saying it's not serious as I have 3 family members that have had it but all recovered. It's not as bad as some are making it out to be. REOPEN NC!!
04/16/2020 04:20 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms. Lisa Patterson	I am writing to express concern in regard to calls to "reopen" the state as the COVID-19 pandemic continues to claim lives and sicken thousands. I am a parent who works full time, and while the situation is difficult, I believe, based on the evidence presented by the scientific community, that it would be unwise to prematurely lift social distancing restrictions and stay at home orders and send children back to school without a firm grasp of who in the community is infected or has been infected. Until testing is more accessible and consistent protocols established for contact tracing and notification, and/or until we know far more about this disease than we currently do (for instance, are those who've been exposed actually immune to it), it could potentially cause far more harm than a brief burst of economic good to lift restrictions. I am in favor of a phased approach to reopening should some of these other factors be addressed, but right now the groundwork has not been established for that kind of opening. Until I see a more coordinated and robust national response to this crisis and receive assurance from the public health experts who are best in a position to make these judgments, I am not willing to jeopardize my health, the health of my family and the health of those in my community. Thank you for your consideration.
04/16/2020 04:21 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Re-open NC Shelley Livengood	North Carolina's economy needs to be reopened, now. Closing the economy was unconstitutional and criminal. This has been a big mistake. Many people are NOT thinking and believe we will return to period if economic strength as we were a few months ago, but this IS NOT TRUE! While we mourn the dead and grieve for their families, it is time for us to continue living and not deprive ourselves of OUR freedoms and lifestyles. 22million people have been sacrificed by this gross oversight. There are many people who have had to continue to work over the past few weeks. They need a break by relief from their non essential co-workers! We know now how to wash our hands, many people have face masks, and we can distance ourselves as we feel necessary. RE-OPEN our NC economy NOW ! We have a right to live our lives and earn a living. Stimulus spending packages and not sustainable!!!
04/16/2020 04:21 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Gary McNeely	NC workers need to get back to work. Slowly for a couple of weeks if necessary but full bore ASAP. The science behind the shut down does not make sense. Nationally the models are constantly being adjusted downward. The shut down will not make the virus go away, it only prolongs the exposure of the citizenry. Protect those at the highest risk, but get everyone else back to work.
04/16/2020 04:22 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Susan Kay	We need to slowly start getting businesses up and running. We are supposed to be flattening the curve- not trying to hide until it goes away. By slowly opening up businesses (for example one client per hair dressing studio at a time while both wear masks) we will still flatten the curve and also work on herd immunity. 600,000 plus out of work is going to result in more deaths via suicide ect. Also, you already ran out of SBA money- how are people supposed to keep a roof over there heads?

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04/16/2020 04:22 PM	Economic Support Working Group	https://www.ncleg.gov/ Req Hannah Hathaway	It's time to reopen NC- let us get back to work. We've done our part, and stayed home while the country waited to see how lethal this would be. But it's ridiculous that instead of hospitals being at full capacity, that NC is actually laying off hospital staff & delaying real life threatening procedures from taking place. The hospitals aren't even close to full capacity with covid19 related conditions. Our county (Pitt) has only had ONE death related to covid19 (a 70 year old woman!) The charts were wrong. Let's reopen the economy- keeping it closed is killing small businesses and hurting everyone.
04/16/2020 04:23 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ginny Bunch	Please expand Medicare and ensure health care for all.
04/16/2020 04:23 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms. Judith Darling	<p>This current order is disproportionate to the threat. In a state of 10 million people, we have 6000 cases of Covid 19 and 130 deaths. In the same 45 days, over 8000 other of our citizens died. If this is so contagious, WHY have only 6000 people been infected? And keep in mind, please, that 92% of the tests we've administered in this state were negative for Covid 19. But we have put 560,000 people out of work, almost 2 million students out of school, and millions out of their churches, plus closed our beaches, parks, and all movie theaters, sports arenas, concert halls, and theaters. Doesn't that seem a bit out of balance, extreme, and without a sense of perspective? Viruses infect and kill every year. We cannot do this every time. And then, consider the civil violations, the precedents, and the power that rested in one man's hands.</p> <p>Also, please note that the models upon which our governors have justified their orders have been inaccurate by magnitudes of 10 to 100, (the first model claimed the upper reach of 250,000 dead) and they have been revised downward every 4 – 5 days, currently predicting 60,000 deaths by the end of August. In a terrible irony, that 20,000 death toll is higher than it might have been from just the infection. We now suspect, because ventilating patients was resulting in higher rates of mortality, that instead proning (reported by CNN), oxygen alone, and CPAP's are saving more lives.</p>
04/16/2020 04:24 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Dustin Clarke	<p>As a worker in both health care and the service industry I realize the importance of both protecting individuals from sickness and allowing the residents of this state the opportunity to make a living.</p> <p>While I certainly agree with social distancing guidelines, I feel that a "soft open" approach would be beneficial both for the economy of our state as well as the morale of our communities.</p> <p>While it would be best to refrain from large gatherings, I feel that opening select businesses with social distancing guidelines in place would be a big first step, with more and more participation if we see no concerning rise in illnesses. I would still advise those at high-risk (elderly individuals, immunocompromised individuals, etc.) to avoid public interaction, and if individual counties or municipalities want to delay these openings due to outbreak or high volume of cases they can feel free to do so.</p> <p>This is only a starting point, but an important first step in returning to a strong-functioning North Carolina. Thank you for your consideration.</p>
04/16/2020 04:24 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Open NC Now John Fetch	Please open NC for business. High risk individuals need to be extra careful during this time. The rest of us need to get back to work to save our economy and provide for our

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			families.
04/16/2020 04:24 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Anne Lyons	We need to open the state. Now! We are not NY, NJ, MA, etc. The numbers for COVID do not support the ongoing shut down. This "cure" is way worse than the disease. If people need to stay home, they can.
04/16/2020 04:25 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Jean Covington	I want to thank Gov Cooper for his leadership during this time. This is new to everyone, we are learning new things daily...sometimes hourly. His decision to issue a Stay at Home Order was greatly appreciated at our home. Yes, it means I lost my main source of income (& still have not received Unemployment and cannot reach anyone to find out why) but I know I am safer, my husband is safer, as is our family and friends..and this is what we need right now. Opening the state back up too soon will result in more sick people, more preventable deaths, and likely another Stay at Home Order which would be more devastating to our economy and to our spirit. Sometimes one has to give a little on their wants and their needs to do better for the good of all. This is one of those times. I have seen the ReOpen groups and read the comments. They scare me, they are not looking at the big picture but only at their small part in the community. Please keep the Stay at Home Order until April 30th. And listen to the scientists, the medical doctors, and the epidemiologists to decide to lift it at that time or extend this. Talk with neighboring Governors (Virginia, Maryland, DC Mayor) to share information and the experts suggestions. Get the test kits that are needed to see who has the virus and who does not. Test for antibodies to see who has had it but never got tested (we know this will be a bog number as so few have been tested though we were promised very different). Hire people to do thorough contact tracing. I know this can take 3-5 days per person trace but it is needed. This is not just an economic decision, it is life and death decision. Though I would like to go back to work (if my job is still there) I know right now this is what I need to give up to help people stay safe, to stay healthy. Thank You!
04/16/2020 04:25 PM	Economic Support Working Group	REOPEN NC Barb Larkin	Please ! We need to re open North Carolina Re open the businesses Let the people go back to work We will social distance & wear masks Don't put us into a recession Reopen NC
04/16/2020 04:29 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr William Feathers	The economy cannot survive the current restrictions due to covid-19. We need to allow all businesses to re open under safety guidelines. But, we need to allow our micro economies to generate income while still maintaining moderate precautions.
04/16/2020 04:30 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Reopen NC Now Teresa Fetch	Self Employed business owner. My last day of work was March 17. I organize in the homes of my clients. I am currently the only income for my home. No unemployment options for me until 4/25? PPP not available thorough Wells Fargo until yesterday. Funds exhausted. New funds not approved. The other loan app submitted two weeks ago. No news. I don't want a government leg up. I want to go back to work.
04/16/2020 04:30 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Reopen North Carolina Alyssa Brady	As a small business owner who is currently part of the essential community I cannot imagine if our business were required to shutdown. It would be extremely difficult for us to continue living as we are or to even scrape by. Our livelihood would be ruined thus affecting our lives along with our young daughter's life as well. Many North Carolinians are

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			facing this reality right now. North Carolina should reopen letting small businesses continue operating as they did before. Our economy is suffering because of the shutdown of "essential" deemed non-essential businesses.
04/16/2020 04:30 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Sharon Morris	OPEN NC ,
04/16/2020 04:31 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Open NC Pauline Heiny	My old home state of Ohio just announced their plan to open on May 1st. They have many more cases and deaths than NC and also were one of the first to lead with shelter in place orders. There is absolutely no reason NC cannot follow suit. We are aware and watching. https://www.whio.com/news/coronavirus-governor-outlines-ways-business-will-begin-re-open/QR2JAZKWTJDOJNVM6M7IES5ENU/
04/16/2020 04:32 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Stephanie McKoy	Hi! I know there is a push to "ReOpen" NC however, please remember that we do not have widespread testing and I'm pretty sure a lot more people have covid than those that are tested due to the testing restrictions. If we open up sooner than we need to open then a we are only setting up ourselves for failure. Please think hard and consider the public health of our citizens before thinking about reopening. I know it is very hard for individuals that have lost their jobs but I also know people that have lost lives. I don't more people to love their lives to this virus. Thank you!
04/16/2020 04:33 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ashley O'Connor	I am writing in regards to reopening the state of North Carolina. As a small business owner, I am suffering in ways I never imagined and with little to no warning. My household went from two stable incomes to one that is barely bringing in anything. My family is going to be homeless if this does not end. Yes, I can skip a few payments on things but guess what? When this time period is up, I owe ALL of that money and where is it magically supposed to come from? Does anyone even care? My husband filed for unemployment over a month ago. We haven't seen a dime. Our stimulus check? Still nonexistent. I can't just sit around and hope that it will show up all while having bills stacking up. This is a serious concern and I wish it was more of one to those higher up as well. I am all for the greater good, but leaving people homeless with no fault of their own doesn't seem like the best solution either. Something has to change!!!!
04/16/2020 04:34 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Lois Cox	Please reopen businesses as of May 1st. These virus #'s are not adding up. People are losing their livelihoods over overreaction. I believe the elderly and immune compromised should stay home, but not the whole State. Reopen NC!!!
04/16/2020 04:34 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Reopen NC Angela Streur	We must reopen NC in a way that we can jump start our economy while being mindful of those who are more susceptible to health issues. It is against the 1st amendment to restrict the movements and activities of the general constituency, restrict their ability to worship and enforce rules that disallow gathering together in protest to have OUR grievances heard. You let the 1st amendment fail and our court as we know it will cease to exist. I can barely recognize it as it is. Businesses MUST be reopened in a safe manner, our populous should have the ability to choose how, when, where and what they want or need without it being deemed essential by the state bureaucrats Who are elected to represent us not dictate to us.
04/16/2020 04:36 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Tad Thomas	We need to get back to work!! It's time to set plans in motion to reopen this great state!!
04/16/2020 04:37 PM	Economic Support	Sherice Cameron	please reopen North Carolina

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04/16/2020 04:37 PM	Economic Support Working Group	End This Shutdown Mike Braundel	This shutdown has gone on long enough. The number of hospitalizations and deaths are far below the estimates to the point that healthcare workers are having their hours cut and being laid off. Countless businesses and their employees have been harmed economically to the point that it will be extremely difficult to recover from. The uncomfortable truth is that this shutdown has only prolonged the time that it will take for this virus to run its course. The curve has been flattened too much and at the expense of hundreds of thousands of North Carolinians economic livelihood and at the expense of our personal liberties that have been trampled.
04/16/2020 04:38 PM	Economic Support Working Group		Open NC now! These ridiculous stay at home orders are not going to help! Staying indoors only weakens your immune system. We have never shut down for the flu. This is all about a power trip and control it has never been about a virus! Give us our freedoms, jobs and our lives back! End these unconstitutional and ridiculous shut downs and stay at home orders! Your doing more harm than good and it needs to end NOW!!!!!!!!!!
04/16/2020 04:39 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Commissioner Joe Daughtery	It is time to place reasonable restrictions but allow ALL BUSINESSES to open and allow people to return to their jobs. Open NC before we see a depression
04/16/2020 04:40 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Jamie Adams	OPEN UP AMERICA IT'S TIME WE WANT OUR FREEDOM .
04/16/2020 04:41 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Owner Aimee taylor	Reopen the state small businesses are suffering greatly!
04/16/2020 04:42 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Catherine Bradshaw	Open NC
04/16/2020 04:44 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Catherine Sawyer	I am begging you to allow us to reopen businesses immediately. Families are being devastated. This is not sustainable.
04/16/2020 04:44 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Stay at home order Shamekia Carroll	I don't think we need to be in a hurry to open anything. Money is great unless you're dead. I am working at the office and that is okay. I wouldn't want to expose my family or myself. That is why there is a 2 person maximum and no customer interface. I believe that the need to open comes now is unnecessary. This will surely cause more harm than help. However, I am just a concerned citizen who does not take it lightly. Expect for you all to do the same.
04/16/2020 04:46 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Ashley Horrell	Dear Gov Cooper, I am a self employed stylist who has yet to receive any aid. We need to open the state back up. Businesses are closing daily.
04/16/2020 04:47 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms Jacqueline Adams	Open NC now. People are hurting. How can you decide that businesses are not essential when every business is essential to someone. This is costing our state more than lives.
04/16/2020 04:47 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Angie Kendrick	While we need to be cautious, we need to open the economy back up. We DO NOT need to be taking steps backward by shutting restaurants down, or implementing strict guide lines that interfere with the citizens of this state's freedoms. I will be remembering this come election time. Do your jobs and stand up for the people, the citizens of this great state. WE HAVE MADE NC WHAT IT IS TODAY!
04/16/2020 04:47 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Reopen NC Buffy Butler	Open NC businesses. The government should not have the authority to shut down any business. let people decide for themselves if they want to keep their business open, if they

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			want to work for that business, or if they want to visit that business. This is spiraling out of hand!!!
04/16/2020 04:48 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Pamela Hickey	Please reopen NC. We are smart enough to open our small businesses safely. We are adults, our livelihood is at stake. You are killing us quicker than CV19 with this quarantine. Please reopen our state!
04/16/2020 04:48 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr William Johnson	Please, for God's sake, reopen the economy! We are suffering at the caprices of a despot! A free society deserves better than this! Thousands and thousands are at the breaking point! Will you not do what is needed in this critical hour and reopen North Carolina for business?!?!?
04/16/2020 04:49 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Angela Humphries	<p>Thank you for your service, ncga !</p> <p>Please encourage businesses adapt to the situation so they don't have to TANK.</p> <p>I'd like to see lots of vendors and business owners at the next ReOpenNC rally 4.21.20 trying to stay afloat.</p> <p>More legislators should take a stand for businesses, regardless of party affiliation.</p> <p>Why is the capital county so out of touch with inalienable Rights?</p> <p>Thank you & stay healthy!</p> <p>Angela</p>
04/16/2020 04:49 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Small Business Owner Elaine Walton	Reopen NC ! I've had to lay-off about half my employees. I'm still waiting on SBA to approve my PPP loan. I'm paying out of my own pocket to keep my business alive. Why do y'all not care?
04/16/2020 04:50 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms K McCorkle	You have got to let North Carolina get back to work. We had such a vibrant economy and now it's in shambles. Small business owners are throwing in the towel. People are seriously depressed and see no end in sight. Stop this madness now!
04/16/2020 04:51 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Jessica Roberts	Please get business back open. The curve has flattened. We cannot financially afford the effects of this! High risk groups can continue to quarantine a d take proper precautions - Just as they would during flu season. But the ramifications of a continued shelter in place are going to harm far more people then the virus will.
04/16/2020 04:51 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Keep NC closed! Amanda Jefferson	As a Mecklenburg County resident, we already have over 1k confirmed cases of covid-19. That number is only the number of confirmed cases. Keep NC closed until a better hold is in place. Shut the essential stores down for the public to enter. They were already sess-pools of germs. With those doors open to the public it will never end! Allow for curbside pick up or left at door delivery option ONLY for 2 weeks. The employees of the essential stores can still remain employed. Their duties would just shift temporarily as they can shop for the customer & others can deliver (if legally allowed to drive).
04/16/2020 04:51 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Catherine Kniffen	Please reopen our state and get our hard working citizens back to work as soon as possible. We must consider the cost in lives when the economy is shut down for long periods of time as well.

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			Thank you for all of your hard work on our behalf!
04/16/2020 04:52 PM	Economic Support Working Group	John Poshepny	It is time to reopen North Carolina Businesses. You have thousands of people out of work and struggling to pay there bills and yet there is talk about continuing the shutdown. It is time to open up the economy.
04/16/2020 04:53 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr. Joseph Combs	Dear Legislators, Your constituents are telling you without reservation and with the utmost urgency, its time to #ReOpenNC.
04/16/2020 04:53 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Jay Navel	Please reopen businesses no later than May 1. We understand social distancing and can take care of ourselves. I won't be attending sporting events or group events but all other business needs to be opened now and those that want to attend should be able to. Elderly and health compromised people can self qaurantine but we all should not be forced to and watch businesses crumble.
04/16/2020 04:53 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Open NC K8m Clark	Opening NC does not mean you have to go out. Stay scared and imprisoned if you choose. But there are many of us who don't fall for this political agenda. There are many who will loose everything because of this ridiculous decision to close down businesses. We have had enough.
04/16/2020 04:53 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Reopen NC Theresa Nelson	Open up businesses and let people go. This is not helping people. People are still going out and shopping . Open shops back up and let people take responsibility and thief own precautions.
04/16/2020 04:55 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms Melissa Schlagmuller	Please reopen NC. We need to get back to work, our families, our friends, and help the economy again. Depression is up, children are stuck at home with abusive parents, home school education is failing, families are struggling, and business owners are at risk of losing their livelihood. Some Americans have already decided to stop quarantining. It has been proven that the success rate for individuals is a lot higher than originally thought. We need to get past this and start moving forward again. Life is better together!
04/16/2020 04:56 PM	Economic Support Working Group	REOPEN NC Shannon Pruitt	REOPEN NC ! I am a small business owner, I own a Barbershop, & I cannot survive another 30 day shut down! I want & need to go back to work! I am essential to my family & my cummunity! We (businesses) can operate on a smaller scale and still keep people safe! Small businesses are the backbone of this country! if you're not going to shut down Lowe's, Walmart, or home Depot, or the liquor stores then you need to allow us to go back to work!
04/16/2020 04:56 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Open NC David Everhart	Open this state
04/16/2020 04:56 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Businesses need to open Karen Martin	We erred on the side of being overly cautious (good move!) but now that we see it's unnecessary, it's time to let businesses reopen. Small business owners are suffering and every day more irreversible damage is done.
04/16/2020 04:57 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Nancy Bow	Reopen NC so small business owners and not just large online or box stores like Amazon, Walmart, Home Depot Gregory stores and and Lowes can run their operations! Its very very unfair whats going on for small local business owners and employees. The big corps will come out ahead but small business and the state revenue will suffer as businesses fold for good!
04/16/2020 04:57 PM	Economic Support	Mrs Kim Neal	It is time to reopen our State for business. My spouse is immune compromised and I do

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04/16/2020 04:58 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Constance Bell	I own a trucking company in the last month freight rates have dropped to below a dollar per mile on average and if things continue we will be shutting our door NC needs to reopen there are precautions that can be taken aside from killing the economy
04/16/2020 05:00 PM	Economic Support Working Group	ReopenNC David Eskridge	Please reopen the economy. These orders have exceeded their constitutional limits.
04/16/2020 05:01 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Richard Spurlock	North Carolina is not suffering from widespread of Covid-19, but North Carolinians are suffering tremendously from the economic shut down. Please ease restrictions now!!!!
04/16/2020 05:02 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Lacey Goodson	Reopen NC.
04/16/2020 05:03 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Wellness Provisions Amy McBride	Reopen NC. This shut down is destroying small business and the lives of those attached to it. Everyone from the business owners, to employees, to those dependent on said businesses for services or products. Leave it up to the people to decide what's best for their own health and reopen the state to save lives from depression/suicide, and to save the economy.
04/16/2020 05:04 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr. Don Jarrell	It is time to reopen North Carolina! Enough with the scare tactics! I just left my bank which, like most others in our state, is only operating via the drive through bays. Common sense says that more people are touching and handling the tubing equipment (canisters, buttons to call/speak to the attendant and to send the tubes back into the bank) than before the doors to the banks were closed. All during operating hours, the tube canisters and buttons are being utilized by both the bank patrons and employees who are attending the stations, therefore thousands of people are handling--most without gloves, I might add--these items. Even with all of this "exposure", there have only been 19 cases in the county in which I reside (Stanly County). Stores that are deemed "essential" are flooded with people...but we still have less than 20 cases. In other words, the fear that you have instilled into people is not a true representation of this pandemic. This is an overreach of power and it is time to stop! This is not a "one size fits all" problem! Every city, county and state is different. Treating us as if we were in the middle of New York City is not going to do anything but further paralyze and cripple our county and state! We are still Americans and we have God given rights! We have the right to decide how we "individually" want to face this pandemic. Most would choose by themselves to practice social distancing, washing their hands, and even wearing masks. This has been proven to aid in preventing the spread. Deeming "sheltering in place" as the "cure all" only prolongs the duration of the virus. Yes, I understand that this virus is serious. Yes, I know people are sick and have died. Yes, I know that we must be proactive in protecting ourselves, but I also have enough common sense to protect my family without closing myself off in my home because the government and media have attempted to scare me. So again, I implore you to consider all of the above. It is time for us to begin to get back to living. It is time to reopen North Carolina!
04/16/2020 05:05 PM	Economic Support	Mrs. Susan Hartle	It is my request that we reopen NC. My husband and I have been working through this

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04/16/2020 05:05 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mary Jon Pabst	Please open NC now with small incremental steps!!! It is time. We have flattened the curve and with a slow return we should be able to continue.
04/16/2020 05:05 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mandy	Please keep all of the social distancing measures in place in NC for as long as is necessary to keep our communities safe from Coronavirus. I fully support taking necessary measures to keep everyone healthy and will continue to donate where possible to help my fellow members of the community during this time.
04/16/2020 05:05 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Constituent Melissa Cooper	<p>I support the shelter in place order to flatten the curve. I support extending the order with plans to have a phase by phase soft opening of businesses. I support expecting businesses to implement social distancing guidelines and giving employees PPE as well as paid sick leave. The reopening will have to be done in phases to prevent a resurgence of infections. We should lead with the ongoing understanding that nothing is going to be the same moving forward. Businesses will have new responsibilities to flattening the curve even if they are open. All businesses are essential but different degrees of essential. That is why we have to accept that even with businesses opening back up they will not be operating at full capacity for some time. There is going to be a new kind of normal we will have to adapt to.</p> <p>Thanks,</p> <p>Melissa Cooper</p>
04/16/2020 05:06 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Melody Chipley	We need to reopen small business period! This is unconstitutional! Period! There are a million reason we we need to open NC, but the main reason is that this is unconstitutional! There will always be sickness in this world. Those who need to stay home can do so. The rest of us need to live! Are you going without a paycheck? I do not think so. The rest of us are! Let's open NC back up while we can still recover from this economic loss.
04/16/2020 05:07 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr. Jim Gant	We are ready to go back to work.
04/16/2020 05:07 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ann Gillis	The State of North Carolina needs to be reopened! People need to get back to work!
04/16/2020 05:08 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Katelyn Gerhardt	As a small business owner and mom of two, we need small businesses open SAFELY with precautions. Families are starting to suffer economically and it is going to gravely affect our mental health and ability to care for our families. PLEASE start reopening NC May 1st with precautions in place!
04/16/2020 05:09 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Prefix Sherwood Jernigan	<p>Please re-open NC. The economy is sinking faster than the titanic. Businesses will fail and the states unemployment fund will dry up.</p> <p>Spend your time and resources to protect us, not control the economy as if Hilter were in charge. Give us mask, shields, sanitizer, paper products.</p>
04/16/2020 05:09 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Jenny Reavis	Please open NC back up as soon as possible.

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04/16/2020 05:09 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Grace Howard	I am writing my support for and to issue a request that North Carolina be opened back up for business by May 1, 2020. As a person with very high health risk , I have taken responsibility for my own health and been in my home since the second week of March. I am a grown adult and my health is my responsibility! I do not need the state to mandate how I will manage my health. All around me I see people's lives and businesses being DESTROYED by these ridiculous shut downs . I do not agree with suspension of my constitutional rights under any circumstance. Any official who perpetuates these limits on American citizens is in violation of the constitution. ReOpenNC
04/16/2020 05:09 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Sabrina Flowe	Reopen NC please! we need our people back to work! The cure is becoming worse than the visus. we may not be "essential" to the governor but we are essential to our children who depend on us to work so they can have food and a roof over their heads! let the sick and those who wish to stay at home do so but letthe rest of us go back to our lives!
04/16/2020 05:12 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Automotive Bobby Small	Well I believe everyone knows by now this is a political game that the democrats are trying to do to make the economy fall to blame President Trump. When In fact they are sticking their own foot in their mouth. People need to work so they can pay their bills, feed their children, and their selves. Please open the state so people can get back to work and feed their families. Maybe the politicians have money to last them but some people don't. Just think about that for a min. Put yourselves in their shoes for a moment. Please
04/16/2020 05:12 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Aaron Whisenhunt	Open the economy! Free up the citizens to live their lives and operate their businesses! Locking us down is immoral and may even be illegal and unconstitutional! The government should NOT have this authority! Free the imprisoned citizens!
04/16/2020 05:12 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Adam Dula	Please re-open the economy by May 1st. I personally believe the restrictions on attending church services to be unconstitutional as well. Thank you for your time
04/16/2020 05:12 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Chris Hall	Open NC back up before I lose everything I have.
04/16/2020 05:13 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Kathryn Abernethy	If this were a zero sum commitment in either direction, the choice would be easier. Please consider loss of life to be the greater concern. We will recover economically if our people stay alive and well. If we allow this disease to spread, not only will people die but the cost of care and the loss of income will bankrupt many.
04/16/2020 05:14 PM	Economic Support Working Group	--None-- Stephanie terrell	This state needs to be re-opened this has went on for too long.
04/16/2020 05:15 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Jes Radley	We need to get our state back on track! People are hurting....more then are being hurt by corona!
04/16/2020 05:15 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Carrie Brewer	Please reopen NC. This unprecedented move is proved more and more unnecessary by the day. Small businesses and their employees are being devastated by this. Every business is an essential business to those who depend on the income it provides. Please stop fear mongering by using bad models. We must #ReopenNC
04/16/2020 05:16 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Lisa Hattaway	I own a small community restaurant employing 5 staff members and have been in business for 22 years. My staff and I have prospered during many economic ups and survived many downs throughout those years. I can truly say that this Covid 19 economic shutdown has been the very worst. One that my restaurant may not survive. Not because of illness, but because of a government mandate to close or severely curtail our operations. While I see the necessity in educating and warning the public about how this

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			virus is spread, the danger it poses to compromised individuals and how to prevent its spread, I'm certain that picking and choosing which businesses/activities should be shut down is not going to limit it's spread. That relies on individual responsibility. I trust that each and everyone of you are out observing your constituents' behavior. Businesses deemed "essential" are flourishing. Products are flying off the shelves and in short supply due to fear, while many of their customers and staff are ignoring social distancing, proper use of gloves and masks or simply not staying home if they are sick or compromised. Have you seen the close contact when an employee puts out toilet paper, paper towels, bleach or sanitizers? You've allowed the many independent, locally owned small businesses who actually can operate while controlling public behavior to close. When this passes, as it will, will the tax revenues from a limited number of "essential" businesses that survive be enough to support our state and all its programs? Are you going to miss our local, small business, "nonessential" revenues? Will our community miss the donations and support for schools, nonprofits, charities and fundraisers that small businesses are known for. I might be wrong. Maybe big business CAN pay enough in taxes to support every government program plus support and give to their communities. Maybe our government can be all things to all people. But I'm thinking not.
04/16/2020 05:16 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Allison Given	Reopen NC. Small businesses are failing. People are losing their jobs.
04/16/2020 05:17 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Elizabeth Bass	Please begin the process of opening North Carolina because the people in NC have to get back to work. Put procedures in place for high-risk groups and allow the remaining people the ability to work.
04/16/2020 05:18 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Doug Klesch	I support continuing stay at home orders and other social distancing measures until testing and and tracing can be effectively implemented.
04/16/2020 05:19 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Kimberley Olson	Even though the media and much of the Government have convinced society that "stay home. save lives" is the way to go and that this is lives vs money and those of us that don't agree are horrible people trying to feed the capitolist agenda this simply isn't true. We've done the "flatten the curve" and now we are venturing into the lives vs lives, but not only that it's a few lives vs many lives. It's a few lives vs the worst inflation we've seen in our life time. It's a few lives vs society as we know it. Most of us don't want handouts we want to get back to work and earn that money. The part of society that is high risk can continue to isolate but it's tyrannical to force health, able and willing people to stay home. This has become so ridiculous we aren't even "allowed" to hike, and be in nature which is an absolute for our health. Please please please end this madness.
04/16/2020 05:20 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Kearie Toth	We need N.C. open now. People are mentally breaking down which will cause more casualties then the virus itself. What you are doing is tyranny. Keep the sick quarantined and let the rest who feel comfortable go back to living.
04/16/2020 05:21 PM	Economic Support Working Group	David Curtin	We need to keep or extend the stay at home orders until we have a way to test any who need it and isolate the infected and their contacts, even if they have no symptoms. That is the only way to stop covid-19 from spreading and overwhelming the medical system.
04/16/2020 05:22 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms Wendy Lahm	We need to reopen our state economy ASAP. No more extensions! For those who are vulnerable or fearful, I support voluntary sheltering with appropriate support and

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			protections; however, the rest of us need to get this state going again! Damage has already been done. Yes, we need voluntary precautions—social distancing, handwashing, etc.—but we cannot allow 131 deaths to shut down an economy of 10.5 MILLION people. We have got to stop living in fear and get on with it. Otherwise, there is no end in sight.
04/16/2020 05:22 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Reopen NC Micheala Shoet	As a member of this state NOT RECEIVING UNEMPLOYMENT because I can't get ahold of someone to fix that, working is my only way to make ends meet. Which I can't do. Because you won't open the state....so REOPEN NC
04/16/2020 05:25 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Sonya Cox	I am imploring you to Reopen the state of North Carolina. People need to get back to work. I am a self-employed Barber and I have not been able to work for over three weeks I have not gotten any stimulus money yet the unemployment office is not going to even look at self employed people until after April 27th With no assistance how are we supposed to put food on the table. Also my daughter is a teacher and many of her students are in really bad home situations. Some of her students are stuck at home with parents who are drug users and are in no shape to help their kids with distance learning school was the only safe haven for a lot of these students and now that is gone. Please help us to get back to normal
04/16/2020 05:25 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Reopen NC Kathy Dickinson	NC has passed the peak and is ready to get back to our normal lives
04/16/2020 05:26 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms Denise Conrad	It's time to stop this nonsense and reopen the State. #ReopenNC
04/16/2020 05:26 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Cheryl Tyburski	Open NC
04/16/2020 05:27 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr. Kevin Mull	We need to get businesses re-opened and people back to work, otherwise the economic devastation will be worse than the actual healthcare aspects of this entire situation.
04/16/2020 05:28 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms Stacy Williams	Out of work! Please reOpen NC! My small business is a cleaning business and reliant on the tourist industry. The uncertainty of income is super stressful and it just seems unwarranted given the integrity of the community to practice safety. We need freedom of choice!
04/16/2020 05:29 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr. Eric Riley	As a life-long citizen of North Carolina, a Commercial General Contractor and a Livestock Producer - I implore you all to please re-open NC for business. There is much economic suffering that has and is taking place and the recovery from the unconstitutional shut down by Gov. Cooper is going to take months and years to take place. We need to get back up and running now - without restrictions!
04/16/2020 05:29 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Reopen NC John Stengel	Please reconsider what this state is doing. I run a business in this state and I have a lot of employees that depend on their income. If I lay them off due to the state being shut down their lives will be drastically affected. Although I am an essential business the supply chain and travel restrictions are preventing commerce. More lives are damaged by the entire state being locked down instead of just quarantining seniors and those at risks. Let us make our decisions for our ourselves and allow me to help my employees provide for their families. They depend on me for income and health insurance. The PPP is out of money and there are no more places to turn.

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04/16/2020 05:29 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Lynn Pope	It is imperative that all small businesses are allowed to resume normal operations immediately. It is naive to believe it is "safe" for citizens to shop in big box stores, but small locally owned businesses are a danger to our health. Most small retailers serve fewer customers in a week than a big box store serve in a day. Small businesses managed by the owners are typically cleaner because the owners take pride in their businesses. Small retailers will not survive the shut down being extended. If citizens are afraid of being exposed to the virus then they should stay home. America is a free country and the government is currently trampling our constitutional rights. Open the NC economy NOW!
04/16/2020 05:30 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Devy Davison	Reopen NC! The numbers do not support this kind of hysteria nor does it justify the blatant disregard of the constitution and the rights of the people as guaranteed by the constitution.
04/16/2020 05:33 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Helen Seagraves	I am asking that NC be opened on May 1st. We have completed the 30 days to slow the spread. Hospitals are not overrun and, by all accounts, are not predicted to be. This was the reason we were given for the shutdown. There are now 22 million jobless claims in this country (tried to cite your data, but it is 30 days old, so no longer relevant). The food bank in my small town is feeding 500 people a day, and is running out of food. PLEASE see us "little people" that just want to go back to work, put food on our tables, pay our mortgages and save the small businesses we have been working hard in FOR YEARS.
04/16/2020 05:34 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Kim Stengel	<p>I am writing to please reconsider what is happening. I have four kids and they are all home because school is shut down. The daycare has shut down and I am trying to do my best home schooling while trying to keep a 2 year old occupied and calm for the others so they can learn. Two of my kids have learning disabilities and they have lost access to the tools and tutors they need. Remote learning is just not possible for some. Children are not a high risks group. Closing Schools just does not make sense. You are robbing our children of advancing next year.</p> <p>If we just quarantined the high risk groups the rest of the state could work and get back to the normal business of life while protecting those at risks.</p> <p>I feel this is a reasonable solution to a bad situation. No good will come from a continued shut down. More lives will be damaged and the economic impact will continue for years to come.</p>
04/16/2020 05:34 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Susan Norman	Need to reopen NC
04/16/2020 05:35 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Amy Sawyer	Please be careful (conservative) reopening business in NC - we need healthy workers and a safe working environment to keep NC economically strong !
04/16/2020 05:37 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Zachary Hooper	I am a resident of Forsyth County and have been working in HR in the Triad for 5 years. Our small businesses help our large companies run and vice versa. We are doing damage to our local economy, that will take years to recover from. The relief from the federal government is simultaneously not enough and too much. We have been successful in "flattening the curve" and need to rely on the spirit and experience of our communities to go back to work and practice social distancing. It is time to restore the right of the residents of North Carolina to get back to their livelihoods.

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04/16/2020 05:39 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Reopen NC Brooke E	NC needs to reopen May 1st! We need local businesses open, restaurants etc
04/16/2020 05:40 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Beth Credle	It is time to reopen NC. The data does not support extended state closure for the citizens of NC. Small businesses cannot survive with an extended stay-at-home mandate. The citizens of NC should not have to pay the price for the governor's hidden political agendas. Enough is enough. Reopen North Carolina Now!
04/16/2020 05:41 PM	Economic Support Working Group	REOPEN NC Nichole W	REOPEN NC! If grocery stores can be open so can everything else!
04/16/2020 05:46 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Valleri Canterbury	A gradual, common-sense approach adhering to social distancing and infection control for re-opening a portion of the economy needs to be developed. Millions of workers, especially small business owners and contractors, will lose everything and there's not enough money in the budget to support our citizens for an extended period. We have flattened the curve with this first shelter at home and can move forward with small steps to prevent a spike of cases while sending some citizens back to work.
04/16/2020 05:46 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Lesley Starling	ReopenNC!! Too many people are hurting. The shut down is hurting more than it's helping. We need our economy back up and running now!
04/16/2020 05:49 PM	Economic Support Working Group	REOPEN NC Tammy Hilyer	REOPEN NC! The people that voted you in office need to work and live their lives again!
04/16/2020 05:49 PM	Economic Support Working Group	REOPEN NC Tammy Hilyer	REOPEN NC! The people that voted you in office need to work and live their lives again!
04/16/2020 05:49 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Caryn Sutton	We need to support the economy.
04/16/2020 05:49 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms Lori Stewart	PLEASE reopen NC! The covid-19 surge that was expected has never manifested (thankfully!). However, millions in NC are left without adequate income which is VITAL to survival. Many will never be able to recover from the financial impacts if business doesn't return to somewhat normal conditions soon. In a crisis situation, structure, routines, and social interaction are VITAL to human health. While FEAR is great at immobilizing the people and making them compliant, immobilizing the healthy is TYRANNY. I DO NOT LIVE IN A DICTATORSHIP! I AM NOT A SOCIALIST! I AM NOT A COMMUNIST! But what I am is an AMERICAN WHOSE CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS WERE STRIPPED AWAY! REOPEN NC!
04/16/2020 05:51 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr. Dennis Mehl	Let's get NC back to working. Wear masks, stay 6 feet apart as much as possible. If you let people vote on it then you put the responsibility back them. Every person possible needs to get back to work. We will lose some folks. Pioneers knew some in their group may get killed heading out west but they still went.
04/16/2020 05:52 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Jayne Noto	Reopen the state of NC - this is not sustainable and you are ruining our economy and our lives!
04/16/2020 05:52 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Kathy Cassidy	I'm very concerned at this push to relax the stay-at-home order. It is clearly working. It is painful for some businesses, yes - my income has been cut by 2/3 - but my family, including my 86-year-old mom, are all well. The callous disregard for human life being shown by the reopen NC people is disturbing, and many of their claims are crazy conspiracy theories. Please don't let a few very loud people endanger the rest of the state.
04/16/2020 05:54 PM	Economic Support	Mrs Susan Perry	Governor Cooper

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	Working Group		It is imperative that you and our legislature come together and plan how we can open up our state! The mental health and physical health is at stake! Not all at once of course but slowly with guidelines--we cannot sustain this much longer--people are getting desperate!!!! Do your job!!!
04/16/2020 05:55 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Donna Randazzo	Please reopen NC!!
04/16/2020 05:57 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Jimmie Renfrow	Please reopen
04/16/2020 05:58 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr. David Shobe	Given that data shows Covid-19 to be on par w/ the seasonal flu, it makes no sense and there is no justification to continue the shut-down on businesses, schools, and events. From an article in The Economist: Silverman and Washburne found that the coronavirus mortality rate could be as low as 0.1 percent, "similar to that of flu." The Economist further explained: COVID-19 takes 20-25 days to kill victims. The [Silverman and Washburne] paper reckons that 7m Americans were infected from March 8th to 14th, and official data show 7,000 deaths three weeks later. The resulting fatality rate is 0.1%, similar to that of flu. That is amazingly low, just a tenth of some other estimates. Perhaps it is just wrong, possibly because the death toll has been under-reported. Perhaps, though, New York's hospitals are overflowing because the virus is so contagious that it has crammed the equivalent of a year's worth of flu cases into one week.
04/16/2020 05:58 PM	Economic Support Working Group	MS. Susan Nichols	I don't envy the tough decisions you must make about how to keep our economy functioning in the COVID 19 crisis. I am anxious to get into stores that are now closed. But I won't do that until I am confident it is possible to do so without jeopardizing my health or my family 's. There will need to be adequate testing and treatment options, as well as appropriate protocols in place, before I'll be confident to shop or dine outside my home. Thank you for your consideration.
04/16/2020 06:00 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Open up NC Lori Gee	We need to start opening up NC. Peoples businesses & lively hood depends on this. My daughter is a single parent who gets no help from the baby daddy. She does hair. She is not getting much to help with the bills/rent. It would benefit her & many others to start opening NC back up. The state can not continue like this much longer. People are losing their businesses everyday.
04/16/2020 06:01 PM	Economic Support Working Group	ReOpen over time Ethan Long	As you already know, most local businesses are struggling with the shutdown. For many, it's their livelihood and a staple of their town. Reopening non-essential businesses should happen over a span of weeks, not in one day. Open up by cutting capacity to 20%-25%, and have restaurants separate their tables by at least 5 feet from each other. All businesses should have strict cleaning guidelines to follow. Any measurable action to return to normal by mid-June should be taken.
04/16/2020 06:03 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Andrew Smith	we need to open the state back up it doesn't help our state and the economy to be closed liked it is people are literally loosing everything they have worked for stay at home should be for the sick only not the healthy healthy people want to work but are being told they can't
04/16/2020 06:05 PM	Economic Support	Beth DuVall	Please consider allowing weekly rentals in single family homes to resume on our NC

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	Working Group		beaches. We have refunded all bookings for March and April. Many requested cancellations for May, June, and July out of fear. We gave refunds to them. Our homes are single family oceanfront homes. Very easy to keep social distancing there. Our funds are not unlimited. We need rental income, and want to welcome healthy rule-abiding individuals to our coast.
04/16/2020 06:05 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Kim Sanders	I am GRATEFUL to Governor Cooper's nuanced, data- and science-based approach to this pandemic. I had my rainy day fund ready, because I don't expect the government to hold me up like so many of these "patriots" who whine and harass him. Please continue to maintain high health expectations upon our reopen. Face masks must be worn in businesses, restaurants at 20% capacity, etc. And, please, keep schools online or close them for the sake of our children and their grandparents. Even in the fall, we will lose a lot of teachers to this if we "open as usual." Children do no naturally distance or maintain hygiene. The deaths, and the lawsuits, will follow if these considerations are not seriously thought through. THANK YOU!
04/16/2020 06:08 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Keep NC closed through Ma David Danna	Don't risk it.
04/16/2020 06:08 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Trudy Solomon	I think individuals need to assess their needs, their own health and their community and determine on their own if they should leave their home, where they can go and what they expose themselves to.
04/16/2020 06:09 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Angela Gilbert	NC needs to open before there is no economy left to recover.
04/16/2020 06:09 PM	Economic Support Working Group	ms ellen pearson	Please • provide paid sick days, family leave, and full unemployment benefits for all • provide economic relief to those most impacted by COVID-19
04/16/2020 06:13 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Grape Sodas	miniCooper ReopenNC
04/16/2020 06:14 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Owner Chris and Catherine Lee	We are a small business in fayetteville nc and depend on income to survive. We do not qualify for any assistance because of so many factors that small business fall into such as no employees or maybe bad credit or enough income to support loans just a few bit yet we are still a small business that pays our sales tax property tax on business and any fees from our city and state and federal government to have this privilege. We need to reopen our city and seeing the fact that ABC stores are considered essential is just insane. To see the big box stores allowed to continue but leave the small business out in the cold is not fair . Please help us.
04/16/2020 06:15 PM	Economic Support Working Group	T. Honeycutt	We need to reopen NC. Peoples livelihoods depend on this.
04/16/2020 06:15 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Re-open Maureen Work	NC had to begin opening up more businesses for the economy and mental health of our residents. There has to be a way for businesses to be open with safe guidelines and less than 10 people at a time. Not everyone will be able to get unemployment and people need to pay their bills and put food in their tables.
04/16/2020 06:16 PM	Economic Support	Charles Jennings	Please ease the massive restrictions in North Carolina. It is time for a more targeted

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	Working Group		approach. Do things to protect those most at risk of serious illness that are in the most at risk areas. We have to get back to work, helping others, worship, back to normal. These restrictions are killing us. Please ease them.
04/16/2020 06:18 PM	Economic Support Working Group	BUSINESS OWNER Jennifer Rodriguez	<p>I am writing this email to you as I attempt to conduct my business from my home trying to keep it barely afloat amidst the stay at home guidelines. My business has been the primary financial support for my family for the past 5 years. For the past 45 days I have contacted our county officials (Wake) to stay current with the COVID changes and have complied 100%.</p> <p>Since the stay at home order I totally revamped my way of operating and have entirely changed the systems to keep serving our clients and community but the impact has been felt. I had to furlough 2 workers which led me to apply for the PPP and EIDL program. Today I received a call from First Citizens bank that funds have run out. The EIDL has changed their "Grant" from \$10,000 down to \$1,000.</p> <p>My husband is a nurse and took a COVID Crisis Center travel nursing position to make up for the loss in revenue even if it meant working in a risky environment. He was then contacted to see if he would take a position in Detroit, Michigan as they were expecting to fill 1,000 beds. As we were waiting for confirmation of the next assignment, his recruiter called and said that they no longer need crisis nurses as they only have 8-10 beds filled of the anticipated 1,000 bed need so the assignment was cancelled. His next assignment may be NYC or CA.</p> <p>What does that say? Yes, the COVID curve is flattening so much that nurses contracts are being cancelled but the flip side is the unemployment curve is rising at a tremendous rate.</p> <p>Governor Cooper may (or may not) extend this lockdown. There is a fine line between preventing chaos and causing destruction.</p> <p>An extension of the lockdown will cripple businesses. I do not want to rely on government funds to operate my business. I have never relied on government funds.</p> <p>Many business owners are willing to SAFELY operate their business in a manner that does not put individuals at risk. The government has determined what is "essential" (ABC stores, the lotto) and what is "non-essential" but they forget that many businesses are essential to the livelihood of their families. This is not just a "short term disruption".</p>
04/16/2020 06:19 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms MaryAnn Durborrow	Please reopen NC May 1st. As small business owners we can not get through another month. If we have to close our doors we will not only lose our business property but our personal homes as well. The numbers are not there to deem this a pandemic and violate our constitutional rights as Gov Cooper has. This is a political move driven by media frenzy. Democrats in bed with China at the sake of the very Americans who are suppose to come first. The health compromised need to decide to self quarantine. Release our freedoms and personal choices!
04/16/2020 06:19 PM	Economic Support	Mr Joseph Paskiewicz	Please reopen our state. The economy is people. Killing the economy is killing people.

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	Working Group		100,000 lost jobs and businesses is a lot of lost tax revenue. Protect the vulnerable, but let the rest get back to living.
04/16/2020 06:22 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Antonette Webb	Reopen NC
04/16/2020 06:22 PM	Economic Support Working Group		Reopen NC!!!
04/16/2020 06:24 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Andrea Winslow	I am a studio salon owner seeing only 1 guest at a time! Prior to Covid-19 the N.C. state board already required extensive sanitation. Once the virus arrived we increased sanitation! We will continue to do this once reopen! Please allow us to open by May 4 I have not been able to make money since March 25 and unemployment hasn't even opened up for the self employed! I am the breadwinner for my family!
04/16/2020 06:24 PM	Economic Support Working Group		Open NC
04/16/2020 06:24 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Thomas Beckett	Statewide and local stay-at-home orders have been effective in blunting the spread of COVID-19. Our state is fortunate to have clear headed leadership in this regard. At this point small businesses and families need direct financial relief to maintain North Carolina's economic liquidity at a grassroots level. Big businesses already have the resources they need and institutional shareholders can afford to take the hit (or else they shouldn't be investing in public markets). Any relaxation of stay-at-home orders should be gradual and carefully staged to avoid a resurgence of the virus. Since the federal government has defaulted with its public health capacity, North Carolina should quickly marshal our substantial health resources to develop and administer widespread testing to map and limit further spread of the virus.
04/16/2020 06:24 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mary Price	Time for the people of NC to go back to work. If this quarantine continues you'll be fully to blame for the demise of the livelihood of the people of this great state.
04/16/2020 06:24 PM	Economic Support Working Group	we can be safe and work Kimberly Dimuro	We listened, we stayed home. We flattened the curve. Now it's your turn to listen to your constituents and Re Open N.C. We are all " essential " to our family. Our bills that need to be paid on time are essential. Our mental health is essential. We can be precautius and still get back to work. GOV. Cooper please listen to the taxpayers that need to get back to work.
04/16/2020 06:24 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Janeva Bailey	Please consider beginning the steps to open our state. The harm done to our economy and our families will be far worse than the virus, if things can't get back to normal soon. We have had little spread of the virus, especially in the rural areas. We need to see our families again. We need to hug our grandchildren. We need to start providing for ourselves and our families. We all know steps we need to take to stay safe and do not need to be policed in it. We are adults whose liberty has been infringed in the name of safety. The time has come to let us take our own risks, and uphold the liberty provided for us in the constitution.
04/16/2020 06:27 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Andrey Solodyankin	Open up the economy please. The lock down is unnecessary and hurting everyone more. Virus will always come around and every individual knows the risk of going out everyday. Please open the state so we can live our normal lives. This is America! Also, Trump did a good job handling along with all the regular citizens. Very proud

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04/16/2020 06:27 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Jaime Jordan	We need to reopen our great state.
04/16/2020 06:29 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Robin Padgett	It's time to get back to work. 22 million unemployed. Government offices shut down to TAXPAYERS who now need assistance because of government overreach eliminating their job. This is unacceptable.
04/16/2020 06:36 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Teresa Hubbard	Open NC back up!
04/16/2020 06:37 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Tony Baker	It is time to Stop Destroying our State for political purposes. Open NC so we can get back to work. We do not need dictatorship from a man who cannot even decide who goes to what restrooms. Open NC now
04/16/2020 06:37 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Lynwood Coombs Jr	I am requesting that you Protect the American people and OPEN NC. You can not save us by keeping us shut down. Please OPEN OUR STATE!!!!!!
04/16/2020 06:38 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Elizabeth Smith	Please reopen the state immediately. Small businesses cannot survive much longer without business. Workers cannot survive without jobs.
04/16/2020 06:43 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Lowry Holmes	This continual shut down will kill more people than the virus, even though every death currently is due to the virus, so it has eliminated heart attacks, strokes, cancer, etc. Open NC back up please and let it run its course!
04/16/2020 06:46 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Joan Nelson	Please reopen NC economy, I know people who are really suffering with the shutdown
04/16/2020 06:46 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Michelle Kaufmann	We need to reopen NC. We need to get back to work. People need to feed their family and pay their bills.
04/16/2020 06:47 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Sarah Jameson	I own a tanning salon and UV rays actually help with viruses. We don't have a large amount of people in our store at any given time. Please allow tanning salons and other salons open up! There is no reason that we must stay locked down.
04/16/2020 06:47 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr James Anderson	I think we should reopen May 1st. Stay at home order is not doing any good at all. People are still venturing out. So why put thousands of people out of work ? Everyone should be responsible for their own health
04/16/2020 06:48 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms Donna Durfee	We need to spend money on the working and the poor and expand Medicaid and not give any to the wealthy and big corporations
04/16/2020 06:51 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Dana	Please reopen NC! There have already been far too many small businesses that will never be able to open their doors again.
04/16/2020 06:52 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Stephenie Walker	We NEED to reopen NC - NOW, please do so with as few restrictions as possible.
04/16/2020 06:53 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms. Tommie Ann Green	If the state is not opened y the end of the month, the economic hardship will be far worse than the C19 virus. Follow the national guidelines and open in stages. Mandate testing, face masks if safe distancing is not possible. Start with the malls, shopping areas, restaurants, churches and leave the schools closed until the coming school year. Careful monitoring will be necessary.
04/16/2020 06:54 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Sharon Thomas	Private businesses should never have been closed down due to potential health risks of COVID-19. Citizens can protect themselves without closures. Please reopen all businesses!

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04/16/2020 06:56 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr. Gabe Quinley	This cannot continue, as is past May 1st. Too many companies (including mine) are furloughing and laying off very committed employees. People are struggling as healthy citizens in quarantine. It's time to begin reopening our state by May 1st. We cannot continue as is.
04/16/2020 06:59 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Bob Johnson	<p>I am proud that our great state has been a leader in "flattening the curve" to save lives in these trying times. It is painful, the economics involved at the individual level is frightening and painful. But, we have to keep our eye on the prize: life. If we get complacent, if we let up now thinking we've got this thing licked, there will be a second wave more deadly than the first. Listen to the scientists, listen to the public health experts. If we stay locked down a little longer we can beat this thing with the best possible outcomes for most people. Protect our vulnerable residents. Wait until there is adequate and reliable testing, wait until there is decent tracing. Only when we have the tools to better control this outbreak should we begin to slowly (slowly!) ease the restrictions and try to return to the old normal.</p> <p>That being said, there are actions that have to be taken to help ease the financial burden on NC citizens. Make unemployment less of a nightmare to submit, streamline unemployment payments, cover all COVID-19 related medical expenses, push back dates for tax collections, fees collections, license renewal dates, etc... Y'all are smart, you can figure this out. But please, do what's right for the long term health of the citizens of this state. Everything doesn't have to be about money and profit. Life matters more; we can turn the economy around later.</p>
04/16/2020 06:59 PM	Economic Support Working Group		Reopen NC. Shutdown needs to end ASAP. It's hurting small/family business and killing the economy
04/16/2020 06:59 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Denise Morris	Please reopen North Carolina
04/16/2020 07:00 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Private Salon Owner Heather Idol	I am a private boutique salon owner. I have been a hairstylist for 26 years. Mom to 4, two are actively serving in our Armed Forces. I cannot file unemployment yet. I cannot get a reply for SBA loans or grants. The federal stimulus payment was nice but will not pay our bills or keep food on our table. I NEED to get back to work. I am a single mother with no other income. I have applied for every resource NC offers. I need help or I need to work. Please consider reopening N.C. at least on a case by case basis. I and one client will be the only ones in my salon studio. I do that for their peace of mind. I am not alone. There are a lot of us that work in private suites and can follow CDC recommendations for sanitation between clients as we did prior to the shut down. Please take this into consideration. I thank you and my family thanks you!
04/16/2020 07:01 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Kelly DANT	Please consider letting counties manage their reopening strategy. In Catawba County, we have significant less cases than Mecklenburg or Wake county and should not be under the same mandates as those counties. Please allow local governments to choose what is best for their citizens.
04/16/2020 07:04 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Edward Pinkosky	RE OPEN NC NOW!!!
04/16/2020 07:07 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Jen Lewis	We need to reopen NC businesses and use common sense guidelines and objective science to make safe decisions about our state....the people of this state can see through

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			this transparent play for emergency power....
04/16/2020 07:08 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Amy Andrews	Reopen NC NOW!
04/16/2020 07:08 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Reopen NC Kari Maddox	Please work hard to get the testing in place so we can safely get back to work and life ! We trust you to do what we can't, because we've done everything you have asked us to. Get to work!!
04/16/2020 07:12 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Judy Lewis	Please open NC back Now! I have friends losing their businesses and livelihoods. We NEED to open back up! The virus has NOT Hit NC hard!
04/16/2020 07:13 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Vicky Rodgers	Please allow our workers to get back to it
04/16/2020 07:14 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Cathy Lewis	I'm a small business owner in Matthews NC. Our Citizens have a right to work and support their families. We have followed the orders but it's time to let certain businesses that were told they had to close to reopen.
04/16/2020 07:14 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Donna Regis	We need to reopen NC. Western NC has to few cases to warrant keeping businesses closed and causes economic disaster.
04/16/2020 07:14 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Tammie Tammie Lee	Open back N.C. on May 1st . You are killing our economy . Give it to God and he will handle this . Prayers you make the right decision . God Bless !
04/16/2020 07:16 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms Marilyn Senz	I am pleading with you to reopen North Carolina. The current statistics and numbers do NOT support the continued lockdown of our great state. People at risk can stay inside, but the rest of us are being financially ruined by staying out of work. If the lockdown continues, I fear that this country will never recover.
04/16/2020 07:22 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Beth Aldrich	22 Million people out of work, that is not sustainable. Reopen Nc.
04/16/2020 07:22 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Lincoln Franchell	I think we need to keep it closed for a couple more weeks in order to make sure we don't go through this again.
04/16/2020 07:26 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Patricia L	We need to reopen businesses in North Carolina and allow people to go back to work. The economy is being devastated and some businesses may never reopen if we continue to keep them closed. Schools need to reopen, especially colleges, allowing students to complete their required courses to graduate. The Stay At Home Order is harming North Carolina Citizens. Our Constitution allows our citizens to live freely, which is not happening under this Order. We have been closed long enough and it's time to start getting back to work and school. Thank you.
04/16/2020 07:26 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Self employed Bobby Fann	We need to start back up, enough damage done so far, let's stop the bleeding before we destroy the future of our kids and grandkids
04/16/2020 07:26 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Marki Dewhirst	Extend the stay at home order! May 15th should be the date to re open. By the end of April is not enough time to keep our people safe and make sure the numbers can be sustained very low! People will be hasty and fear of the spread growing again may become a reality. I believe majority of our people here in NC can agree the stay at home order extend until may 15th to ensure we are improving on testing, making sure everyone can comply and keep each other safe and slowing the spread even more. 1 person dying is 1 too many, according to our president! Extend the stay at home order and keep NC safe and at home!
04/16/2020 07:29 PM	Economic Support	Stay at home order	I hope as gov Cooper looks at opening the state he will have input and decisions by local

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	Working Group	Linda Watts	city boundaries and not do it by state or even by county. We are in Cornelius and believe our cases are significantly less than Charlotte . We fear our local community will suffer for longer if we have to wait for Charlotte proper gets under control.
04/16/2020 07:30 PM	Economic Support Working Group	We are dying..... Susan Brightbill	Small business is NOT going to survive unless this 'essential" bullshit gets relaxed. My employees need to work, unemployment is MIA along with the PPP loan. Let us wear a mask and open our doors!
04/16/2020 07:30 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms. Dana Krivosheyff	North Carolinians want to work. More people than not are recovering and most people are not infected. Folks can still practice social distancing while allowing small businesses to open back up.
04/16/2020 07:31 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Amy McDonald	We really need to open up businesses in our state. Many businesses can function and still maintain social distancing and limit the number of people in a specified area. Our businesses and families are suffering and this will only get worse if we don't get people back in jobs and get our economy moving in the right direction. We can thrive and still have common sense about limitations. Otherwise, you will begin to see more robberies, more suicides and a massive economic downfall. REOPEN NC!
04/16/2020 07:32 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr. Paul Leto	We have the constitutional right to assemble. At risk people should stay secluded. This lock down is unconstitutional. More people died this season from the regular flu. This lock down has gone on too long.
04/16/2020 07:34 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Foye Joslin	Please dont open up economy til this virus is contained
04/16/2020 07:34 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Reopen NC Alison Vannoy	As a Realtor, I see small businesses being not able to sustain through these times. Small businesses fund my pipeline! Get people back to work on May 1.
04/16/2020 07:35 PM	Economic Support Working Group	1950 Janie Swaringen	To whom it may concern: I am writing to ask Governor Cooper to reopen North Carolina. Businesses are going bankrupt; people are losing hope; the economy is on the brink of disaster. I am aware that we need to take precautions due to the virus but, if the state doesn't get back to work soon, more lives are going to be lost due to depression, suicide, and total despair than will be lost through the virus. As a voting constituent, I ask you to rethink your policies and REOPEN our state. Thank you.
04/16/2020 07:36 PM	Economic Support Working Group		Please allow NC salons to open. We already use virucidals for cleaning, and will gladly use PPE. I'm a 1 chair salon owner, and only do 1 client at a time. We'd rather have guidelines to follow than lose our salons.
04/16/2020 07:37 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Kara L	Although the virus has had an impact on our state from a health perspective, it has also severely impacted our economy. Small business's are struggling to stay afloat, neighbors are asking others for help to buy food, and not everyone qualifies for unemployment or the stimulus checks. Health is important, but so is mental health and people's quality of life. It won't be worth it if there is nothing to come back to, or if there is years of struggling economically to come. The Constitution still applies, even under a pandemic. People have a right to make the decision if they want to go out or not. They have a right to assemble. If people want to stay home, they should be allowed to, but people who want to go back to work and school should be allowed to as well. Businesses, colleges, and workplaces should be reopened. You can't unconstitutionally force people to stay inside for months to come.

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04/16/2020 07:41 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Matthew Tripp	Open back up now.
04/16/2020 07:42 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Reopen NC Kristi Smith	NC HAS GOT TO GET BACK TO WORK!!
04/16/2020 07:43 PM	Economic Support Working Group		Reopen NC!
04/16/2020 07:43 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Terri Dunn	NC needs to reopen it's businesses. These small businesses may not recover from these mandatory shutdowns. Most have probably put their entire life savings into their business and government mandates should not be allowed to interfere. Stop this madness and fear-mongering.
04/16/2020 07:45 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Melissa Schaber	NC is about tired of this cheating Democrat idiot in office. NO MAIL IN VOTES PERIOD!!!!
04/16/2020 07:47 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Joseph Paskiewicz	My job is considered essential. Every job is essential to the person working it. Every job in North Carolina is essential to the governing bodies who require our tax dollars, in order to operate. How is our state government going to operate without the expected income tax and sales tax receipts? People in the Shut Down NC camp label the people in the ReOpen NC camp as heartless, putting greed before compassion. This is not an accurate representation of the options. If I am working, I can pay my taxes. I can support my family, so that we don't need government assistance. I can give to others who are in need. The state cannot afford to be shut down. Protect the vulnerable. Staying home is not a long term option. The economy is people. Killing the economy is killing people. More lives will be destroyed by the shut down than by the virus. Get us back to work.
04/16/2020 07:48 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Roy gets haircut why can' Matthew Fowler	Roy isn't going by his order why do we? Haircut? Will he be fined?
04/16/2020 07:50 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Josh Harrington	Open nc back up, the numbers don't support the shutdown!
04/16/2020 07:52 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Suzanne Corry	Open the state and let me work feed and let me provide for my family!!!!
04/16/2020 07:52 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Jalene Griffith	Our state is very rural and not even close to being in an emergency status due to covid 19. It is time we reopen our economy (with common sense social distancing) so that we can heal our state's economy. We need to recognize the toll to our health this shutdown is taking on the citizens of NC and REOPEN NC!
04/16/2020 07:52 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Scott Goodwin	Please consider reopening our state ASAP.
04/16/2020 07:54 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Me Alan Leary	NC economy needs to slowly re open The economy can help save lives too
04/16/2020 07:55 PM	Economic Support Working Group		Please reopen NC.
04/16/2020 07:57 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Kim Miller	Our economy can not sustain this level of shut down for long! Businesses need to open! We can be an example to other states that this can be done!
04/16/2020 07:57 PM	Economic Support	Reopen NC Josh	We absolutely have to reopen NC. Our state is dying from the "cure". It's time to take a

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	Working Group	Neratka	stand for the small businesses and reopen the state.
04/16/2020 07:58 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms Kaitlyn Watson	Small businesses are the backbone of America and are part of what allow the USA to be so amazing. We cannot allow this shutdown to fail our people. We must reopen. We are all aware of the risks. But there is a darker future with a tanked economy than catching the Coronavirus. Covid19 lives are no more important than any other lives.
04/16/2020 07:58 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Unemployment and suicide Joseph Peacock	For every 1% increase in unemployment, if is estimated to result in 15,000 suicides per year. Unemployment just went from 3.4% to 13.5% (and climbing) Should we expect an extra 150,000 suicides this year?
04/16/2020 08:00 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr. John Strickland	The data on COVID-19 is becoming more conclusive that the initial estimates which were used to justify the current draconian measures were grossly exaggerated and inaccurate. The "cure" has become worse than the disease and we must reopen our state as soon as possible.
04/16/2020 08:00 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Myra Gruber	It's time to ReopenNC and allow each citizen the right to make our own decisions by exercising our Constitutional Rights . Our people are hurting. A tremendous amount of our population are not working. They have no \$and no food. This will lead to far greater problems and deaths than Covid-19. We cannot allow the continued disruption to our economy but more importantly to our people. This situation will only get worst as long as we continue down this course. My heart goes out to our elderly who can't see their families. How can we stand back and not allow families to be together.? This will only create more mental health issues and deaths. How can abortion clinics be essential but church is not? How can people fill parking lots at target and Home Depot but a hair stylist can't fix one person's hair? Why can people fly but can't visit a beach or golf course? Living in fear is not living. Living as a socialist is not America. We have almost completed our stay at home order. I ask that you stand up for the people and stop any extension to the stay at home order. Allow businesses to re-open and continue to share safe practice advice. I am so very proud to be an American and all my constitutional rights. I ask you to do the right thing and ReopenNC. People have a right to work. People who are worried and want to say home should do so as that is their decision. This virus will stay around for a long time. It serves no purpose to extend reopening our Great State! Protect our rights and please open our Great State.
04/16/2020 08:01 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Vickie Wills	Requesting that you give strong consideration to opening up the state of North Carolina for business once again.
04/16/2020 08:01 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Mary Schunke	We need NC to re-open ASAP!
04/16/2020 08:01 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Dayna Witt	NC needs to open back up. This shut down is proven ineffective and is destined to fail. Our economy can not stay alive at this rate. We can not wait for a vaccine or until the end of summer. Money is not simply grown on trees, and I would hope that grown adults can recognise this. We can not survive on government hand outs while sitting at home for months on end. We need to get back to our daily lives. The statistics have shown that this virus is not a plague. If someone is a vulnerable person, they can choose to take self precautions and quarantine themselves. Do not force someone to lose their income and be quarantined against their desire. Every job is essential when it comes to being a productive member of society, and of their family.
04/16/2020 08:04 PM	Economic Support	Mr John Foy	Please re open... there is no bail out that can help us now..we need to get our people to

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04/16/2020 08:04 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Denise Davis	Open up Nc
04/16/2020 08:05 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Owner Debby Mullins	Please reopen north carolina so that we small businesses can survive I am a sole owner is small business. I do not qualify for the stimulus programs and have no income.
04/16/2020 08:07 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Reopen NC Barbara and Mark Hockaday	Reopen NC businesses. Can be done safely with guidelines by employers and businesses.
04/16/2020 08:07 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Stephen Ledford	It's imperative for the future of NC that we reopen the state. There is a better way to protect the most at risk while still moving our state forward economically. Allow these at low risk to return to normal activity while recommending higher risk populations shelter. In the end, however, each adult should choose how best to proceed with their own life. For those who do not wish to cease sheltering, reopening the state in no way forces them to go out. It is clear the curve is more than flattened. The number of jobless, however, is immense. We are a free nation and state. We must not let fear rob us of that.
04/16/2020 08:10 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Reopen NC Rebecca Rusch	Please reopen NC for business. Economic prosperity, civil liberty, and the pursuit of happiness rest in our basic freedoms which are currently suspended. Indefinite lockdown is not sustainable. The time has come to begin responsibly lifting restrictions.
04/16/2020 08:11 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Joseph Balazsi	We need to ReOPEN. NC! The economy of the state is depending on you to make the right decision.
04/16/2020 08:12 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Reopen Mike Rivette	Please open NC back up for business. You're killing the economy. If people are scared then they can stay home. If they're sick they can stay home.
04/16/2020 08:14 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Vera Drye	Please reopen NC!
04/16/2020 08:17 PM	Economic Support Working Group	REOPEN NC!!! Erica Penny	Please ReOpen the economy. We are small business owners and we will not have a business or a home if the economy does not open up May 1!!!! We cannot keep the economy in NC closed when we barely have any cases here! Elderly people who need to self-quarantine will. The rest of us need to get back to work for economic, mental and emotional health reasons! This is VERY important.
04/16/2020 08:17 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Deborah Stout	Please get our state back to work as soon as possible. Let us be responsible.
04/16/2020 08:18 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Owner/Vintage Oaks Farm Deborah Holt	The State of North Carolina needs to allow all businesses currently required to close or cease operations to reopen immediately. The economic future and viability of these businesses, particularly small businesses, depend on it. As a small business owner, there are incredibly limited resources to help in this situation. I would much prefer to be open and work than receive any type of handout or assistance.
04/16/2020 08:20 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Reopen NC Kim Wilcenski	Please reopen N.C. The hospitals are clearly not being overtaxed. The number of open beds according to the governors reports are numerous. The closing of business but only impacts people economically but physically and mentally. The inconsistency of the governors orders are very frustrating and obviously meant to exert and maintain control of the citizens of the great state.
04/16/2020 08:23 PM	Economic Support	Mrs Rhonda Phelps	We need to reopen businesses before there is nothing to reopen and they are gone forever.

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	Working Group		Reopen NC.
04/16/2020 08:23 PM	Economic Support Working Group	John Hroncich	We need to reopen the business in nc. We are dying here and don't know if we will be able to reopen if they stay closed.
04/16/2020 08:23 PM	Economic Support Working Group	William Oakes	I believe that a one size fits all counties order is not the best way to decide how to best consider reopening the state at the right time. We can be smarter than treating Charlotte the same as West Jefferson.
04/16/2020 08:23 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mark Indermaur	Please allocate more funding for COVID-19 testing, PPE for those doing the testing, and to hire more public health workers to do contact tracing of those who test positive. Then it will be safer for businesses to start to re-open. Please also help small businesses get masks, gloves, and sanitizing equipment and supplies, so they can be safe for customers and employees. Please help NC farmers get their crops to market to keep our rural families working and to get more food to our grocery stores. Thank you.
04/16/2020 08:28 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Jeremy Yater	It's time to open NC back up and get the small businesses back up and running,the numbers for Covid19 does not support the state to remain closed and now the government has run out of money to help the small businesses that are already in trouble,so open NC up,We The People are not asking,Thank you #REOPENNC
04/16/2020 08:33 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Jack Chavis Jr	Open North Carolina Now. Please
04/16/2020 08:33 PM	Economic Support Working Group	James Izzell	Please open our State and our economy immediately!
04/16/2020 08:34 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Barbara Merritt	It's time to let folks get back to the business of business. It seems there is no pandemic and the citizens of NC should be allowed to go about their daily lives and trusted to use good common sense in regard to their health, wellbeing and livelihood.
04/16/2020 08:34 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Re-Open NC Lawrence Ashton Jr	It is time to re-open this state. People need to get back to work. The economic impact you have created with no real data will effect more people for years than this virus ever will. Wake up and playing politics. How about supporting the great people in this state the right way and let's get back to work.
04/16/2020 08:34 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr. Steven Smith	Time to open. More people will die and more will suffer long term by remaining in a stay at home status. Stay at home is destroying more than the virus is. Protect the weak and scared, the strong can work.
04/16/2020 08:35 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Doug Fogle	It is time to reopen NC. With caution but it is time. We have to move on with caution.
04/16/2020 08:35 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr. Tim Jonas	Open NC up. This shut down is killing our economy. Do your job.
04/16/2020 08:36 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Cristy White	REOPEN NC
04/16/2020 08:38 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Russell Harrow	Knowing that opening our economy back up, needs to be done with caution, I feel that it is imperative that we reopen soon or there will be nothing to reopen. This is about more than money. Peoples lives are suffering due to the many restrictions that are robbing us of our everyday life activities that can never be made up for!
04/16/2020 08:39 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Reopen!!!! Caroline Jarvis	Economic Support by reopening NC!!! We are going to have no economy to come back to!

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04/16/2020 08:40 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Owner of Gordon Company I Everette Gordon	Re-open NC.
04/16/2020 08:40 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Chris Rose	We've been fooled long enough. It's time to open the state. No more of the fear mongering. Businesses matter and the covid numbers don't add up. Take a page from Sweden.
04/16/2020 08:41 PM	Economic Support Working Group	ReopenNC Cathy Woodard	Please reopen NC. We need to get our economy back on track!
04/16/2020 08:41 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Barbara Rotante	Please extend Covid19 restrictions and mandate masks be worn in public. Public safety is paramount.
04/16/2020 08:41 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Jerry Clontz	Re-open North Carolina NOW!!!!
04/16/2020 08:41 PM	Economic Support Working Group	NC needs to open, now. Erin Dellinger	In order to protect and save our economy, we need to reopen this state. The sooner we do so, the sooner we move on from this. Holding out will only worsen the state we're in, and will cause societal uprising and irreversible economical damage. If we continue to be shut down, there are many small businesses who will not recover financially, not to mention those who personally will not financially recover. Be smart. Open the state.
04/16/2020 08:42 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Business Owner Billy Cuthrell	You can lift orders tomorrow to reopen businesses and things will be fine. The public will police itself and those that are frightened of getting COVID19 will stay home. Those that are not will support the businesses that have been closed. Open NC. PLEASE!!!
04/16/2020 08:46 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Tracy Ricks	Please allow my comments to support our President to be public record
04/16/2020 08:46 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ken Durden	We need to reopen North Carolina now. Small businesses are quickly dying and postponing reopening the state will permanently damage the economy of North Carolina and cause families to spiral into poverty.
04/16/2020 08:47 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms Chris Matney	It's time to reopen NC!!
04/16/2020 08:47 PM	Economic Support Working Group	T Stevens	Open nc!!!!
04/16/2020 08:48 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Chi Chan	We need to reopen before family and our state die from bankruptcy
04/16/2020 08:50 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Tammye Files	We need to re-open ASAP! We are adults and need to treated as such!
04/16/2020 08:51 PM	Economic Support Working Group		Reopen NC...the economic damage far outweighs the current risks of Covid.
04/16/2020 08:53 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Jsmes Lantz	I am a small business owner in NC.I have been in business 20 years.Due to this poorly handled crisis,if the state does not reopen I may not survive.I applied for PPP the day it came out.The program is out of money before I could even get approved.I have been paying my employees through this,even though we have hardly any work.If the state does not reopen by May 1 ,their future as well as mine is in jeopardy.
04/16/2020 08:53 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Angela Malan	Please open NC! Our citizens need to be able to work and it can be modified if needed to be safe!

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04/16/2020 08:55 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Monica Miers	It is time for NC to get back to work!
04/16/2020 08:56 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Kelly Green-Krist	We need to start re-opening NC starting May 1st. We need to open our state gradually in phases like as suggested by the Federal COVID-19 task force. Those that are high risk should stay home but the rest of us need to get back to work and start taking care of our families. Hiding in our homes at this point will only accomplish the destruction of our local economy and our lives. We all need to start living again.
04/16/2020 08:56 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Jonathan Tart	Please consider loosening the restrictions on small businesses. Please reopen NC. My small business will not survive if we can't reopen, and I cannot get any of the "support" promised. I need to be open.
04/16/2020 08:56 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms Molly Carpenter	We the people demand you end this infringement of our God-given rights. Reopen North Carolina and stop putting its citizens in a dire economic situation.
04/16/2020 08:56 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Business owner Sandy McAlpine	Reopen NC April 30. No extensions please
04/16/2020 08:57 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr James Furlow	It's time to get this great state back open! More are suffering everyday due to the shutdown then are affected by the virus! Everyday that goes by we loose more business that will never recover. More unemployment and more financial distress! Open NC now!
04/16/2020 08:59 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Carla Yandell	Reopen the Economy. The low Covid data does not support you crippling our economy for political reasons. We will remember in November. Dan Forrest for Governor.
04/16/2020 09:00 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Dale Spencer	Open up our state, please. We have the blood of Revolutionary War Patriots and Confederate hero's running in our blood. Let the virus do what it needs to do and get our economy rolling again.
04/16/2020 09:00 PM	Economic Support Working Group	harlene Maxwell	Economic Support Working Group: Use medical advice and scientific evidence to make a plan to reopen NC; do not respond to loud voices of shadow groups (such as ReopenNC) making unscientific demands which will only increase death and suffering for all North Carolinians. Health care working group: Please expand Medicaid. Improved healthcare for all during this time of COVID 19 really means improved health for all North Carolina
04/16/2020 09:01 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Crismely Grabowski	Do not re open NC until cleared by scientists!! We need to be smart about this. If we try and go back to normal too soon, another wave will hit and we'll just be back on the same boat!!
04/16/2020 09:01 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms Marcia Ausband	Open NC ... Stop killing us slowly with YOUR virus.
04/16/2020 09:01 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Jo Page Sicz	Asking the General Assembly to step in before Cooper totally destroys North Carolina. There's NO REASON people can't start easing back into a normal life. Help us, please.
04/16/2020 09:02 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Shannon Brooks	Governor Cooper, I am asking that you begin to open our businesses beginning May 1. A smart and safe approach is necessary to begin to restart our economy. Please consider the dire situation business owners and workers are in as compared to the very small and under estimated the Covid infections have turned out to be. Respectfully, Shannon Brooks

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04/16/2020 09:04 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Mike Oranchak	It's time to put a stop to this craziness the people of this state help to pay your salary. If these businesses continue on this path you can kiss that sweet job goodbye,this is a country of the people by the people for the people.
04/16/2020 09:04 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Brandon Kimbrough	North Carolina's businesses and workers cannot afford to keep shut down. The tax payers cannot keep footing the bill for workers who could be working, but instead are collecting unemployment. At the rate we're going, these measures will send us into a depression as many small businesses may never reopen with these measures in place. It is time for NC to reopen all businesses that can support social distancing measures, with plans to reopen all businesses clearly laid out.
04/16/2020 09:12 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Karen Sindelar	Our state needs to follow the advice of medical professionals and especially epidemiologists in deciding when and how to "reopen" the economy. To reopen the economy safely, and not unleash an even larger spike of COVID infections than we have now, we need free and available testing and perhaps as many as a thousand times the number of tests we now have available. It's clear that people can have COVID and not show symptoms. Testing must be available to identify infectious people early. We also need for unemployment benefits to be expanded so workers can be taken off their jobs if sick, and still get their same pay as before, through unemployment. We need to take away any incentive for workers sick with COVID to stay on the job. The federal unemployment payments might have this effect now but they will disappear July 31.
04/16/2020 09:13 PM	Economic Support Working Group	County by county reopen Albert Steed	With the CDC guidelines now showing a pathway per phase we need you to take action. N.C. ranks 39th out of 50 states in death per 1 million from Covid. It is time to allow each county to start working towards phase 1 while the population dense hotspots slow roll if needed
04/16/2020 09:15 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Lisa Danowski	NC needs to work now!
04/16/2020 09:16 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr. Nathan DiBagno	We need to re-open North Carolina before there is a tremendous amount of devastation. The models do not show that the hospitals will be overwhelmed, and North Carolina is much more rural than New York City and Milan and is just not hit nearly as hard. Continuing to keep the state shut down much longer is going to cause a lot of ruin and devastation. Mental illnesses, suicides, domestic abuse, and much more will increase. Instead, reopening and allowing people to earn a living will help. Those who are vulnerable will quarantine themselves. Those who are younger and healthier need to get back to work. Most small businesses did not receive anything from the Paycheck Protection Program and are hanging on by a thread. Failing to re-open North Carolina will destroy so many lives and even results in more deaths if we don't re-open as soon as possible.
04/16/2020 09:17 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Lisa Keel	The NC economy needs to be opened back up. The hospitals are half empty, people are being laid off and the surge of covid-19 cases never came. Too many small business owners will lose their businesses and never be able to start another one.
04/16/2020 09:17 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Nancy Ratliff	Time to look at the "real" numbers, not crazy models and projections that have proved inaccurate! This is never going away and there will never be a vaccine that everyone will accept so its time to let the natural herd immunity start building!!
04/16/2020 09:20 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr. Alan Hilton	Please 're- open North Carolina beginning May 1st. Let the people be responsible for our own health. We need to restart our economy immediately. Thank you for your consideration

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04/16/2020 09:21 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Jerry Perillo	I believe we have enough information and wisdom to manage the incremental (if necessary) re-opening of businesses and eliminating many of the current crippling restrictions. I am in the "at risk" age category but healthy and work in an essential business. People are using common sense approaches to protect themselves and others. There will always be some who risk their own lives and others. We cannot, (and many will not), live in a bubble not of their own choosing. The less hope they have, or the farther away the goal is, the greater the dissonance will become. Humans are social beings and eventually will simply seek to fulfill the subliminal desire to interact together in a human, not digital, environment. Start the process slowly, but start!
04/16/2020 09:22 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Tracie Adams	Open NC May 1st, small business owners are suffering as is our economy. It's time to reopen while protecting the vulnerable.
04/16/2020 09:22 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mister Jorge Caraballo	<p>Plain and simple, Re-Open NC.</p> <p>Closing businesses and schools was not done during the H1N1 or the Avian Flu, or any other flu since the discovery of medicines like anti-boitics. Although, corona/COVID-19 is a virus, there are medications now that can treat the symptoms, just like during any other year's flu season.</p> <p>We are not a socialist Country or State. We will not abide by your prevalent overreach of our Civil and Constitutional rights.</p>
04/16/2020 09:24 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mark Fielding	Please open our state back up. Our small businesses are suffering.
04/16/2020 09:24 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Eric Harris	We need to reopen this economy. The people of this state need to open their businesses and try to support their families.
04/16/2020 09:24 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Open NC! Jodi Riddleberger	You are hurting NC citizens by continuing this shut down! Open up NC for those who want to do business. People who want to self quarantine should be allowed to do so, but the rest of us need to go back to work!
04/16/2020 09:24 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr. Matt Masencup	Please reopen the state, the government and the economy. This has been a large scale overreaction to a serious problem, but not a problem with the severity to shutdown every state, county, city and municipality throughout the entire country. Let's get people back to work, kids back to school and travel throughout our country back to the way it was.
04/16/2020 09:26 PM	Economic Support Working Group	William Webb	Open up the state of NC. Lets get back to work using a smart organized plan. Apply all the currently observed social distance and PPE as the people see fit. But get this state economy going again. I need to wash and sanitize my hands.
04/16/2020 09:27 PM	Economic Support Working Group	K. Brown	I am advocating the opening of our fragile economy by putting people back to work ASAP in all sectors of business. Requiring masks during this time in certain industries such as handling food, hospitals, nursing homes, medical visits, etc. Wearing masks should be encouraged for all people but not required except in the certain industries. All businesses and all schools should require all employees/students/staff to have their temperature taken before the start of work/class. If they have a fever they should be required to go home. Educate the importance of good hygiene and respecting distance boundaries when in public places. There should be absolutely no limitations on church gatherings. There should be no restrictions on family visits. Large public gatherings such as concerts, sporting events, conventions, social event gatherings, etc. should be eased into at a

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			slower rate as things improve over time and testing becomes more readily available. Thank you.
04/16/2020 09:28 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Donna Bisette	Please do not make decisions about reopening the state based on small, loud, uninformed factions of society. Make decisions based on science and sound medical advice. My family and yours are depending on you to do the right thing.
04/16/2020 09:29 PM	Economic Support Working Group	J Wills	Governor Cooper, can we please use common sense measures and open businesses up so families can support themselves. Can we ask people at high risk to shelter in place so the healthy can keep NC functioning. Can we ask that if you are able to work from home, please do. we MUST get our state back to work. Thank You!
04/16/2020 09:29 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Reopen NC Tanita Wright	Please allow us to reopen! At this rate I will loose my business! Small bars need to be open! People need normalcy. Quarentin the sick not the healthy!
04/16/2020 09:30 PM	Economic Support Working Group	A D	Open NC
04/16/2020 09:30 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Melissa Urquhart	At this point in time it is clear that while some areas have seen large numbers of cases the overall projections have been extremely overstated. At this point in time we need to consider the detrimental impact keeping NC closed down will have on people. With the loss of jobs income and retirement accounts dwindling North Carolinians will suffer abuse, alcoholism, suicide, loss of home and more. At some point people have to take responsibility for themselves. Opening three state doesn't mean those at risk or who are concerned can still isolate if they feel necessary. You have got to take action now to open up NC and get the economy going again!
04/16/2020 09:32 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Owner Jon Potter	Open NC now!! Our state will collapse financially soon if we do not open back up. We can do it without spread of this virus!
04/16/2020 09:33 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Reopen nc David Tollett	Reopen nc now. This is nothing but a political ploy to ruin small business. You will be voted out in Nov.
04/16/2020 09:34 PM	Economic Support Working Group	President Ed Kuhlenkamp	It is time to get North Carolina back to work. The past few weeks have been an exercise in government insanity. The financial destruction is absolutely unacceptable and totally irresponsible.
04/16/2020 09:34 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms Julee Snyder	As a massage therapist and independent contractor, I fall outside of unemployment benefits. The SBA EIDL advance has been reduced from \$10k (2 months salary) to \$1k and the PPP funds have run out. What is the state prepared to do for people like myself?
04/16/2020 09:35 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mike Duncan	NC needs to be open. Small business is the majority of the state's economy. My reupholstering business is usually slammed with work this time of year. Just 3 calls in a month. I couldn't get supplies if I had requests due to fabric stores and material supply manufacturers closed. People livelihoods and freedoms are being decimated. Be surgical and smart. Have high risk protected. Let the rest of us work. I have a wife and 4 kids. I need to work. Wake up and open up. The cure is worse than the disease.
04/16/2020 09:36 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Re-Open OUR STATE Taylor Keith	Read the constitution! Get your hands off our liberty! People can choose to stay home just as easily as you elected representatives can back off our RIGHT TO WORK!
04/16/2020 09:36 PM	Economic Support	Dr. Amber Jackson	It is past time to get the economy back up and running. Please rescind the stay in home

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04/16/2020 09:37 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Wendy Megyese	As a small business owner I had to lay off 7 out of 9 of my employees who have yet to see any unemployment checks. They would much rather be working and can do so while following strict sanitary protocol but instead they have been forced to sit at home and wait for a handout. Uncuff us and allow us to serve the community we live in and love
04/16/2020 09:38 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Reopen NC Dana	Please reopen NC on 4/30. Our economy needs to get back on track... implement precautions & quarantines for the vulnerable & start reopening for the younger working class. Thank you!!
04/16/2020 09:40 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Reopen NC!!!! Elizabeth Giles	Reopen NC now!!
04/16/2020 09:42 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Tabatha Apple	Please reopen NC. Many business will not be able to reopen due to lost income. These individuals need income for their families and we need it for economy of our State.
04/16/2020 09:44 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Reopen North Carolina John Blackburn	We need to reopen North Carolina. If a grocery store or restaurants doing takeout can safely and at low risk operate through limiting people allowed in at a time, so can any other retail store. Shelter in place has helped reduce initial strain on hospitals, it will not eliminate this virus. Healthy people need to be allowed to get antibodies while those at risk can shop and do essential business at selected times and stay safe at home. Our economy will be in ruins with a prolonged shut down. The 2 options are a strategic reopening or waiting 12-18 months for a vaccine, our economy and our jobs cannot survive for months like this. There is less than a 1% chance of a healthy person dying this virus, I believe most people will take that chance in order to keep their job, pay their mortgage, keep their home, and provide for their families Please reopen our state.
04/16/2020 09:44 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Stephanie Martin	Please reopen North Carolina on April 30th. Everyone in NC is depending on you to step up and do the right thing. The stay at home order was to lower the curve. It was not meant to keep us at home indefinitely. As a business owner of an essential business, we have successfully put measures in place to protect our customers and our employees. Other businesses can follow suit. We can reopen with restrictions. Please give the citizens of this great state a chance to go back to work. Our economy and our people need you to make the right decision.
04/16/2020 09:45 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Courtney Buchanan	I would just love to see things start to reopen, even just a little at a time. As a single parent with one income and being laid off due to the covid-19 and getting ZERO UNEMPLOYMENT for the last MONTH, something needs to give. We need help and we aren't getting it. So start reopening things to give people a chance not to lose everything.
04/16/2020 09:45 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ronald Apple Jr	I'd like to ask for you to reopen NC. People depend on the income for their families and with their businesses shut, it is hurting them. I worry many won't be able to reopen if we wait.
04/16/2020 09:45 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Jeff Christian	Open up on April 30th. The curve is flat, we've beaten the estimates, treatments and outcomes are getting better every day. Economic collapse will cause more death and destruction than Covid-19.
04/16/2020 09:46 PM	Economic Support Working Group	#reopen NC Susan Moss	It is time to reopen NC and reopen America. The only way we will knock this virus out is for healthy people to be exposed to it and build immunities to it. We have been patient long enough, it's time to reopen.
04/16/2020 09:47 PM	Economic Support	Mr Ed Nichols	To follow guidelines for a safe return to our economy and not follow the timid mind set of

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04/16/2020 09:47 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Lisa Savage	Action Item! Three comments to make on the NC legislature public comment page. Economic Support Working Group: Use medical advice and scientific evidence to make a plan to reopen NC; do not respond to loud voices of shadow groups (such as ReopenNC) making unscientific demands which will only increase death and suffering for all North Carolinians.
04/16/2020 09:47 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Kim Weatherstein	Re-open NC
04/16/2020 09:49 PM	Economic Support Working Group	TAX PAYER Douglas Brewer	stop this stupidity/ with Copper making these decision/ is insane/ we can't continue this / AND YOUR REALLY STARTING TO PISS THE WORKING PEOPLE OFF/ WE WILL SEE COOPER ON NOVEMBER 3RD 2020/ AND SO HIM THE STREETS
04/16/2020 09:49 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Shari Huggett-Milton	Please reopen NC! The economy cannot sustain this level of isolation. In addition, we are perpetuating alcohol and drug abuse which will lead to more overdoses and deaths related to those issues. We already have more deaths related to that and suicide than covid 19. Are we not concerned about the health of those folks? Let's start the process of allowing businesses to so their jobs.
04/16/2020 09:49 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Re-Open North Carolina! Brandon Frisby	Enough is enough! The people of North Carolina are ready to get back to work and take back their Constitutional rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. Mr. Cooper works for US. We are more than capable of making our own decisions, protecting our families, and practicing safe habits. We don't need a nanny state!
04/16/2020 09:50 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr. Chad Barker	Please allow all businesses to reopen. Every "non-essential" job was essential to the employee and their family. These rules are sending millions of North Carolinians into poverty, the impact of which is way worse than any disease.
04/16/2020 09:51 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr David Alderman	Open the state! If you don't there will be no economy to restart soon!
04/16/2020 09:51 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Stephanie Holland	We need to get NC up and running again before small businesses won't be able to recover. Please don't play with the livelihoods and ultimately, the lives of your constituents. NC needs to be opened ASAP for the health and well being of EVERY person in the state.
04/16/2020 09:52 PM	Economic Support Working Group		REOPEN NC
04/16/2020 09:53 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mary Zima	If this state doesn't open up soon you will see a lot of business owners boarding up. This country was not meant to be shut down. Are we going to shut down the country when the flu season arrives?
04/16/2020 09:54 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mark Blanton	Please reopen the state. Our small business and family are suffering. The COVID numbers were all wrong. We need to get back to work. Stop holding us hostage.
04/16/2020 09:55 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Tracie Beal	As a self employed hairstylist who is not able to draw unemployment, I need to open back up just to survive. I have a family to support and if I am not allowed to open back up soon, I will lose everything I have worked all my life for!
04/16/2020 09:57 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ed Fowler	Please open our state back up! The small business and families are being strangled by you keeping our state closed.

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04/16/2020 09:59 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Jessica Cook	Please reopen NC Hello, I'm calling today as a concerned North Carolina voter. I vehemently oppose the continued shutdown of our state and the Unconstitutional orders in place. The data does not support the actions taken by our state government. Enough is enough. As an American I have inalienable rights recognized by the Constitution granted by my Creator and these orders and arrests are in direct violation. We need to REOPEN NC now.
04/16/2020 09:59 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Open NC Joe Seawell	I urge the committee to allow business as usual to resume. Get the healthy NC citizens back to work while safeguarding our weak and vulnerable through smart suggestions for those establishments at risk (hospitals, rehab, and assisted living etc). Let us healthy low risk economic partners get NC commerce back on its feet!!
04/16/2020 09:59 PM	Economic Support Working Group	David Baucom	Reopen nc
04/16/2020 10:01 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Jason Files	Our Governor has not only violated the Constitution, he has taught our future generations that fear and safety are more important than liberty. Open our state now and stop saying the New Normal. It's offensive to those of us that have fought for our freedoms on foreign soil.
04/16/2020 10:02 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Data and reopening Brandon Henricks	Based on the University of Washington data showing that we have moved past our peak without coming near the capacity of our healthcare system (which is great news), it is time to begin stepping back the restrictions on economic activity. If the restrictions are left in place for much longer, the long term damage done - including to public health due to negative effects of poverty - will greatly outweigh any actual or intended good that they may have achieved. Allow your citizens to live their lives as they are rightfully entitled.
04/16/2020 10:03 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms. Heather Bowen	The shelter in place is destroying the NC economy. We can lift restrictions and still stay safe by exercising social distancing. We must work to prevent the destruction of the NC families by causing widespread economic turmoil.
04/16/2020 10:04 PM	Economic Support Working Group	REOPEN NC Laura White	Out door events companies though deemed not essential employe plenty of citizens of NC. They have been out of work with 0 income since November 2019. No qualifying for PPP loan because not essential. Now making decision to lay off all workers. We can't go a year and a half with no income. No company can survive that. Stop this fear campaign and give the people of NC their freedom and mental health back. Numbers don't lie. But y'all are.
04/16/2020 10:05 PM	Economic Support Working Group	End the Shut down!! Grady Gillenwater	End the shutdown! People are losing their business and millions are out of work. This cannot continue it is unsustainable!
04/16/2020 10:05 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Reopen NC Candace Brown	NC can be safely reopened. Maybe not exactly as it was prior to March, but with safety measures in place our people can go back to work and not lose everything they have worked so hard for. Our economy cannot sustain a stay at home order past April 2020. My family has been so incredibly fortunate to not have been economically impacted (my husband and I are essential workers and both of my daughters~college and high school aged were able to obtain employment in a grocery store when their restaurant jobs were temporarily eliminated), but so many in our community have been. As a FNS case manager I am seeing first hand how many people are in dire situations they have never been in and never imagined they would ever be in. We have gone from appx 30-50 applications for food and nutrition services per day to appx 200 applications per day. The

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			vast majority are from people who have NEVER received services or have not received services in many, many years. The desperation and despair in the voices of my clients are heartbreaking. Food stamps only go so far and for people who just one month ago were thriving it's not how they want to live long term. Please consider every option possible to get NC back to work as soon as possible. Allow counties to make decisions for themselves based on their specific situation. Thank you for your time and work to keep our great state safe physically and economically.
04/16/2020 10:05 PM	Economic Support Working Group	REOPEN NC Kessa Hawkins	In Craven County we have 1 death out of 100,000 people in county. PLEASE REOPEN NC Small businesses are drowning and after hurricane Florence New Bern has already been through an economic hardship
04/16/2020 10:05 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Reopen NC! Goers, Gretchen	Please consider reopening NC immediately! We need to restore individual freedoms.
04/16/2020 10:06 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Kristin McCora	Reopen our state!
04/16/2020 10:06 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Amy Jackson	"A sick economy produces sick people". More people are dying/going to die from suicide and mental health related illnesses than Covid-19, if we don't get our economy and businesses back up and running. Our state NEEDS to get back to work, for mental health and for our livelihoods. Don't make us dependent upon the government for our welfare. PLEASE let us do as our President has encouraged, and start opening our state back up! My husband's family has a five generation business, that cannot stay closed much longer. Our children's futures depend on it. We NEED to get back to work as soon as possible. If you continue to ignore the voice of the people on this matter, our voices WILL be heard in November.
04/16/2020 10:06 PM	Economic Support Working Group	How to decide Kim Jordan	Most people get their hair done. Not sure how the hairdresser community was thought of so little in this process. It is impossible to perform a service and maintain Social distancing. If we are to go back to work and required to wear masks and use gloves...where are these items to come from when the medical professionals can't even get what they need?
04/16/2020 10:06 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr. Christian O'Brien	We need to reopen ASAP! We do not have the numbers to justify the loss of local business and livelihood of our state!
04/16/2020 10:07 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Harry McCora	Reopen NC!
04/16/2020 10:07 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ashley Stancil	We must reopen NC! Small business owners will NOT survive this. Several government initiatives have already run out and many did not receive funding. The sales tax revenue, self employment tax revenue, etc will not be coming in to our state budget - so what government programs and salaries will be cut as a result?
04/16/2020 10:08 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr James Duncan	Open the State for all that want to work. People who are at risk, they can stay home.
04/16/2020 10:09 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Michael Wilson	As a small business owner it is frustrating to see the lack of thought in the full shutdown the state has implemented. We have bent the curve and prepared our hospitals now it is time to strategically reopen, protect our most vulnerable and get back to work. Hospitals need income, businesses need income and people need some semblance of life again. We are risking a collapse of the economy while not achieving a meaningful change in the long

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04/16/2020 10:11 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Scott Patterson	Business owners need the state reopened for our communities and employees. Lift corona bans asap!
04/16/2020 10:11 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Photographer Angie Tucker	Reopen NC for our wellbeing,economically....no work bills are still coming due though....so many occupations are shutdown that could be up and running safely....things are up and running that need more safety cautions in place.....We need to get back to work....Reopen NC
04/16/2020 10:12 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr. Brian Hass	<p>I am writing because I am very concerned about the effect that the economic shut down is having and will have on North Carolina and the nation in general. As an engineer for a large manufacturing company I have been extremely alarmed at the rate at which my company has taken drastic actions due to the loss of business. Before the shut down officially took effect my company announced that all pay increases were suspended. One week later, once the shut down became official my company let all temporary workers go and announced that all employees were taking a 5% pay cut. Here we are only two weeks later and it was announced that 20% of the workforce is being laid off - fortunately for me I was not cut in this round but many of my co-workers have not been so fortunate.</p> <p>We went from trying to keep up with orders, trying to find new engineers to hire and in less than 6 weeks the company is announcing massive layoffs.</p> <p>I have the distinct feeling that my company is not alone in taking these drastic actions. I also have the feeling that by the time the government gets the data showing the economic devastation wrought by this shut down and decides to take action, the patient will already be dead. We have never faced this kind of economic devastation at such an incredible rate. Don't be fooled, we are not going to face an economic slow down, we are going to face an economic BRICK WALL and there won't be any picking up the pieces because there will be nothing left to put back together.</p> <p>It is time to lift all restrictions and let America get back to work. If we are honest, the best-case result of this social isolation is slowing down the disease. Every honest report tells us that whoever is going to get sick will get sick, just at a slower pace. In the meantime, people's lives are being ruined, people are losing their life's work, people are losing their homes....</p> <p>There may be a small number of lives saved by "flattening the curve" but the cost will be a price that will result in more deaths and devastation to lives. PLEASE LET US GO BACK TO WORK!</p>
04/16/2020 10:12 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Unemployment Insurance David Sokal	<p>NC unemployment insurance is about the worst in the country. It needs fixing.</p> <p>Reopening the economy too quickly will overwhelm the health system, and the economy will do worse in the long run. We need to reopen slowly and carefully.</p>
04/16/2020 10:14 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Re-opening the economy David Sokal	We need to be careful to slowly and incrementally reopen the economy. Moving too fast will reignite the epidemic and overrun the health system.
04/16/2020 10:14 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr. Andrew DeBrecht	I am very concerned about the economic damage that has, and continues to be inflicted on the employees and small business owners of our state. The state's role with this pandemic should be to provide guidelines for people to follow. An individual or business should be in the position to determine their own protections for their own health. Businesses should never have been forcibly shuttered in the first place. All businesses

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			should be allowed to reopen. More importantly, the committee should move to strip further governors of the power to unilaterally shut down businesses. I don't think what our governor did is EVER justified. At the very least if there is an "emergency" it should require concurrence of our legislature. We should not allow, by law, the governor to act as a despot.
04/16/2020 10:15 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Joseph Carrick	Continue to be diligent in stopping toxic individuals infected with Covid-19 from entering our state.
04/16/2020 10:15 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Erin Daniel	I am concerned for the mental health of kids and teens. They need social interaction. They need to be with others. Please #reopenNC
04/16/2020 10:15 PM	Economic Support Working Group		Please reopen NC as soon as possible. The economic and mental health impacts far outweigh the threat of this flu virus. Keep educating citizens on proper hand washing and nutrition to keep them healthy.
04/16/2020 10:16 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr James Wycoff	My 40 year family business is failing fast because I get the products manufactured that I sale and ship across the US because of the shut down. ReOpen NC
04/16/2020 10:17 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Open up North Carolina! Jennifer Nunn	Dear Governor Cooper, You were elected to be a leader. Many more lives in our state will be adversely affected if our state continues to have the heavy restrictions we've had due to fears related to a Covid-19. Please open NC up for business before our economy takes any more hits, and destabilizes our state even more. Be the leader NC deserves! Jennifer
04/16/2020 10:17 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Open North Carolina back Jay Tomes	I am a self-employed barber in Winston-Salem North Carolina. If I don't work I can't feed my family and pay my bills. Don't qualify for unemployment for a technicality, don't qualify for a small business loan, all I got was a \$1,200 to millis package which pays one month's mortgage on my home. My three sons are 11, 16, 17. My wife is in the real estate business and her office is closed. How do you expect me to provide for my family. Continually practiced sanitation, cleanliness, safety and best practices and go above and beyond with the State board of North Carolina Barber examiners requires of us. I use gloves I switch out every single customer and continually wipe down and clean every contact will surface in the barbershop. A barber shop is one of the most sanitary places you can be! I need to work to provide for my family and Governor Cooper's declaration is against our civil rights, our constitutional rights, and just plain human decency. If we can make it to November I will speak with my vote also!
04/16/2020 10:17 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ceo Jared Bonner	Every day that goes by that we are shut down this economy gets one step closer to full on recession and followed by that you can bet a depression will follow. this is unsustainable to keep the state closed it's also unprecedented we need to get back to work send North Carolina workers back to work!
04/16/2020 10:18 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Wade Choate	Open up the State, by April 30th. The curve is flattened.
04/16/2020 10:20 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Eric Overcash	Reopen our state or there will be nothing for our citizens to come back to.
04/16/2020 10:20 PM	Economic Support	Mr. Ryan Reed	REOPENNC. This is a joke. My wife is an RN in this state and they have hardly any

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	Working Group		patients at the 2nd largest hospital in NC. She has worked 3 days in 4 weeks. Small business and lives are being ruined. Stop keeping us down so that you can get more federal funds.
04/16/2020 10:20 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Aubrey Jones	Resend the Stay at Home order immediately. The long-term damages to NC's businesses and families as a result of this dramatic overreach dramatically outweighs the impact of Covid-19.
04/16/2020 10:21 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Tracy Smith	Please reopen our state.
04/16/2020 10:22 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr. carl hardy	Let the healthy people work ! Wear masks ! Social distancing, but allow people to work to support their families. Quarantine the sick and elderly to protect them but do not destroy our economy and livelihoods!
04/16/2020 10:22 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Sherry Kanoy	I work for a non-prophet. I don't know how long we can hold out. We've already had to cancel one of our main fundraisers. Please let us get businesses back open so that we can survive. We understand about social distancing and being careful with hand washing and hand sanitizer and mask. We can do that.
04/16/2020 10:22 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Owner Robert Hash	According to the White House briefing today North Carolina is a very low risk state. The people I know that have contracted the COVID-19 virus have experienced nothing more than flu and cold like symptoms and recovered quickly. The state shut that resulted from executive order 121 is killing the economy of our great state and frankly not warranted based on the health data available on the CDC website and the NC website. The state did a good job minimizing the effects of COVID-19 now it is time to revive our economy and population.
04/16/2020 10:24 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Dan Murphy	Reopen NC! We need NC open and America need NC open for business!!!
04/16/2020 10:24 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Markie Graham	We need to reopen NC. If we continue to keep our state closed our businesses are going to stay shut down. We can not afford to stay shut down any longer. Our economy is going to crap and this NEEDS to change. REOPEN NC
04/16/2020 10:25 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Davis Belas	Let the people vote, #ReopenNC
04/16/2020 10:26 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr. Robbie Wilson	#ReOpenNC Every business is essential, and North Carolinians, as free people, can determine their own risks. ReOpen this state!
04/16/2020 10:28 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Reopen nc Susan Haithcock	Open up already
04/16/2020 10:30 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Aaron Davis	As a small business owner in a rural area with low infection numbers, the shut downs by the state have all but destroyed my business, and nearly bankrupt me personally. The shut down needs to end, and the people allowed to use there own judgement to care for themselves and there loved ones. And for the vast majority of us that means going back to work and reopening our business without government restraint. Rest assured, the actions of our state government will not be forgotten come this November.
04/16/2020 10:31 PM	Economic Support Working Group	mrs Melissa Thomas	My small clothing boutique in south Charlotte has been closed a month -- I have \$50K of irrelevant inventory sitting in my store. Even IF we open May 1st the seasonal changes

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			means the \$100K in lost sales is also a massive amount of inventory sitting in my store that should not be there -- you don't sell leather jackets, dark denim or sweaters in May. So how do I come up with the money to take my summer deliveries? This entire shutdown was a massive over-reaction. We've known for WEEKS the data was wrong and models were off by 30 or 40 times -- not 30 or 40 percent -- 30 or 40 TIMES! Let that sink in and realize real people are getting hurt. Stop this nonsense NOW.
04/16/2020 10:33 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Tyler Singleton	Please reopen NC!!
04/16/2020 10:36 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Holly Graves	Our constitutional rights are being violated by this illegal order. The people of this state are being irreparably harmed by the stay at home order. Our curve has flattened, we have cooperated, its time to open our state. Now. Not in a month. Now.
04/16/2020 10:36 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Steve Goodbar	Open NC today before the effects of being shut down get to be irreversible. Domestic violence and suicide will far out pace the covid19.
04/16/2020 10:39 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Caroline Randall	Re-open NC! Those that feel they should still stay home have every right to do so. Others have every right and need, to make a living wage to provide food and housing for their families.
04/16/2020 10:39 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mayor Lance Olive	Allow all legal businesses in good standing with state and local government to open with voluntary participation in headcount restrictions. Suggest 25% of fire marshal max cap through end of May, then raise it to 50%, for Jun/Jul, 75% Aug/Sep, and 100% for Oct. Empower counties to impose cleaning requirements before and after customers, and among employees. Do not criminalize, nor enforce with sworn officers, non-compliance to these guidelines. Do enforce assault arrests on those who willfully and recklessly endanger others through direct contact, bodily fluid transfer or over-handling items (such as counter tops, shelf items, door handles, etc.).
04/16/2020 10:40 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Julie Legge	Please open the state. Our families are dependent on working again very soon.
04/16/2020 10:40 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Frank Williams	As a small business owner in NC that has been closed for over 30 days it is imperative that I open soon or I will have no business to reopen. I applied for unemployment but was denied because I retired 15 years ago from the Marines. This is unimaginable! What could my military retirement possibly have to do with unemployment since as an employer I pay unemployment taxes quarterly only to find out I'm ineligible to draw even in times of national crisis and mandatory business closure! This needs to be corrected and we need our businesses opened immediately! Major companies all over the country are closing locations that should tell anyone with common sense how grave this closure is for our smaller family owned and operated businesses. This citizens that are highly vulnerable to the virus can continue to stay at home while those of us that are healthy go back to work! Respectfully, Frank Williams
04/16/2020 10:41 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Cheryl Hurst	It's time to let the small businesses to reopen if you want to have people be able to pay their taxes this year.
04/16/2020 10:42 PM	Economic Support	Ms. Kirsten Aymer	Thank you for keeping us safe by keeping us home until we have testing and tracing to

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04/16/2020 10:42 PM	Economic Support Working Group	David Howard	Open the NC for business now.
04/16/2020 10:44 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Angelia Logan	Re- open NC
04/16/2020 10:44 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Matthew Finneran II	Reopen immediately. It was and remains unconstitutional to shut down the state in such a ridiculous manner. There is nothing to gain from creating an economic crisis. We the People are smart enough to handle the sanitation requirements necessary to go about our daily lives and keep this "pandemic" at bay.
04/16/2020 10:46 PM	Economic Support Working Group	ReOpen NC Tonya Harrison	We need to Reopen our State and get people back to work! There is no way we can sustain businesses being closed down and not allowed to operate and expect our State to survive! Letting small businesses fail and workers losing jobs as we hide in our homes for an unknown amount of time is not acceptable. It's time to open the doors and get back to work!
04/16/2020 10:48 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Reopen NC Laura Reeves	Hello, I am voicing my concern over the state of our economy in NC. Please reopen the state May 1. We need to get back to work. I need to return to work to earn a living for my family. People are cautious for the most part and will wear masks, disinfect etc. But we need to reopen. Please do not keep our state shut down past the end of April. Sincerely Laura Reeves
04/16/2020 10:48 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Fran Hall	Please reopen businesses in NC no later than April 30, 2020. Those people with compromised health issues are already taking extra precautions. Guidelines have been laid out to help safely reopen. "Essential" often means different things to different people-- Example: Work Boots, due to essential job in warehouse setting, or replacing laptop because my old one died; I do not consider (for example) ABC store essential, but some do. Not all things can just be ordered online and we need to be able to go to the appropriate store/business to take care of needs. Thank you.
04/16/2020 10:49 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Miss Gaye D Crowther	We cannot maintain this current state of economic and emotional ruin. The shut down is hurting and is scary for all of us. We must reopen N.C.
04/16/2020 10:50 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr. James B. Smith	Please reopen NC for my coworkers children to go to school so she can get back to work to support putting food back on the table for her family. A lot of families are struggling. The curve has been flattened and hospitals should be in good shape - they prepare for this and should keep tight restrictions in place in sensitive settings like hospitals and nursing homes. But rest of us need to MOVE.
04/16/2020 10:52 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Karen O'Leary	I believe that now is the time for a compromise. I don't believe we should reopen all of NC tomorrow. I don't believe we should continue "stay at home" into May, June, July. It is my understanding that the goal was to keep our hospitals from being overwhelmed. We have succeeded; NC hospitals are not overwhelmed. We should be proud of our efforts but now it is time to tell millions of hard working NC citizens that their livelihood matters as well. Yes, it will mean more positive cases and more deaths but illness and death are unfortunate parts of living in an imperfect world. As long as our hospitals can handle it, we should not let it ruin the NC economy. We have been largely shut down for five weeks now. Let it continue through the end of the month and then I believe it is time to start

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			loosening restrictions. Do it gradually and continue to promote good hygiene and masks in public places. This is a hot button issue in both directions for many citizens, and there is no option that will lead to everyone being satisfied. So let's find a compromise.
04/16/2020 10:54 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Allene Perkins	Please re-open our state. Small business is the backbone of our economy. We can not afford to allow this to go on much longer. I appreciate the caution, but we need to make steps to re-open safely and soon!
04/16/2020 10:55 PM	Economic Support Working Group	John O'Brien	Enough is enough, things will continue to get worse not because of the disease but politics of it. If people wish to stay quarantined then that's their right but as an American it's my right to live free!
04/16/2020 10:55 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Christina Barksdale	We need to ReOpen NC. Small Business will not survive if we remain closed. Open our Businesses and Revive our Economy.
04/16/2020 10:55 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Business Owner Victoria Smith	It's time to open our state back up! We cannot continue to be shut down and expect to survive. Open NC!!
04/16/2020 11:02 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Lee-Ann Keen	Please, it is time to reopen our state.
04/16/2020 11:02 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Reopen NC Destinee Smith	We need to get back to work. The government shouldn't decide what's essential or not. Those that want to shelter in place, let them. Those that want to work, let them.
04/16/2020 11:05 PM	Economic Support Working Group	ReopenNC Bo Sanderson	This shutdown of American workers and the "stay at home" orders of this state are COMPLETELY unconstitutional. The virus is being piggybacked as an excuse to infringe on the citizens rights and to silence the majority. Regardless of what is going on in the state or country our constitutional rights CANNOT be taken away. As "We the People" we have not only the right but the DUTY and OBLIGATION to stand up for our rights. And I will till the day I die. #ReopenNC
04/16/2020 11:05 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Jonathan	This is BS that the state is shut down. This virus is nothing more than a means of bankrupting the state.
04/16/2020 11:05 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Re-Open NC Joanne Weaver	Open NC!!!
04/16/2020 11:07 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Johnny Harrold	Need to reopen NC-Seriously do you not realize that individuals who are traveling through NC from boarding states could just as easily bring CORVID19 to any of the shops that are open here now. By shutting down some of the businesses you are not controlling the virus, but are impacting the financial well being of this state. Open up the state and push practical common sense encouragement. If nothing else start opening the counties where there is little or no reports of the virus at all to use as a test run.
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04/16/2020 11:09 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. S DeLo	We need to reopen N.C. now. The end will not and does not justify the means! We are not willing to give up our freedom for a false sense of safety!
04/16/2020 11:09 PM	Economic Support	Donna Hamblin	It's time to REOPEN NC NOW! Our people need to get back to work. Everyone I know is

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	Working Group		ready. Nobody in my area (Iredell County) is affected by the Chinese CoronaVirus.
04/16/2020 11:10 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Jodi Giwoyna	Please reopen NC in May 1st. We are losing our small businesses!
04/16/2020 11:10 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Voter Vann Lindwui	We need to get workers in NC back to work so people like my Grandson can open his 10 business open and running full speed again.
04/16/2020 11:13 PM	Economic Support Working Group	ReOpen NC Laura Smith	You must REOPEN our economy. YOU are personally responsible for killing small business and families, NOT a virus. This is not sustainable. Stop this madness and Open NC!!
04/16/2020 11:14 PM	Economic Support Working Group	#reopennc Bobbi McDowell	I work in a small non-profit business and I am seeing the huge affect the shut downs are having on people. They have lost jobs, places to live, can't be with family, etc. It is time to reopen NC and allow people to be able to support themselves again.
04/16/2020 11:14 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Angela Bleckley	Hello, I am a small business owner in Western North Carolina and I am pleading with you to NOT extend your order of staying home after April 29th. Please allow us to go back to work. I own a one person(me) nail salon and that is half of our family's income. I applied to get unemployment only to be told I was ineligible, after it was said we were eligible as self employed business owners. So please, let us go back to work.
04/16/2020 11:16 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Mandy Cook	We need small businesses and self-employed citizens back to working NC. They are the backbone of the economy. My father is a self-employed barber in Iredell Co. He is the only working adult in the home. You must allow him the freedom to operate his business while using safe practices. He has worked his whole life to build his business and this unconstitutional shutdown is destroying it. Please do what is right and good for all of NC and reopen commerce.
04/16/2020 11:16 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Caryn Scoggins	We must Reopen NC or the economic ramifications will be catastrophic. 30-50% of small businesses, the backbone of the economy will not recover.
04/16/2020 11:18 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Veronica Perry	PLEASE begin the process to reopen our state. We need to get back to work before our NC economy is ruined. The current numbers do not warrant a complete shut down any longer. Thank you!
04/16/2020 11:19 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Pam Crowson	We need to reopen May 1 as previously stated, no later!! If possible to reopen sooner that's even better but at least end this April 30th!
04/16/2020 11:19 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Bronwyn VanDerwerker	We need to go back to work in NC!! Reopen NC!!
04/16/2020 11:22 PM	Economic Support Working Group	ms. kathryn coons	Please reopen NC businesses. So many small and wonderful businesses will fail if this continues any longer. It's ridiculous to keep us closed down for nothing.
04/16/2020 11:23 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Me. Damon McNeese	We need to ease the "stay home" orders. People who are not high risk, and who do not have family members at high risk should be allowed to return to work. Social distance and hygiene protocols can be maintained without shutting down whole sectors of the economy.
04/16/2020 11:23 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms Jean Cronkhite	We need NC opened up ASAP. As a small business owner we will not make it much longer. We are 56 years old and have worked the last decade of our lives building our business and now it is slowly being taken away. We have no idea how we will ever retire as everything we have is now being sucked away. This is terrible for a virus that has had less affect on us as a nation than the common flu. PLEASE open NC for the sake of our

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			economy and all the small businesses that are the backbone of this state. People will lose hope and never recover.
04/16/2020 11:24 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Reopen NC! Dana Sniadak	Open up our state and get our people back to work! This virus will kill more people from stress & anxiety, depression & loneliness! Open up the businesses, restaurants, and schools. This is unAmerican.
04/16/2020 11:24 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Bethel Wiley	<p>As the data begins to show clearly that COVID-19 is not as deadly as was first believed, that many more people have had it than have been tested, that it was here earlier than at first believed, and that the models grossly overstated the total number of deaths the US would experience, I am writing to ask you to reopen NC on April 29. Our hospitals are not overwhelmed. We have slowed the spread. We have flatten the curve. We have upheld our end of the bargain and given up soccer, orchestra, school events, church services, parties, vacations, and many things even more important to our lives and well-being. Employees are furloughed. Jobs are gone. Businesses are closing, many permanently.</p> <p>The housing market is suffering. My own family was in the middle of a big move due to a job change when this all began. My husband is living hours away from myself and our children, and as of now, we cannot show our house in Guilford County. The commissioners in Guilford gave us stricter guidelines than even the state and we have not been able to show our home. I am deeply concerned that the damage to the housing market- a huge driver of our economy- will be damaged for years to come. My family cannot afford to sell our home at a huge loss, and my family is in a better financial situation (with at least some savings) than many North Carolinians are. If it will affect us this negatively, to what extent will it affect everyone else? Please consider those who do not have the security of a government job to rely on. Please put yourselves in the shoes of a regular citizen and consider the consequences your decisions are having on us.</p> <p>Please acknowledge the data. Allow North Carolinians to choose for themselves whether they are at risk and need to continue to stay at home. For the rest of us, let us begin to reassemble our lives which are now in shambles.</p> <p>This cannot go on much longer; there will be nothing left.</p> <p>Sincerely, A Very Concerned Citizen, Bethel Wiley Greensboro, NC</p>
04/16/2020 11:24 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Jeannette Bailey	Reopen NC small businesses! If big box and grocery stores can remain open then salon owners restaurants should be able to operate too! Salons can easily limit the number of clients at a time as can restaurants.
04/16/2020 11:24 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Andrew Swedberg	Open nc
04/16/2020 11:28 PM	Economic Support Working Group		There are people who are perfectly willing to sit at home, because it is easy for them. They don't understand what is happening to the people they are making fun of - the ones who want to be able to pay their bills, keep their businesses, take care of their families, afford their insurance, etc. Life is different for these two groups. It is critical that North

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			Carolina (and this country) get moving economically again and sooner rather than later. Instead of people being at odds over this subject, we should all do what is best for each of us. If you feel afraid - stay home. If you need to put your life back together - get out there and do it. This is America, afterall, we used to have the right to choose.
04/16/2020 11:30 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Cathrine Thomas	Open NC!! We've had few cases relative to our population, we need to get back to work! Unconstitutional, all of these mandates!
04/16/2020 11:30 PM	Economic Support Working Group	J. Matthew Stoltzfus	Thanks to all our Medical workers and frontline workers keeping things moving. We need to to get NC back to work. The idea behind the shut down was to flatten the curve. Just how flat is flat enough? With only 452 hospitalized today, I hope we are well below the number of beds needed across the state. How many beds do we have that are able to be used for covid-19? How many ventilators do we have at the ready? What was the projected number of beds that you were anticipating needing? When was our projected peak? Please help us understand the reasoning for the continued shut down by giving us the numbers that you are using to justify the continued shut down..
04/16/2020 11:32 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Gayle Schirillo	Gov Cooper. You need to reopen NC in the phases President Trump has suggested. We need to get businesses open, restaurants open and people back to work so that we can get our economy back. Our country cannot sustain this economic hit any longer. Yes lives were lost and I feel horrible for those suffering but with proper social distancing and masks and washing your hands I think that we can keep this coronavirus under control. You need to at least try it so that our country doesn't collapse.
04/16/2020 11:32 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms Tiffany Dunlap	This is ass backwards! The lack of forethought that went into these restrictions is atrocious. Good luck coming to the coast for your vacations when all the restaurants and bars are out of business. You don't quarantine well people! Let the vulnerable shelter if they choose & let us be free!
04/16/2020 11:33 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Lisa Penosky	It's time to #reopenNC ! This virus is not nearly as deadly as initially feared. We can take sensible precautions to protect the vulnerable, and start getting back to our lives. As it is, your definitions of what is "non-essential" is causing hardships . My disabled veteran husband needs new specialty shoes, but the store was ordered closed. Doctor appointments he had been waiting on since October have been postponed indefinitely - they can't be done by telemedicine, and the longer the nerve damage goes on, the more likely it is to be permanent.
04/16/2020 11:34 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Jimmy Wilson	Re-open NC! You have NO right to keep us shut down, what is being done to the hard working people of NC is what should be considered criminal.
04/16/2020 11:35 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Reopen nc! Angela Tomes	Please reopen nc! We need to get back to work now ! Or we won't have a job to go back to. Our kids need to go to school. Our seniors need graduation ceremonies ! You'd feel different if it were your job and your children! If you're sick, stay home! The elderly could stay at home or wear masks but let the rest of us get back to work. You are killing our economy and will not be voted Back In. Quit making this political and Open us up.
04/16/2020 11:37 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Teri Jones	Please reopen NC! Let us practice common sense and give us back our freedoms
04/16/2020 11:37 PM	Economic Support	James Patterson	I believe our state should responsibly start to open for business on May 1st.

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	Working Group		The economic damage may be such that too many don't survive this
04/16/2020 11:39 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr. Michael Gates	North Carolina has done a good job containing the virus. Now it is time to begin gradually opening up businesses and putting people back to work. There must be a timeline with reasonable, measurable goals. We need to see a sense of urgency and focus from our leaders in protecting our rights to freedom and ways of earning a living. Seeing tangible actions from you now will go a long way towards maintaining our respect and preventing unintended consequences such as civil unrest and panic. Kind regards.
04/16/2020 11:40 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Kim Rogers	People need to get back to work. Bills can't be paid, unemployment not working and 1099 people don't qualify. How do you expect people to survive? Our rights have been taken for a virus that doesn't justify it. Open nc for business
04/16/2020 11:40 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Reopen Criteria Lana Witt	What exactly are the criteria needed in order for NC people to reopen their "nonessential" (yet essential to their family's income and community's commerce) businesses?
04/16/2020 11:42 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Kimberly Fennur	<p>As a retired pharmacist, current high school teacher and life long citizen of N.C., I ask that you return our constitutional rights back to us and give us freedom to work. Give us access to the NC state parks that we pay taxes to enjoy. Give us freedom to return to our lives. Let us serve those who are immunocompromised (I have two in my immediate family with no immune system - leukemia and one with cystic fibrosis - so I fully understand the threat coronavirus can be to that subset.)</p> <p>The data and research out there is not strong enough to justify this chokehold you have put on us financially and definitely isn't worth the torment you are causing so many on a mental level.</p> <p>If you look at the death projections in NC, a fetus in NC is in far more danger of dying in NC (from abortion) than a working individual who is washing hands and taking necessary precautions.</p> <p>I have too many friends who work in hospitals and with the CDC in labs to know the numbers in the media are not accurate.</p> <p>Do the right thing and return our freedoms to us.</p>
04/16/2020 11:43 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Reopen NC Heather Leak	Please open our state back up. Family and friends are without work, even with some of them being "essential." (Auto mechanic and 2 nurses in my immediate family.) Small businesses in our area are already announcing their closing due to the shutdown. (Stone Table- Monroe, Sparks Tae Kwon Do- Indian Trail.) The numbers are clearly not matching the projections. The decision to close and stay closed are hurting hard working people and families more than helping.
04/16/2020 11:44 PM	Economic Support Working Group	ReopenNC Pam Forbes	ReopenNC, you are destroying far more lives than the virus that has a 98% recovery rate. My small business job will not be there if you wait much longer.
04/16/2020 11:45 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Cleaning houses Susan Flack	We need to go back to work
04/16/2020 11:45 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Karen Culler	<p>We need to start opening businesses in North Carolina. Please think about all the people who will lose their businesses the longer they are not able to open. This is becoming unsustainable. Families are struggling to pay bills due to not being able to work and the unemployment website is crashing so it is only getting worse for them.</p> <p>Thank you for taking the time to consider this aspect.</p>

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04/16/2020 11:45 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Tessa Burleson	Please allow businesses to reopen to help our economy! Small businesses are essential for our state. These businesses provide more than services to a community, they're paying bills, putting food on the table and helping those in need. We must get people back to work before small businesses go out of business.
04/16/2020 11:48 PM	Economic Support Working Group	ReOpen NC Denise	We must reopen the NC economy. The coast of continuing to be shut down with less than 1% of our stage population affected is destroying lives. We stand to lose many lore Lives from suicides, increased crime, increased alcohol and drug use which in turn contribute to more crime and more suicide. People must go back to work.
04/16/2020 11:48 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Betty Shafran	Please open N.C. NOW! It is Unconstitutional and unhealthy in every way to keep it closed. We are not PreSchoolers ... We The People know how to take care of ourselves! Stop this tyranny being imposed on American citizens!
04/16/2020 11:49 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Angela Trogdon	Please preserve our constitutional liberties and freedoms. Isolate and protect the vulnerable, but let the rest get back to LIFE. Flattening the curve doesn't keep anyone from getting Covid-19; it only drags it out. But our hospitals are underwhelmed. There is no capacity problem. Meanwhile, small businesses are closing their doors, and deaths of despair are rising. Please consider quality of life from ALL angles.
04/16/2020 11:49 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Lindys Furniture Katie Purgason	Let small business open up before its to late and most will close!! The longer you let this happen their will be no small businesses !! Everything is a ghost town and the media is making it so much worse!!
04/16/2020 11:50 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Dr Galen Collins DC	The goal of this time was to mitigate or lessen the impact of the virus not to stop it. Continuing to not let people work is going to have more damage and impact health and scale of economy. We will beat this. Don't let it kill our country by your actions.
04/16/2020 11:54 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Kelli Wood	We need North Carolina to get back to work! We are responsible, hardworking adults who know how to wash our hands and operate our businesses safely. We are asking you to let us do what we know best. Working for and with our community to make this economy thrive.
04/16/2020 11:54 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Re-open NC Kate Zappone	Re-open NC and let us get back to work and provide for our families. People who don't want NC to re-open can stay home - no-one is forcing them to leave their homes. No hospitals in NC have been overrun. Your job is to create an environment so the citizens of NC can work and live their lives. That is not what you are doing now! Re-open Now!!!
04/16/2020 11:54 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Hair stylist and business Wanda Smith	I am a hair stylist and business owner I have been out of work for almost 4 weeks.. All these promises that self employed will be helped.. I have signed up for unemployment it is still pending.. I have 0 I mean 0 income coming in ... How am I suppose to survive I cannot.. Please allow us to have one client at a time In Our chairs.. we are inspected by state board of cosmetic art.. We have to follow guidelines on sanitation... Please please I have to work I have no supplemented income.. I haven't made a penny in 4 weeks.. My landlord of my business is charging me rent I cannot continue in this manner.. I have owned my business for 20 years please don't make me close my doors please .. Please don't let me lose my livelihood.. please don't let me lose my home .. I am not ask for free money I want to work .. That 1200 stimulus check only help me pay rent on my business that I am going to have to close if I don't get back to work ..
04/16/2020 11:55 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Kristi Meador	We respect the initial response and now it is time to lift these restrictions. We can and will protect the 3% at risk with social distancing, proper wear of PPE and restricted visitation in

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			hospitals & nursing homes. Please consider that most of the 3% at risk is on a fixed income retirement/social security they will be able to continue to stay at home! They need the other 97% to get back to work so we can get the supply chains back going, stimulate our once thriving NC economy and bring hope back to everyone! Small businesses, restaurants and farmers need to be reopened! We as American citizens can decide if going to the grocery store, salon or purchasing clothes and eating out is something our personal health can support. Please respect our constitutional rights and reopen NC!
04/16/2020 11:55 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Kim Campbell	Open up local businesses!
04/16/2020 11:57 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Angelique Martin	We need to reopen N.C. This virus has not had nearly the sickness people projected. North Carolinians are unable to feed their families. And frankly no government has the right to take away our civil liberties. That's exactly what's been done and it's illegal. Show North Carolinians the General Assembly and Governor care about us and REOPEN!! Thank you!
04/16/2020 11:58 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Sweden! Wesley Whitehead	Please quarantine those with underlying health conditions and the elderly and let me go back to work to provide for my family. I can't make it on a one time check when I had a job with regular income. The models show that we aren't going to overwhelm the hospital beds so there is no point to this shut down any longer. It's not fair that the policy makers are not affected economically by their own policies. Do the right thing!
04/16/2020 11:58 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Susan Fisher	Please keep N.C. closed till May 30
04/16/2020 11:59 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Ryan McClellan	#ReopenNC
04/17/2020 12:01 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Reopen NC Malissa Cottrell	This is not the "pandemic" y'all thought it would be. The numbers don't support it. And that is beside the point because this "executive order" is unconstitutional! Quarantine is for the sick, not for the healthy! If you want to self quarantine, by all means do so but let the rest of us go back to our normal lives!!
04/17/2020 12:06 AM	Economic Support Working Group	melissa maillard	We have owned a tourist driven Restaurant in Downtown Wilmington Nc for the last 21 years. We support two families and a special needs child from our establishment. We are ranked 12 out of 680 restaurants in Wilmington. We are weeks away from going Bankrupt. We know how to keep our patrons safe and had started 1/2 capacity a full week before shutdown voluntarily and totally cleaned kitchen several times a day. Please open us up in some fashion other then Take out which we cannot do. ASAP
04/17/2020 12:07 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Jody Mccall	Open the state now. If the governor keeps this up. He's going to destroy entire communities. Many are with out work or have had their hours cut back. It won't be long before the choice is pay the light bill or eat. We are supposed to be a free people. Amazingly something he's forgotten. He can ether join us and give guidance or keep up his game of adding two weeks at a time and watch as the people of the state take control them selves and do what needs to be done.
04/17/2020 12:08 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Debra Hinson	Please Reopen NC now!! We all will die one day and yes maybe or maybe not from this virus, but if we don't open back up we will die economically, and that is suicide and not by self-choice, but by you Sir!!
04/17/2020 12:09 AM	Economic Support	Mr. Kai Vannoy	We need to start getting NC back to work. The numbers of cases are far below what was

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	Working Group		posted. Yes the deaths are tragic and sad but those numbers are likely to pale in comparison to what's coming if we do not start to reopen NC with common sense. This virus is out there but burying our heads in the sand and pretending it will just go away if we wait it out is foolish and it is killing the economy and soon it will be too late. People who are calling for the state to remain closed indefinitely are uninformed and only help the Chinese to further destroy our economy and country.
04/17/2020 12:10 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Michael Blakely	It is time to open North Carolina's Businesses. In my community Walmart, Lowes Home Improvement, Target, Grocery Stores and misc. retail establishments did not have to close and they stayed packed with people and we have not experienced an upward trend in the virus. So quit punishing small business and lets get back opened.
04/17/2020 12:10 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Owner Wayne Peede	Please, we need to reopen NC. The money we are losing is astronomical. We will never recover the longer we are closed. You are doing nothing to help the small business which you gladly take our taxes from. Remember if we close, you lose your revenue. The numbers are not adding up to give reason to close down. More people are killed in one month by car accidents then by this virus as a whole. More people die of cancer, heart attacks and the common flu. Please listen up and get us back open. Your offering no financial assistance to us. You can't keep us closed and not help us. We will fight back. We will fight you. Remember, you are elected and I will use all my free time to help put out signs against you. So put me back to work.
04/17/2020 12:11 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Monica Phillips	It's time to open NC, we demand our freedom. You're not a dictator, you are an elected official-remember that!
04/17/2020 12:12 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Janna Griggs	What is really going on here? When running numbers for the death rate now, this doesn't add up. I am not talking about in case numbers, but by actually looking at death rate. And that doesn't even account for the lack of tests being done! My cousin works for the hospital. They are telling many people to quarantine at home and not come risk testing. So I guess those aren't counted!!! So, according to the numbers it doesn't appear to be more deadly than the flu. It may be more contagious, but destroying our country and livelihoods by keeping us shut down will do a ton of damage. Lives matter. But provide care and protection to the susceptible population and allow others to make the decision on their own. Abuse and domestic cases are on the rise. Mental health is suffering. This is going to have catastrophic consequences if you don't let people go back to work. You can't even keep up with the unemployment. How are you going to stabilize this?! This state has a lot of outraged people right now. Reopen NC!
04/17/2020 12:14 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Chris Lougee	End the shutdown, Re-open NC, I have faith that North Carolinians are intelligent and compassionate enough to social distance and respect eachother with out the dictations of the state. Give us back our state. We are smart enough to act responsibly On Our Own. Thank you.
04/17/2020 12:20 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Betty Hinnant	REOPEN NC!!!!
04/17/2020 12:24 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Patti Jibben	<p>This shutdown is not doing anyone any good. With only .0006% of our state infected, there is no reason those that are healthy should not be allowed to work.</p> <p>This is having a massive negative impact on those with mental health issues, and if it doesn't end sooner, rather than later, there could very well be a spike in suicides.</p>

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			<p>Children need to see their friends, their grandparents.</p> <p>Quarantine is for the sick, not the healthy. People WANT to work, not live off the government.</p> <p>November will be here before we all know, and many of us have very good memories on what takes place, month after month.</p> <p>Please reopen our state. Not just restaurants and medical offices, but parks, the National forests, EVERYTHING.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>
04/17/2020 12:25 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Michelle Cappiello	Please re-open NC! We can't hide from a virus forever. People are suffering!
04/17/2020 12:28 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Dan Stephens	We are not guilty until proven innocent, we are not sick until proven well. This is a republic, governed by laws which you swore to uphold but are trampling as you illegally strip the citizens you are supposed to represent of our constitutionally guaranteed rights. WE need to reopen now! You are destroying business, families, countless lives, and none of the projections are close to what the media has reported. If this was so bad, the death toll would have risen greatly as cancer and heart disease are stilling killing at their normal pace, yet the death toll is down. This has been blown way out of proportion. OPEN NOW before you destroy more lives. History will judge you all for your actions here. You are already breaking the supreme law of the land, stop before you're accountable for more destruction. REOPEN NOW!
04/17/2020 12:35 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr J Beaver	Open NC!! We have no income as a small business owner
04/17/2020 12:38 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Steve Kerley	Reopen NC! Stop destroying our economy and lives!!!!
04/17/2020 12:41 AM	Economic Support Working Group	REOPEN NC Austin Hall	RE OPEN NC
04/17/2020 12:42 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Lisa Groeschner	Please get business back open again. You are killing the economy and the numbers don't justify it. Thank you.
04/17/2020 12:45 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Joshua Gill	As a citizen of N.C(Granv Co) this continued shutdown has TO STOP. My wife & I were pretty secure before this. With the stroke of Roy Hitler's pen it's taken it all away. Funny enough I asked him to not take his salary, response I got from his office was no deal. Next I'm going to start sending my monthly bills to him and the GA if y'all can't make this right. The unemployment bs is a fucking joke. It doesn't work, and they are SO far behind, it'll be months before we see a dime. Our lenders DONT want to HEAR that unemployment is behind, or that the Feds have dropped the ball. Maybe all of us that have been put out of work need to submit our monthly bills for y'all to pay? Yet let's just keep it shut down, cause these idiots are too stupid to keep themselves safe. No they need a nanny state. Nothing more than a power grab. Like Phil Murphy said last night 4/15/20 on Tucker Carlson. He wasn't thinking about the bill of rights and the CONSTITUTION. Y'all need to

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			get off yours ASSES and FIX THIS. They say elections have consequences. There's one coming up, and ALOT of us INTEND to RAISE HELL and send the entire lot of y'all PACKING.
04/17/2020 12:47 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Phased approach to reopen Stuart Flora	With the phased approach to reopen NC business we could reduce unemployment and economic loss while promoting safety. Please support this effort
04/17/2020 12:49 AM	Economic Support Working Group	E. Anne Tekmen	Dear North Carolina Legislators, Please. We implore you. Do not re-open NC, not yet. Many of us know people who are sick, or dying, or have already passed away from this dreadful Coronavirus. We *can* bring back the economy even if we wait a few weeks longer, but we*cannot* bring back these lives. We cannot simply consider the deaths of our fellow North Carolinians as collateral damage in jump-starting the economy. Re-opening NC too soon will lead to additional waves of infections and cause more sickness and death. And in the long run, more economic hardship, not less. We need the NCGA to take responsibility to protect public health and keep stay-at-home orders in place. We may even need to extend these orders to keep our friends and family safe. Doing anything less is reckless and irresponsible. This is about the health and the lives of all our citizens. Without that, there is no economy.
04/17/2020 12:51 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Susanne	Reopen North Carolina!
04/17/2020 12:55 AM	Economic Support Working Group	David Holman	We need to open the state as soon as possible. Hospitals are empty and nurses are getting payed off all over the state. Small businesses are being forced into permanent closure. We the people demand you open the state immediately! Thanks
04/17/2020 12:57 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Let's open back up Joaquin Fernandez	We need to ease the restrictions related to the Covid-19 issue. Our state's long-term future depends on our ability to work and be productive.
04/17/2020 12:58 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Christine Brown	It is vital to the economy and public health to open up North Carolina. The whole point of flattening the curve was for health care workers to not get overwhelmed. We did that successfully. This virus is here to stay the sooner we can get herd immunity the better. For all the folks that say one person dying it too much is not thinking clearly. We lose tens of thousands every year to the flu and not one bats an eye. It is because it is normal. They are ok with flu and pneumonia numbers being what they are why is dying from one thing worse than another? We need to be rational and not give into the fear that is plaguing our news outlets.
04/17/2020 01:04 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Chris Lougee	I firmly believe the people of North Carolina are Intelligent, compassionate and responsible enough to conduct them selves with respect to each other and respect to the relative severity of this virus. North Carolinians are Practicing great sanitation, avoiding gatherings, and close contact Not because they are forced to but because they don't want to get sick. It is unconatitutional and offensive to assume the vast majority of us want to be dictated when we are fully capable of dictating our own actions with respect to each other and with access to the correct information. People are quick in the stores, wear masks, clean their hands Not because they are told to but because they want to. Remove the current restriction and Advise the public. Thank you.
04/17/2020 01:20 AM	Economic Support	Bruce Rifleman	Pretty simple. ReOpen N.C. for business today. Cooper has don enough damage and it will

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	Working Group		take years for businesses to recover. That is if there is anything to recover at this point.
04/17/2020 01:31 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Reopen N.C. !!! Joe Mackey	We need to reopen N.C.!
04/17/2020 01:44 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms Rachelle Ross	Please re-open our state, and do not extend the stay-at-home orders. The health effects of keeping people out of work will be far worse in the end than what is happening from this virus. We will end up harming the entire population, not just the vulnerable due to the economic collapse of our economy.
04/17/2020 01:48 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Brian	Gov. Cooper, Why not just make it a temporary mandate to wear masks, if they work so well, and let us return to work! There, problem solved!
04/17/2020 02:20 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Thomas Case	It's time to reopen the state and lift the restrictions put in place by Governor Cooper.
			The most recent data does not indicate the need for such harsh measures to continue.
04/17/2020 02:37 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Karen Towery	Please open NC NOW!!
04/17/2020 02:52 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Middle Ground Brooke Black	I understand the seriousness of COVID-19, however there is also a seriousness that needs to be addressed when coming to the economy AND mental health of the people living in North Carolina. I don't believe the flood gates should be opened wide, but restaurants with less than 50 people, sitting on the opposite side should be allowed. Small business, hair and nail salons and the PARK need to be open for mental & physical health.
04/17/2020 03:17 AM	Economic Support Working Group	save working watermen Lara Fox	My husband and I have our own charter fleet in the outer banks. We have no hospitalizations Covid 19. This economic shut down is driving the worker watermen and women under and ruining our country. Let us who are relatively young, healthy, non smokers, athletic fit people work and move our nation back towards normalcy while we continue to protect the vulnerable populations to this disease and provide support to helping them stay safe. There is a smarter way to combat this with more precise measures that don't ruin our economy for decades to come. Please be fiscally responsible and don't buy into the mass hysteria. Thank you in advance for your thoughtful attention.
04/17/2020 03:24 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Open NC Now Kevin Ross	We are the 9th most populous state and we rank 20th with the number of positive corona virus infected and rank 28th in number of deaths. Enough is enough already open NC.
04/17/2020 03:43 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Reopen NC Kanda Haight	RE-open NC Now! Our livelihoods depend on it and a low number of Corona infections DEMANDS IT. The economic loss caused from a shutdown is FAR greater than any losses caused from COVID-19. Reopen NC now!!
04/17/2020 04:01 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Katie VanHouten	Use medical advice and scientific evidence to make a plan to reopen NC; do not respond to loud voices of shadow groups (such as ReopenNC) making unscientific demands which will only increase death and suffering for all North Carolinians.
04/17/2020 04:03 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Terry Burns	We need to reopen NC. There will be more businesses killed than covid deaths if we don't. Please reopen NC now. My county has only had a handful of cases of the virus. If you must keep restrictions in place for certain areas a little longer then do it on a county wide basis. Much of NC is ready to open now!
04/17/2020 04:52 AM	Economic Support	Reopen N.C. Marissa	Quarantine is when you prevent the ill from moving to stop the spread of a disease.

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	Working Group	Van Dyke	Tyranny is when the healthy are banned from moving. Reopen N.C. Reopen N.C. Reopen N.C. Reopen N.C. Reopen N.C. Reopen N.C. Reopen N.C. Reopen N.C. Reopen N.C. Reopen N.C. Reopen N.C. Reopen N.C. Reopen N.C. Reopen N.C.
04/17/2020 04:52 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Steve Hare	We need to re open NC. Socialism does not work. Workers can and will protect themselves. Constitutional rights are undeniable. We can not end the virus. If so, end the Flu. Cant do it.
04/17/2020 05:02 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Jodi Tate	Open NC up. My family's business that has employed between 35-50 people for last 50 years may have to shut doors in a week. While it is considered essential, their business is down 70% and no payroll stimulus has arrived. No one has gotten sick in this factory setting. Lay offs have begun. Our government has no right to prohibit us from working, nor do you have the right to make a decision for me about exposure to a virus. As businesses announce daily, they will not be able to reopen the fear spread by the media continues to control. It won't matter if you release restrictions in May as many will be destroyed by then. It won't be a virus with a less than 1% mortality rate that kills them, it will be the depression, the loss of homes, loss of income, and the inability to pay for essential things. Where then will the daily briefings be and how many of you in Raleigh and DC will donate your salaries indefinitely to help your constituents? I don't want your hand out, I want the freedom to generate as I was before. Thank you.
04/17/2020 05:13 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Daniel O	Reopen NC!!! Restart the economy!
04/17/2020 05:20 AM	Economic Support Working Group	ReOpenNC Kasey Brown	Hundreds of thousands of families across the state are trying to survive right now on a small fraction of their normal income or ZERO income all together! Small business owners are not get any help at all! No unemployment, SBA and PPP are GONE! I'm sure people who are collecting money and those not financially effected because Governor Cooper has deemed them "essential" are doing just fine, bust what about everyone else? Small business owners are the backbone of this state and the economy! We have bills, we have kids and we are going to lose everything we have ever worked for if we don't have any money coming in for another couple weeks or months! The Assembly and Governor can set guidelines that allow us to to make a living! Right now we are making nothing! How are we supposed to sustain our lives let alone our businesses with this communist approach? Something needs to be done and it needs to be done today!
04/17/2020 05:21 AM	Economic Support Working Group	CEO Michelle Amador	I run a large real estate company in NC with over 300 agents covering the Triad area. Housing as you know is essential and is a big part of recovery. What I am hearing from the front lines loud and clear the number of people who are losing their jobs, small businesses going under, people cancelling their health insurance because their small business is going under, the fear of losing everything economically is making people more people sick then the virus itself. We have to get the American Worker and business back open and to work. Yes with precautions. We will have to live, work, and adapt with the virus. But to stop the economy and destroy families and lives is a bigger concern and problem. Let businesses get back to work so they could put in to place there own standards and safe practices. We already are doing that in real estate but we had to get back to work to create those solutions!
04/17/2020 05:31 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Terry Dowell	Andrews is becoming a gost town you have to repon Nc places are going out of business everyone on unemployment

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04/17/2020 05:53 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr. Don Augenstein	Open NC back up now, I do not want to go bankrupt.
04/17/2020 06:07 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Max Lands	Open this state back up. You are going to have a revolt on your hands if you don't. We are kit dumb and we can conform to reasonable measures to assure public health safety.
04/17/2020 06:09 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Shannon Futch	ReOpen NC. North Carolinians want to work.
04/17/2020 06:12 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms Nikki White	Enough is enough. We want our freedoms back. This has gone way too far. People are going to rise and this shut down will turn around. But for the love of everything you have... you know in your mind minds (because I'm not truly sure if you know how to feel What's in your heart) that this is total bullshit. REOPEN NC!
04/17/2020 06:13 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms Fay Dixon	Please consider a safe reopen of small businesses.
04/17/2020 06:13 AM	Economic Support Working Group	LAURA HAWKS	We need to stay at home until Medical experts say it is safe to go back out. We need tests to be able to see if people have maybe already had the virus and are immune.
04/17/2020 06:15 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms Amy Carl	OPEN NC NOW!! People are losing everything because we are closed...OPEN NOW....This is ridiculous!
04/17/2020 06:16 AM	Economic Support Working Group	H C	Reopen NC
04/17/2020 06:17 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Reopen NC Caitlin Price	We need to reopen NC. Our small businesses are going to continue to suffer until they are forced to close their doors for good. These people are our next door neighbors, our friends, those who give back to support schools and local charities. There are organizations such as the American Legion and VFW that will not be able to reopen their doors to veterans and continue to support our community because they are charity organizations who rely on public support who do no receive any government bailout. What happens to Veterans then? I emailed the governors office, state legislatures, mayors about this months ago and never heard a word back on how these places were to survive and it was never mentioned in any briefing. Keeping NC closed means slowly killing NC and turning it into a poverty stricken state. Keep those at risk in quarantine and allow the rest of NC to get back to business or offer some sort of alternative that allows for a middle ground. Those who want to stay home will be able to do so and not be punished and those who don't can go back to normal without punishment
04/17/2020 06:17 AM	Economic Support Working Group	H C	Reopen NC
04/17/2020 06:18 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Open NC Alicia Tucker	It's time to open North Carolina back up before it destroys our economy
04/17/2020 06:19 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Robert Suggs	Time to open NC! OPEN NC!
04/17/2020 06:20 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Reopen NC! Russell Scott	End this illegal and tyrannical shutdown now! You have no authority to break your oaths to protect and defend the principles of the constitution, therefore no right to strip the public of their rights. Reopen NC!
04/17/2020 06:21 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms Dewanna King	It's important to keep the stay at home order in effect to protect the public and our healthcare providers. We can not afford to open NC up at this time.

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04/17/2020 06:25 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Allen Dameron	This for Roy Cooper, Enough is enough. You are acting like your king. Let is go back to work. This ridiculous. These are families that need to work to pay bill. I haven't received a dime of help from the state or federal government. I have applied, and done everything you people have told me to do. The hospitals have had plenty of time to prepare for this coronavirus our break. Get off you high horse and serve the people by letting us get back to work.
04/17/2020 06:27 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Antoinette Becht	Thank you for all you were doing to protect our state. I petition you to please be in the process of re-opening North Carolina. I do believe in the precautions that still need to be in place however mentally and emotionally and financially our citizens are suffering, our businesses are suffering, and our overall well-being is that steak. It's time to begin the process and not keep suppression.
04/17/2020 06:33 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Phase 1 Todd Huffines	Roll back coopers orders to allow business to resume in NC. Challenge his unconstitutional orders, it's been long enough, we need to be smart but allow the healthy people back to work. Look at Switzerland and their numbers.
04/17/2020 06:34 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr. Michael Robinson	REOPEN NC NOW!!!!!!
04/17/2020 06:39 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Deirdre Hickman	Open NC. Let us go back to work.
04/17/2020 06:45 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Heather Anderson	REOPEN NC!!!! Find a way to do it safely but people's livelihoods are being destroyed, our precious economy is destroyed!
04/17/2020 06:46 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Jon Haley	Please open the state back up in accordance with the new Federal guidelines, they make sense and will help get the State back up and running. The State's deaths from COVID will be eclipsed by the deaths from poverty.
04/17/2020 06:50 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Elizabeth Stabley	With fewer than 0.05% (of North Carolinians having COVID 19 (that's not 5%, thats 5/100th's of 1%) and losing only 0.001% of the population to the virus, there is absolutely NO reason not to open our state back up for business. Let's use some common sense!!! #ReopenNC
04/17/2020 06:51 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Cynthia Balch	OPEN NC!!! It's time to get our economy back up and running. This cannot go on any longer. The folks that are immune compromised and the elderly should be reminded to stay home. The rest of us need to make a living.
04/17/2020 06:52 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Open North Carolina back Brian Bishop	Open our state back up , stop ruining businesses
04/17/2020 06:53 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Star Shuping	This is complete overkill along w/a violation of our rights & liberties. Not only has Gov Cooper destroyed the NC economy, but there are small businesses & franchise owners who will not be able to bounce back. They will lose everything. These businesses have no sales & use taxes nor withholding taxes to pay to the state of NC, so when the budget rolls around, the trickle down effect will touch all , especially education because education is always the 1st budget to be cut. There are hair dressers, barbers waitresses, waiters, cooks, hotel maids, concierges (those whose livelihood depends on tips) & every other blue collar worker who are suffering. The disparity between those who live paycheck to paycheck & the wealthy becomes wider every day. Not only is he destroying businesses but the lack of social interaction is not healthy for those who suffer from depression.

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			Those recovering from addiction can nt attend their AA meeting. Small children can nt even learn nor practice social skills because they can nt play on the playground nor go to school. There are common sense ways to reopen instead of restricting people's lives. & in a state of over 10M people w/less than 100 deaths, Gov Cooper is showing complete disregard for NC
04/17/2020 06:57 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Re-open NC Wil Ezzell	Re-open NC I am a small business owner who owns a fitness center in Wilmington,NC. I have been out of work for way too long and staying closed any longer is only going to hurt my business and members even worse I have over 1,300 members.
04/17/2020 07:01 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr David Frac	From what I saw from the Federal guidelines yesterday I believe North Carolina should reopen to Level One by the end of April if not sooner. I believe North Carolina needs to reopen soon to get people working again.
04/17/2020 07:01 AM	Economic Support Working Group	ReOpen Bonnie Black	we Need tonget back to work. Nc people are resilient & hard working people- PLEASE REOPEN NC NOW!!!
04/17/2020 07:04 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Allison Connors	Please only NC to reopen its businesses at the end of Governor Cooper's order for April 29th. This order is hurting businesses and families. Every job is essential to their family.
04/17/2020 07:06 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Amy Rivera	We need to open NC. We need our jobs back. We don't need the government to keep us up. Stop being a Democrat and be Americans!!!! Thanks!!!
04/17/2020 07:07 AM	Economic Support Working Group	William Argenbright	Please override Governor Cooper's draconian mandates and put in place measures that respect people's right to choose. Reopen NC for the healthy and protect the vulnerable.
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04/17/2020 07:10 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr. Darrell Ellison	Re open our State. People are losing their businesses and livelihood because the media and politicians are hyperventilating over a virus that is less deadly than the flu!
04/17/2020 07:10 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Linda Kutzer	<p>I am writing as a concerned citizen of Wake County NC. I am very concerned about the unconstitutional and unprecedented, measures and proclamations being made by Governor Cooper over this virus that has well over a 98% recovery rate, and is not over-running the hospitals, as was the initial reason given for the</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social distancing measures • shutting down of (non-essential?) businesses • quarantine of healthy people to their homes • limiting shoppers within stores that are open • limiting groups of people <p>The longer we are shut down the more likely there will be more and more bankruptcies. Please open the State back for business. Respectfully Linda Kutzer</p>
04/17/2020 07:12 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Shannon Hendricks	We must #reopenNC! The good people of NC have been more than patient while the unemployment numbers skyrocket to an increase of 5100%! How is that sustainable? Establish guidelines for the reopen and allow the responsible business owners to mitigate the risk! And for goodness sakes uphold the 1st amendment! Church leaders need to mitigate risk for their congregation. #reopenNC

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04/17/2020 07:13 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Alexandra Shadroui	<p>We can protect at risk individuals while the-opening the state. It's time to be set free from fear and look at what we can do naturally to keep everyone healthy. 50,000 people in the IS died from the flu this year. 50million people had the flu in the US. No one is saying it doesn't cause people to die, but the people who are most at risk have a comorbidity. This should not be the precedent for action on the future.</p> <p>Get a plan together and let's roll.</p> <p>As a teacher, I don't have to imagine the loss of education and it's impact into the next school year and beyond. How will those students catch up?</p> <p>Time to move forward, while providing high risk persons extra care.</p> <p>Respectfully,</p> <p>Alexandra Shadroui</p>
04/17/2020 07:13 AM	Economic Support Working Group	US Citizen Brooke Dellinger	Open North Carolina back up!!! This country needs to be open. This is unconstitutional!!
04/17/2020 07:15 AM	Economic Support Working Group	REOPEN NORTH CAROLINA Angela Jenkins	I believe our governor should reopen the state & quit trying to dictate our lives. The economy & small businesses can't afford this any longer! And the people of your state, the ones who vote for your seat, want to be free!
04/17/2020 07:18 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr James Bess	Reopen our economy
04/17/2020 07:19 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Lorinda Schneider	Until NC has adequate testing and we fully understand the saturation and spread of the virus here, please keep the state closed.
04/17/2020 07:19 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Darrin Collins	Please re-open NC and allow us to get our businesses back
04/17/2020 07:20 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Karen Gaskins	Pls open NC and get this economy going! Small businesses are being hurt which is consequently hitting families in our community. The mortality rate of COVID does not support this wide sweeping shut down. Add to it that there are many who have had COVID but were asymptomatic , which makes the mortality rate even more minuscule. Those with immune issues should stay home but for the good of our states longevity Reopen NC!!!!
04/17/2020 07:21 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Ruth Queen	Reopen NC Your making people hide in fear as our country collapses. If we go down I want to take my chances working. We have forgotten the battles our forefathers fought and survived. We will never solve this problem hiding at home. This is unconstitutional.
04/17/2020 07:23 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms Renee Wallace	Please Re-Open NC! We can't see another Depression!
04/17/2020 07:24 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Listen to scientists- Teresa Lambe	I'm a veteran NC teacher of 25 years. My partner works in the restaurant industry and is a full time student, so out of work and doing classes online now. My daughter works in the restaurant industry and is a full time student, so in the same boat. My oldest daughter is a Ph.D. Student in NYC and here with a classmate to escape the pandemic - and going to class online. In our home, I'm the only person still working and that's happening around

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			<p>caring for our 4 year old, cleaning, cooking, worrying about bills and my students and their families and my colleagues and our neighbors and our friends.</p> <p>However, I believe that the NCGA must listen to scientists when you consider when and how to reopen the state of NC. Although this has been hard, it's not as hard as grieving a loved one. Although this has been stressful, it pales in comparison to stress of not being at the bedside of a family member who is dying. Although this is hard, it's not harder than learning a student of mine is ill and in the hospital fighting for their life.</p> <p>Do not reopen NC until we have the testing, tracking, and treatment we need to keep our people safe. We can survive - but only if we remain socially distant and in our homes as much as possible.</p> <p>Do the right thing - not the thing that businesses or employers want. If a few extra weeks of stress and annoyance saves lives - then please, bring it on.</p>
04/17/2020 07:24 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Open NC Rose Cannon	<p>Please..please...Consider the citizens of North Carolina and let us go back to work. You are killing our dreams and everything we have worked so hard for. Is this what you want for our state? Let us adults decide how/ when to protect ourselves..we are not stupid and we don't need you to tell us what to do...you work for us..we don't work for you..right??? You are going to lose your job and then you will see how it feels...</p> <p>Sincerely , Rose Cannon</p>
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04/17/2020 07:25 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr. Charles Churchill	<p>I support opening the economy no later than May 1st. NC's government has shown that it does not view its citizens as free. It has threatened women, men, and children with violence for exercising their God given and constitutionally protected rights. It has lied about the goals of the removal of freedoms, as when those goals were achieved it has added additional restrictions to freedom rather than lifting them. It has failed in almost every way to interact with its citizens as free men and women and has instead treated</p>

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			them as if they were children who have extremely limited rights and who must be protected from the world.
04/17/2020 07:25 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Jonathan Harrison	Time to open up North Carolina with common sense and wisdom. Follow CDC guidelines, just like flu season. Gov. Roy Cooper has overreached with government power through executive order! The US Bill of Rights is still the law of the land! #ReOpenNC
04/17/2020 07:28 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms. Mary Roth	Gov. Cooper, My name is Maty Roth from Charlotte NC. We need to open NC or I am going to be homeless. My unemployment only last 2 months. I need to go back work in such a bad way. Not only for financial reasons but also for my mental health. I keep this up anymore. I am scared. Please open NC back up and get running again. Thank you, Mary Roth
04/17/2020 07:30 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Deborah Weatherby	We need to put our citizens back to work! Reopen NC NOW. we cannot afford the continued economic impact on our state and its workers.
04/17/2020 07:34 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Re-open Julian Pierce	We need to re-open our economy now!!!
04/17/2020 07:34 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Chris Rehm	I implore you to open NC back up at the April 30th deadline. Our town already struggles economically and our small businesses cannot continue to go without revenue. Our case count is very low, our hospital is not overwhelmed. There is no reason that our businesses can not open back up as long as safety practices are in place.
04/17/2020 07:36 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Truett Buie	Reopen our state. The economic damage will be far more damaging and long lasting than the damage from the virus. We need to get back to work!
04/17/2020 07:37 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Nicoe Robinson	Small business in NC need to reopen to sustain our local economies. Let us ascertain our own "risks," and make decisions for ourselves about where we'd like to shop (local) and which business (local) we want to give our hard-earned money in exchange for goods & services. If you don't do something quick, this will have a long-lasting effect on our NC economy...and possibly your jobs as representatives for your constituents. Please, I implore you to re-open NC!!!
04/17/2020 07:38 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Barbara Szczepanski	We in Western North Carolina has been closed since mid March - some of us since before mid March. Haywood County has had 4 confirmed cases, 3 of which have recovered. So, no deaths. The shutdown was overreaching. The continuation of same is an egregious abuse of power. Please, anyone with some common sense, step up and help us get our businesses open again. If anyone wanted to get a taste of socialism/communism, here we are. REOPEN NC!
04/17/2020 07:39 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Scott Ewell	Open up the businesses. Only the big box stores are going to survive this mess if you don't reopen the economy!
04/17/2020 07:39 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Michele Carroll	I own a salon in Mitchell county and I am self employed and can not get unemployment. I felt safer in my salon than I do going to the store. I am a sole proprietor at my salon and I was just having a customer at a time when the state shut me down. Another month is really going to hard on my family if there is not some assistance from the state or to be allowed to open back up.
04/17/2020 07:44 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Open Non-essentials Ayse Mehmeti	I support to reopen the non-essential businesses NOW. We have a small business and it is defined as non-essential by decision makers. It is a VERY essential one for our family in order to put bread on the table. Non-essential businesses are essential for our economy.

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04/17/2020 07:47 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Ideally Essential Jennifer Bechtel	NC should be open. The economy is suffering and many will lose their livelihoods due to the economic consequences of sheltering for a flu that mutates as much as it does. This is the equivalent of closing down for cold and flu season each year. It will do us no good to restrict the healthy and sound for the immune compromised if the healthy and sound of mind and up unhealthy and insane from this overreach.
04/17/2020 07:52 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Reopen NC Keith Majeroni	Reopen NC by 5/1. The virus is much less severe than predicted. The economic harm be created by the lockdown will result in more suffering and loss of life than the virus. This lockdown is unnecessary and unamerican. Thank you.
04/17/2020 07:56 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms Ellen Freeman-Lynde	As a small business owner, I can't imagine putting profit before people. I'm willing to stay closed as long as necessary to keep our community safe and healthy.
04/17/2020 07:56 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Reopening North Carolina Penny Watts	Please open our state back up.
04/17/2020 07:56 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Sandra Bishop	We need small businesses back to work now.
04/17/2020 07:59 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Michael Lynch	#REOPENNC OUR ECONOMY IS SUFFERING
04/17/2020 08:01 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Reopen state Karen Brzycki	We stayed home to lessen the curve. The curve is lessened- now you are choosing one set of lives for another. You keep this state shut down other lives get lost- AND the livelihood of too many people. 30k a year lost to car accidents- no closing of freeways, no stop driving orders. We did this so the hospitals wouldn't get overwhelmed. Success. Nurses and doctors are being furloughed because business is stopped. All actions have plus and down side, don't grow this from a virus to a cancer on society. Reopen the state!!!!
04/17/2020 08:01 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Tony Basile	Reopen the state! We need to go back to work.
04/17/2020 08:01 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Michelle Drake	Please let small business stay alive. We can practice safety first but we need our jobs to live.
04/17/2020 08:03 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Re-Open NC Daniel Reavis	We need representatives that are willing to put our Governor and his over reach in check. The fact that the state and the country are still shut down is ridiculous and is starting to have a negative effect on people. Governor Cooper needs to go.
04/17/2020 08:04 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Pat Oppel	We need to get N.C. back to work. Those who are vulnerable can shelter at home. Limited precautions can still be in place but we need to get back to work. Thank you!
04/17/2020 08:04 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Open NC Linda Greene	The time has come to reopen NC, too many people are reaching a point of no return financially ! With safety precautions honored, we should start moving to reopen.
04/17/2020 08:05 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Quez Frye	It is time to get this state opened back up. With the social distancing guidelines in place it is safe to get our economy going again. People are hurting, help is a joke. Small businesses like mine are hurting or failing and the ones that haven't failed can't hold out any longer. Peoples savings and retirements have been or are being destroyed. Enough is enough get the state open and do it now.
04/17/2020 08:05 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr. Craig Scanlon	Open per President Trumps Guidelines. Unsustainable economic damaged is being caused by Staying Closed
04/17/2020 08:05 AM	Economic Support	Mrs. Dondi Smith	Open UP THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA!

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04/17/2020 08:06 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Thomas Muncy	Local economies being ravaged, please use real common sense data on current infections to guide the restarting of our critical small and independent businesses.
04/17/2020 08:06 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Heather Wooton	Open our state up!!!!!! You are trying to destroy our small businesses to push your agenda!!! ReopenNC!!!
04/17/2020 08:07 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Joan Sobel	It is past time to open NC. Keeping NC shutdown will have more of a negative impact than the virus. Open NC!!
04/17/2020 08:07 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms Mary K	Re-open NC at the end of April like planned! We cannot keep this economy shut down forever. We need to still social distance and take precautions. The vulnerable should continue to shelter in place.
04/17/2020 08:08 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Ross Parrish	Reopen NC Now. Get folks back to work.
04/17/2020 08:11 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Samantha Sellers	One of Raleigh's biggest draws is it's booming local economy of independent stores, restaurants, and businesses. These WILL NOT survive if we do not reopen the state. Please, reopen NC now!
04/17/2020 08:12 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Reopen NC Angela K	Reopen NC ~ Look at a map, Do the Math
04/17/2020 08:12 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Tommy Bradshaw	We need to open May 1. I own a winery and May is my best month of the year. If you want to save the NC wine producers open May 1.
04/17/2020 08:13 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Debra Herring	With respect, I would like to see all small businesses afforded the opportunity to open using the same practices as current retailers. I know that in my town, the small businesses that I frequent were already practicing health and safety for customers even before the orders came through and I personally feel better in those places than in box retailers anywhere. There is certainly something to be said for personal one on one attention and caring versus big retailers and I feel those places are much cleaner by far. I am very sad that my CrossFit gym is not allowed to be opened given that they have garage doors open, no ventilation system, outdoor workout space, continuous use of disinfectant as we have always done to be respectful of our workout family. This is a huge part of my health and wellness since I have a muscle movement disorder that I manage with weight bearing exercises. My other treatments denied are deep tissue massage therapy for my muscle disorder. My therapists have always practiced sanitation and disinfecting and I have never been in a room that it was not just me and my therapist. Some of them wear masks anyway. Blanket orders are not healthy for any of us on any level and a one size state order does not fit everyone. I have suffered for 30 days in muscle pain because I cannot get the treatments that I need. I have been punished because I chose a holistic form of treatment to avoid prescriptions. It should be the choice of the individual whether they chose to go to a business or not, not the governments. I do not appreciate my freedom to choose being stripped away. No one ever asked me if I would be OK with any of this. I am capable of making my own decisions regarding my health and wellness. I do not need you to do that for me. Blanket orders are bad and you can do better.
04/17/2020 08:15 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Terry Crysel	Please reopen North Carolina! Too many people are suffering! We need to get back to work! The virus has not been prevalent in my area. I don't know anyone who has had the virus or had it in their family but I know many who have lost their jobs or have had their

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			salaries reduced. So many businesses that are closed. I believe we can act responsibly and get things going again.
04/17/2020 08:16 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Lindsey Parker	I believe we should keep the state closed for all of May. The government should be supporting business so that they do not feel the need to rush back to "normal". I want to see a play laid out before we open back up and the public should have time to read it.
04/17/2020 08:19 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Matthew Harris	Please reopen NC
04/17/2020 08:22 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Robert Eames	I hope NC is keeping an eye out for signs like this story exposes. https://www.bbc.com/news/world-us-canada-52311877 When "essential" business drops the ball on protecting employees on this level, the entire state will pay. We all need to work smarter to protect the employees, the population, and the economy. #StayhomeNC
04/17/2020 08:23 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr. Steve Franklin	We need to start back to work. Keeping NC shut down is not the best for people. NC needs to go back to work.
04/17/2020 08:25 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Sir Lesley Herring	NC is dying, not from a virus, but from lack of income! This state cannot function and take care of the needy without cash flow. I cannot provide for my family without cash flow. The unemployment system cannot work without cash flow. It took three weeks for me to file a claim and might take 4 more just to get paid! This nonsense has to stop.
04/17/2020 08:26 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Jessica Ward	Good Morning, I am writing to strongly urge you to start the process of reopening NC by the end of April 2020. This issue is too important to play political games and one person should not have the power to shut down business and personal freedom. Our state has had a minimal number of cases and based on this we should be restating all activities and business. Personal responsibility and accountability coupled with common sense will allow us to proceed with caution and return to normal life. The negative impact of these restrictions will not be forgotten for a long time and getting us back to business will ease the impact on families, businesses and especially our elderly who are suffering from depression. Best regards. Jessica Ward
04/17/2020 08:27 AM	Economic Support Working Group		Do not let economic concerns drive the relaxing of the NC "stay at home" orders. Public health and safety should be the primary focus and those types of decisions should be made primarily by public health experts. While economic concerns are important, health and safety concerns come first. I am a resident of NC.
04/17/2020 08:27 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Angela Hawkind	Please reopen NC for business. The small business owners in NC are suffering. The Covid-19 numbers do not support the destruction being caused by the Governors Order.
04/17/2020 08:30 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Angie Byrd	Please work toward REOPENING NC. Small businesses will never recover it can be done. Our State is strong and will take the precautions to limit as needed. We need to be able to have graduations with spacing, we need to have church, we need to be allowed to vote in November in our normal way. Don't steal our civil and God Given Rights
04/17/2020 08:30 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Phillip Stewart	OPEN THE STATE! Also, any future restrictions MUST go through the proper channels and this out of control governor MUST be held to account for single handedly leading to what

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			will be the largest failure of small businesses in history. People's entire life's work are being wiped out over this exaggerated emergency and we get a pat on the head from the governor about how good we're doing at social distancing. Government tyranny at it's finest all while a large part of the population sit back and applaud the trampling of the Constitution.
04/17/2020 08:33 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Ursula Brown	We have got to get North Carolinians back working. Too many small businesses will not make it much longer.
04/17/2020 08:38 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Harry McClard	Please open the economy as soon as you can. I am a senior but I had been working as an independent contractor part time and now that is gone and the state unemployment is last in the nation to provide any sort of help for the federal program; after a month it's still not working. Opening is a balancing act of health vs economic survival but most of us are willing and able to provide for our own safety. We can't do our own money though.
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04/17/2020 08:41 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Gwendolyn Christopher	We have to reopen!! We are drowning and small business cannot continue down this road!! Testing, Tracing, and Trending (TheThree T's) can been done and we can reopen!! To wait to reopen until we achieve this 100 % would be disastrous!! April 30th is long enough. Thank you
04/17/2020 08:42 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Nellie Greer	Please open up so people will not die from depression, starvation because they cannot work to buy food, exposure from not being able to keep their homes, violence (domestic and child abuse), many other conditions because of a lowered immune system. We have to reopen to save lives.
04/17/2020 08:43 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms Sheryl Donaldson	Please open NC back up. We know how to protect ourselves and our families. Our hospitals are prepared. This shut down is killing people and putting precious innocent little people at risk. Trust us. We can do this without being forced to lose our homes, our businesses, our jobs. PLEASE OPEN NC NOW.
04/17/2020 08:43 AM	Economic Support Working Group	OPEN NC Sharon Bradley	We must open our state! This has gone on long enough! All of this for roughly 3000 cases within a population of 10 million! We want our freedoms back! Enough is Enough!
04/17/2020 08:45 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr. Matt Currin	Please open NC, there has been no plan to phase the economy back in, just at the governors discretion. We need a plan to get NC working again!
04/17/2020 08:45 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Owner Jennifer Hemric	We have a small business in the Outer Banks and there are only 2 businesses left open in our town because no visitors or non resident homeowners are allowed. We cannot pay our bills or repay a loan under these circumstances. This is devastating to not only our family but many others. Reopen North Carolina.
04/17/2020 08:46 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Lori Zeto	The rights in the United States Constitution override mandates issued by governors. Americans have the right to protest and speak out against these absurd, nonsensical shutdowns. Economic decline is the greatest national threat to Americans; right now, there are so many people suffering and losing their businesses. Sadly, the cure has already become worse than the problem. Our state cannot afford to wait until May 1, 2020; we must begin to reopen North Carolina

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04/17/2020 08:46 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Reopen NC Crysta Pearse	I am writing to strongly urge the committee to allow the residents of N.C. to return to their jobs and reopen their businesses. The longer we are forced to stay home the more certain it will be that we will not be returning to the same N.C. we had prior to this virus; businesses will not be financially able to reopen due to the government picking and choosing which businesses were forced to close. Let us return to our lives so we have something to live for!
04/17/2020 08:48 AM	Economic Support Working Group	A Smith	Please reopen NC, NC coastal and rural counties depend on the summer tourism revenue for their economy. Think of the tax revenue lost with Dare, Currituck, New Hanover and Brunswick county beaches shut down over the summer. If we are not open by Memorial Day the summer is lost and there is no coming back fiscally from this year. Think of the families impacted by this economic disaster. Let the vulnerable and elderly shelter as needed but please allow the rest of NC to get back to work.
04/17/2020 08:49 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Lynne Stalls	Reopen...ket small businesses practice social distancing...key Americans be free to do what we do best.. Control our own lives.
04/17/2020 08:49 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Wendy Mayo	It's time to reopen small businesses and services. Use same type or precautions as big box stores!
04/17/2020 08:54 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Stacey Hingson	NC needs to be reopened ASAP! This has gone on long enough and gone way too far. People are suffering far worse by this shut down than they would be if this virus really was as bad as the Left is making it out to be. The worst part is that our children are suffering most because of all of this and they, as usual, are left in the wind. By not allowing them to go to school you are depriving them of their education, social interaction, exercise, and, in some cases, simple necessities like food and affection. This is way out of control and the push for socialism needs to stop. This train to the gas chamber needs to be derailed!! We live in the Land of the Free and many many AMERICANS are not going to stand for this much longer!!
04/17/2020 08:55 AM	Economic Support Working Group	C. Miller.	We need to reopen North Carolina no later than May 1st. Our hospitals are NOWHERE near overrun. Healthcare workers are being furloughed. Small business has been devastated by this. The death rate for Covid 19 is much lower than originally thought. The chances of even catching it are much though than originally thought. We are crippling our economy. This cannot continue.
04/17/2020 08:58 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Renee Cox	Reopen N.C. by May 1, 2020 People who feel like they need to stay at home due to underlying health issues , they can.... let freedom be the choice!!
04/17/2020 08:59 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Eddie Glance	North Carolina needs to reopen. Torching our economy to "protect " a few isn't the right choice. Stop with the unconstitutional edicts and let's get back to work.
04/17/2020 09:00 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr James Jarman	Please reopen NC so people can get back to work.
04/17/2020 09:01 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Hairdresser Lisa Strickland	Please allow our shops to reopen , we understand if there will be new rules , but this is most of us our only income !!
04/17/2020 09:01 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Rob Watson	We need to begin wise reopening - beauty salons with every other seat empty, restaurants with every other table empty, etc. Our economy cannot sustain full shelter in place much longer. Our health system cannot yet sustain no shelter in place but some balance must

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			occur or the impact of this pandemic will hit our people harder through depression, suicide, hunger, alcoholism, drugs or worse than the virus itself. Please begin to reopen.
04/17/2020 09:02 AM	Economic Support Working Group		It occurs to me that one of the biggest worries people have now, other than the virus itself, is - the bank! All these programs the government is setting up - loans to small businesses (with conditions that may have to be paid back), airlines having to fly empty planes with government subsidies, landlords who may lose properties because their renters can't pay rent, mortgage payments which are being 'deferred' but will still need to be paid later - to whom are all these people beholden? Where is the money due? To the banks. Banks aren't doing anything for people in this crisis. How about if the government passes a law which says - no bankruptcies, no foreclosure, no loan payments are due during this national crisis. Let's all stop worrying about money so much. Also - maybe that would eliminate the inane 'reopen' movement.
04/17/2020 09:09 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Don Ayscue	Cooper claimed that restrictions have slowed the virus, but the virus will not disappear because we stayed home. We have experienced complete loss of freedom. Whenever the quarantine ends, NC jobs and our way of life will have been destroyed beyond repair. No amount of government money or programs can repair this fragile, interdependent network that took hardworking people decades to build. Most Americans want our products to be manufactured in America, but this is not possible because you have shut down our economy. Cooper's government interventions lead to trouble, causing further problems, and more dangerous than the virus. Cooper, it is time to lead by following the example of many governors announcing this week the return of our freedom of association and our ability to support and feed our families. All healthy individuals in North Carolina must return to work immediately, before our state economy and jobs are destroyed.
04/17/2020 09:11 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Sharon McInnis	We need to reopen NC. There were 34k deaths from the flu last year and we managed to stay open. Our people cannot continue without working.
04/17/2020 09:16 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Shari Lynn	A new crisis stronger than the virus looms and threatens our society. Businesses by the thousands will be destroyed, families will go hungry, blood donations will reach critical stages with less donations (putting many lives at risk!) and those suffering in violent homes, sequestered with their abusers, will be subjected to unbearable physical and mental torment. Law Enforcement is being put in a terrible position...between the will of the people and the rights afforded by our Constitution and their orders, based on data that has now been shown to be revised from original predictions. We are being forced to stay inside without sufficient data to support these unprecedented restrictions. Sound data does not subscribe to feelings or popular opinion. The current numbers for CV19 no longer support the need to shut down the state of North Carolina. We need to reopen May 1st. Those who are immune-suppressed or high risk can and should continue to self-isolate. The supreme court has already ruled that no state of emergency supersedes constitutional rights. Shutting down the state and the country has never been the answer before. It didn't happen with influenza, H1N1, or the Swine flu during Obama's Administration.

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			There is a way that we can protect the most vulnerable, while allowing the heart of NC, the small businesses and the hard workers of our state, to continue to feed their families. Please, do the right thing!
04/17/2020 09:17 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Chris Fawcett	We MUST start opening up the state's economy by May 1st. Follow the guidelines set out by the federal government to keep as many safe as possible. This shut down will cause increases in depression, suicide, domestic violence, alcoholism, non-covid health issues, homeless, and a serious strain on the state's finances. While every death is sad, we cannot destroy the livelihoods of millions of Carolinians. These are hard choices, but we must do our best to protect BOTH our working citizens and those at risk from the virus. This cannot be a black and white decision. We have to rise up and be better. We can figure it out.
04/17/2020 09:18 AM	Economic Support Working Group		Do your work by adopting the President's 3-phase approach to reopening the state(s). We are past the peak of this disease, people are able to select their approach to re-entering society based on personal comfort level, and the economy will strain to the point of rupture if we delay the reopening of small and medium businesses. Constituents are not as stupid as many leaders want to characterize them. People will act in their own self-interest first; in the interest of friends and neighbors as largesse allows. Lead with Constitutional principles in mind. Open the NC economy!
04/17/2020 09:18 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Sasha Gray	Please reopen NC no later than April 29....we are adults and can make the decision to be safe while we rebuild our economy. We simply cannot allow all businesses to continue to be shut down. Our livelihood and families depend on opening all businesses now.
04/17/2020 09:19 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Dr. John Bowman	Dear Sir/Madam, Before considering ending any stay-at-home orders please take into consideration how successful these orders have been both here in NC and nationwide in reducing the increasing numbers of cases COVID-19. Until we have adequate testing for the virus we have no idea how widespread the COVID-19 virus actually is, but there is compelling evidence that there are many individuals who are testing positive and do not have symptoms. Please take into consideration what medical experts are saying when you consider your recommendations. Public health in this crisis must be your first priority.
04/17/2020 09:19 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Katy Moss	Dr. John Bowman, Moore County, NC The numbers do not support the economy being shut down. Human life is precious and I understand some limitations, but our economy cannot afford to stay shut down over a 98% survival rate. As of today 84% of the deaths are 65 and older, and majority of 65 and older do not work. This info is right off the website for NC covid. Do not keep healthy people at home, does not make sense
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04/17/2020 09:26 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Andy McPherson	Enough is enough! Lift the impractical, illogical, UNCONSTITUTIONAL stay at home order! Quarantine the sick, let the healthy go to work. You politicians are not our nannies! We can, and will, take care of ourselves. My health is not your responsibility.

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			Picking and choosing the businesses that are "essential" is ridiculous ! What gives the government the right to say what/who is "essential? Certainly not the constitution! OPEN THE STATE BACK UP NOW!
04/17/2020 09:26 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Mary Bennett	Keep it shut down! We don't have enough resources to reopen. The reopen N.C. folks are just loud. The majority of us don't feel safe. Protect NC citizens. Protect health care workers.
04/17/2020 09:27 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Beth Mizelle	Our state has been more impacted by the shutdown than the virus. Please look at everything - the toll this has taken - and open NC Economy back up. Yes, it will be staggered - and yes, it will need guidelines. But there is no reason, for example, a hairdresser can't see clients - that we can't eat in restaurants with the same limit capacity as you have given Lowe's. Please don't kill everyone in NC by keeping the economy shut down.
04/17/2020 09:31 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Kevin Worlton	Please allow counties to determine their own reopen process. My county and business has essentially been locked down since March 16th. We now have 15 cases with one death due to Covid19, it's time for Dare County to move to Phase 2.
04/17/2020 09:33 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Nicole Criddle	It is time to open back up our state. Initial modeling was incredibly flawed and rather than admitting that, acknowledging that the hospitals have capacity and can handle the cases, we are doubling down in an effort to flatten a curve that never truly spiked. We can handle this virus by asking the highest risk to self-isolate and allow the rest of us to take on the burden of caring for them financially and physically. While we get back to normal life we will be working on developing Herd Immunity, the only proven method of handling a health care crisis such as this. A complete suppression strategy simply isn't possible nor has it ever been accomplished, a mitigating strategy like we have taken will undoubtedly cause spikes whenever we choose to lift it, which is why the models you've chosen to trust continually keep pushing back a peak, there is no one publicly speaking about the fact that the same amount of deaths will occur over a slower amount of time with the current lock down situation. The only way this saves lives is if our hospitals couldn't handle the surge of patients and people died needing treatment or equipment, fortunately this hasn't come to fruition but the best way to ensure it doesn't is allowing hospitals to start back up elective procedures and continue care before they also shutter their doors due to economic collapse. We can't continually shut down every time there is a resurgence. A vaccine is in no way promised, and so far vaccine research hasn't cracked Rhinovirus', HIV/AIDS or previous coronaviruses, formulating our plan based on the idea of a vaccine that may never be developed is incredulous! Open our state back up, quit trampling all over the Constitution and allow North Carolinians to get back to business. Freedom of choice is imperative here, those who disagree with opening would still be allowed to sit at home quarantining until they choose to do otherwise but for the rest of us who want to get back to our life we should be allowed that right. Freedom has never been risk free, its why we allow people to drink, smoke and drive cars all things that also have inherent dangers, allow citizens to decide how to proceed with their lives while informing us of the risks involved, that is the governments job.
04/17/2020 09:36 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Erin Kirkpatrick	Respectfully requesting N.C. reopen all businesses. Our numbers put us in phase one. While I'm personally not financially hurting, many are. Pro sports and Indoor coliseum concerts are far from necessity even prior to COVID.

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04/17/2020 09:40 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Tammy Pope	I think that with the very low covid cases in NC up to this point and knowing that the virus has been around since November we have an obligation to reopen the state as quickly as possible meaning May 1st. Vulnerable persons should be allowed to stay at home if needed but small business, restaurants, hair dressers, etc should reopen with new plans implemented to keep Americans safe through this transition to full recovery.
04/17/2020 09:40 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Dr Herb Lamb	There is no doubt that we should continue sheltering in place practices. It is also imperative that the state support federal funding to help North Carolinians during this crisis. Thank you.
04/17/2020 09:43 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Jennifer Martin	While I will personally continue the social distancing for a while, I feel strongly it is time to open this state back up. Let me make those closure, social distancing, etc, decisions for myself. Many people shut down their businesses early and almost all were very financially comfortable(ie, long term attorneys.) A small business, especially a new one is drowning

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			in this economic atmosphere created by the very office we pay our sales tax too. And even to open May 1, will still make 2020 hard to recover from at this point. This shutdown is based on information that has changed daily and we just don't see it..... It is not ironic that those that are for NC to stay shut; are still working (or receiving a check), financially comfortable and/or on a political narrative. We all see this and know it... I have repeatably seen people preaching "stay at home" on social media but not what they are really doing. It is all fake and I want to think for myself. This government executive order is killing us..... The economy isn't separate from people, just like the virus it is people. The supposed cure here is worse than the cause. We are not New York.....
04/17/2020 09:43 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Jesse Thomas	<p>Dear NC Representatives,</p> <p>The current science supports a continuation of the shelter-in-place policy. We must remain on this path for as long as the scientific data informs the experts to do so, and in order to avoid another–potentially more deadly/catastrophic–outbreak.</p> <p>The lessons of our past should guide our steps toward a safe and healthy future for all; i.e. 1918 “Spanish” Flu pandemic where, once restrictions were relaxed, the second wave of infections intensified and killed many more than the initial wave.</p> <p>Do the right thing for your people.</p> <p>We are ALL relying on you to keep us safe...and alive.</p> <p>Best regards,</p> <p>JT</p> <p>- Carrboro, NC</p>
04/17/2020 09:45 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Paige Hogan	I do not think we should rush into reopening. I know it's important that this be over with soon, but the health and safety of our residents is more important. We are now seeing the effects of flattening the curve, but seeing that and reopening would be reversing any work we did by closing.
04/17/2020 09:46 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Joanne Forgione-Salata	You need to reopen NC people are losing their jobs, homes and families yes families. There is no cure for this virus just like the common cold or the flu. People will die as with any virus. You will lose you seat as Governor over this and have on your conscience families that will lose everything they worked for. Please reopen NC
04/17/2020 09:47 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Dan Baker	Open it up
04/17/2020 09:49 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Sir Rod Drake	The projections cited by the Governor are faulty. How can you dare to offer further restrictions when your data proves you are wrong?
04/17/2020 09:50 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Patricia Parker	Please open NC. These restrictions imposed on the citizens are unconstitutional. Restaurants ans stores at half capacity for a week or two, shopping hours for the "at risk" population, etc. We need to see the light at the end of the tunnel soon.
04/17/2020 09:50 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Trust the Healthy Dale Hunsucker	<p>NC has MANY HEALTHY PEOPLE.</p> <p>Areas of good health need to be allowed to return to a more normal way of living. Areas of higher medical needs can be returned a little slower if necessary. Citizens of NC desire to work & live safely & healthy. As adults we are responsible for our families and as such I hereby request that we be allowed to come back from hiding out from this situation.</p> <p>Thank you for your consideration on this issue. ????</p>
04/17/2020 09:54 AM	Economic Support	My salon Faye Floyd	I need my small salon open! I do not qualify for assistance. We wear mask and will only

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04/17/2020 09:54 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Miss Tiffany Mckoy	Please use the expertise of our state health director and science and medical professionals as well as some business professionals to come to a well balance solution on when to open up our states economy. We want a smart way, a gradual way to open our economy without risking its citizens to more of the outbreak. We really need more wide spread testing. Our numbers are low and that is great but we are not wide spread testing or tracing. That number could be higher. We risk over whelming our health care system. So please be careful and be strategic on when to open the economy. Too early and when can increase our rate of infection, too late and our economy suffers more but a gradual roll out and more widespread testing and tracing we can survive this. Thank you.
04/17/2020 09:56 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Ann Rich	We must begin opening North Carolina May 1st. Most small businesses will not make it much longer. How can we continue to bail out individuals? This tax money for those individuals comes from people who are working. Is it too hard to understand that if people are not working, there is no one to pay taxes to bail out individuals? Do we just keep printing money?
04/17/2020 10:06 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Matthew Farrell	Use medical advice and scientific evidence to make a plan to reopen NC. Do not respond to loud voices of groups making unscientific demands that will only increase death and suffering for all North Carolinians. An overwhelmed health care system impacts all of us. Higher death counts are not a boon to the economy.
04/17/2020 10:07 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Tara Britt	Use medical advice and scientific evidence to make a plan to reopen NC; do not respond to loud voices of groups (such as ReopenNC) making unscientific demands which will only increase death and suffering for all people in North Carolina. An overwhelmed health care system impacts all of us. Higher death counts are not a boom to the economy.
04/17/2020 10:09 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Lee Huffman	Small business owners and employees are hurting. I urge the government to stop restrictions and let us go back to work. We cannot afford to keep going like this. Please end restrictions.
04/17/2020 10:10 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Stay Home Stacy Barrick	Please keep the state shutdown until we are able to test more people and until infection and hospitalization rates have gone down. If we reopen too soon I fear we will have another spike later down this year. I am currently unemployed, not because this virus shutdown my place of work but because I had been planning for a month to try to find a new job in mid March during my break from college classes but ultimately was unable to. I'm terrified of trying to find a job right now because of this virus and I do not want to work anywhere that will not provide its employees with masks at this time. I'm also scared of a second wave of this virus being even deadlier if we reopen too soon. Right now there is no denying how bad this virus is nor how much it is affecting everybody but I feel we are getting close to reaching the peak of this virus and will be able to safely reopen if we can just get more tests and continue telling people to stay home unless absolutely necessary.
04/17/2020 10:11 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Karen Crumbliss	Please listen to scientific and medical experts regarding the gradual opening of our state. There are always groups who will want more, but please defer to the experts rather than anxious citizens. It is hard for all, but will be more difficult if we open too early and go through it all again. Thank you
04/17/2020 10:17 AM	Economic Support	Lee Daly	It is imperative that strong evidence-based medical and scientific data on COVID 19 be the

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	Working Group		foundation for formulating a plan to reopen NC, not loud voices of fringe groups (such as ReopenNC). While I think all of us would like businesses to reopen, we cannot afford an increase in death and suffering. As a retired PA, I know first hand how an overwhelmed health care system impacts all of us. Higher death counts are not a boon to the economy. We need a plan for testing and tracking in this state.
04/17/2020 10:20 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Teresa Davis	Ok. Its time to start opening! Social distancing, proper hygiene, stay home when sick. I'll even wear a mask everywhere! Just Open Up NC!
04/17/2020 10:20 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Jessica Boggs	The economy of NC is already hurting severely from the shut down. I live in eastern NC where we already are economically poor, and keeping us shut down will cripple us. There have already been folks denied help, small businesses are not getting help from the government, and the big government doesn't want to help the small business folks. Lowe's and Walmart are open, allowing droves of people to be there, where most small businesses don't have more than 50 people around at a time and are much cleaner than Lowe's and Walmart yet nothing is being said about them, they are big money and considered "essential", yet small town small business has to stay closed? If you want NC to survive, you need to reopen, economy crippling is worse than a virus...
04/17/2020 10:23 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Sandy Johnston	Please consider experienced medical advice and scientific evidence to guide your decisions in doing what is best for all North Carolinians.
04/17/2020 10:25 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Miriam Vanderlaan	We need to open back up! YOU are killing us all without the virus.
04/17/2020 10:28 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Franchisee Carol Horrocks	Please open NC and give us our freedoms back. I am a Franchise owner of 2 stores and we are willing to take necessary safeguards, but we NEED to get the economy back! REOPEN NC!!
04/17/2020 10:31 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Candy Hess	We MUST open commerce!! YOU are killing more people than the virus! NC is way down the list on deaths. You are DESTROYING our state and families.
04/17/2020 10:32 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms. Julia Slebos	I support a responsible, cautious, and scientifically supported approach to reopening public spaces and non-essential businesses. I do not agree with the current federal push to reopening as soon as possible. It is so obvious that such an approach will cause unnecessary deaths; how is it possible to select that option?
04/17/2020 10:33 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Lisa Aguilar	Please re-open NC, with citizens using precautions while out in public. I am a self employed, independent contractor and need to work to support my family..so far NO aid provided to us and we are going g further into debt. We need our economy operating again with a new norm. this stay home shutdown in not right and hurting us- the majority who are not sick
04/17/2020 10:35 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Sandi Bracey	REOPEN NC NOW!,
04/17/2020 10:38 AM	Economic Support Working Group	William Miller	This closure is crippling the economy. People are starving. Businesses will go away forever. Stop the madness. If business isn't opened up, the damage will be permanent and widespread with no fix.
04/17/2020 10:47 AM	Economic Support Working Group	NC SHUTDOWN CHELSEY GANN	The numbers don't support this shutdown. I work in hospitality and our family has been slow to receive unemployment. We need to be back working. The hospitals are not overwhelmed. I have a sister and sister in law both nurses at caremont in gastonia, and atrium in charlotte. They both said the hospitals aren't overwhelmed in fact their dead!

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04/17/2020 10:48 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Teresa Norman	<p>This isnt fair to our children or us. Open back up!!!!</p> <p>#ReopenNC...</p> <p>We need to get back to work! I agree with the phases but we need to start soon. Please do not extend the timeline past May 1st. This is a terrible situation but delaying will only hurt those most vulnerable. This is a violation of our Constitutional Rights. Regardless of the source, the HCQ / Z-pak + Zinc regime for treatment is safe and effective. Make sure we have access to it if necessary...</p> <p>Thank you, Teresa N</p>
04/17/2020 10:50 AM	Economic Support Working Group	hardee klitzman	<p>The recommendations of the health care community are the most important when plans are made to relax the shelter-at-home and social distancing guidelines. Do not succumb to pressure from groups who are not basing their demands on science.</p>
04/17/2020 10:50 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr. Paul Harvin	<p>Please use medical advice and scientific evidence when you make your plan to lift pandemic-related restrictions and "re-open" North Carolina. It is important that we protect our health care system from being overwhelmed, so that our healthcare system can continue to effectively serve all North Carolinians. If we lift restrictions too quickly, we will likely need to put severe restrictions back in place again soon thereafter. The back and forth would likely cause greater economic disruption, higher unemployment and the bankruptcy of more North Carolina individuals and businesses.</p>
04/17/2020 10:52 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Open NC Michelle McCoy	<p>Governor,</p> <p>Let's keep careful guidelines for the elderly and those who are immune compromised. But for the main population who is healthy, let us work, walk the parks and beaches, gather with others and live. Fresh air and the vitamin D from the sunshine is key in helping our immunities!</p> <p>Also, I am seriously concerned about the mental health in this state and fear serious repercussions if we are kept shut down much longer.</p> <p>Please open up our wonderful state by May 1st!</p> <p>Thank you for your support!</p>
04/17/2020 10:55 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms Peggy Porter	<p>It is time to allow small, supposedly non-essential, businesses to reopen, as long as they are following appropriate sanitizing and social distancing protocols. I would feel as safe in those as I do in the grocery store, perhaps more. Many of these businesses are already done for, most likely; let's not kill more of them.</p>
04/17/2020 10:56 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Christine Barboriak	<p>Please continue our stay-at-home and use medical advice and scientific evidence to make a plan to reopen NC; do not respond to loud voices of shadow groups (such as ReopenNC) making unscientific demands which will only increase death and suffering for all North Carolinians. If we open too soon and overwhelm our hospitals countless, avoidable injuries and death from COVID-19 will occur. Putting our healthcare and frontline workers at risk will not help the economy but will instead make a shambles of our fragile infrastructure. Science must lead the way or we are doomed!</p>
04/17/2020 11:00 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Rev John Pflug	<p>Please reopen the state now. The cure is worse than the disease. It is a relatively non-lethal disease (not to be dismissive but to be realistic about the relative numbers) in our country but it has been absolutely lethal to the economy and businesses of North Carolina. Open us back up immediately please! Have courage! My vote will be for those who have to conviction to open us back up.</p>
04/17/2020 11:03 AM	Economic Support	Ms Susan Straw	<p>We all want to get back to work.</p>

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	Working Group		<p>BUT if we go back too soon, it's likely there will be a worse second round. Getting everyone back too quickly will NOT end up helping the economy, instead it could make it even worse!</p> <p>Get the ability to test everyone & know where we stand before you start opening everything back up.</p>
04/17/2020 11:04 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms Pam Weaver	<p>I'm single and work within the beauty industry as a sales consultant. This is week 4 that all salons, barbershops and spas have been closed. None of these self employed have received any unemployment. They can't survive this situation much longer and even be able to open their business back up. Furthermore all of these place already have sanitation guidelines prior to Covid-19 and are willing to implement even more. I understand the seriousness of this situation but these small business owners can't be closed for months and survive. We as citizens take a chance/risk every year during flu season let the citizens that are sick or immune compromised stay home but the rest of us need to work. In my county there have only been 4 cases this entire time and the mayors of the towns here on Wednesday just extended the stay at home until May 15th with just 4 cases this needs to end and let the citizens go back to work.</p>
04/17/2020 11:10 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms. Eleanor Cook	<p>I have a lot of concerns about the "Reopen NC" movement and some of the attitudes coming from that sector. I think it's very important to weigh the pros and cons of how much and when to reopen businesses while we are still trying to keep the pandemic in check. Social distancing and staying home is helping and we should continue to do that until we have more widespread testing available and until the health care system is stablized and has a chance to catch their collective breath - our health care workers and other public workers are stressed and worn out, please let's not make that worse for them! Thank for your consideration.</p>
04/17/2020 11:13 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Tiffany Ingham	<p>Please open NC back up. We need to open up our small businesses before they go under. We need to get back to work! Thank you for your service to our state.</p>
04/17/2020 11:14 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms Martha Sikora	<p>Open our state. This has gone beyond ridiculous. We are NOT NY, NJ or CA. We are Americans who need and want to get back to work. Are you going to close us down with every flu strain that comes through? You didn't close us for Ebola, Zyka or H1N1. Reopen NOW.</p>
04/17/2020 11:15 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Supreme Citizen HT Perry	<p>I don't give a damn what economic destruction plan you hatch, I'm going to work and have a normal life. You've really made a mess of this.</p> <p>See if you can stop me with flawed models and hyper-sensationalism on 24/7 liberal news.</p>
04/17/2020 11:17 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr. Michael McIntosh	<p>Please end the restrictions imposed upon the bulk of the citizens of North Carolina. While you and everyone else within the government are getting paid, the bulk of the people paying for those services are not. Please follow examples set by Sweden and several States here like South Dakota. They created plans to protect those at the highest risk for contracting COVID19 and let the rest of their populations continue to live freely. The infection rates and death rates have been the same or lower than those here AND their economies are not headed into a negative spiral.</p> <p>The determination by the governor of what is non-essential and what is essential is at best</p>

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			<p>arbitrary and capricious. Keeping liquor stores open is creating a bigger problem for those with addiction problems. Hair salons and barber shops already know how to protect themselves and the public from a variety of infections much worse than COVID19 - HIV being one them. Dog grooming salons are hazardous to the public - are you serious?!</p> <p>The government workers are part of the group of people who are not living in the real economy. Over here in reality, your income is based on your daily efforts and there are competitors working as hard as they can to gain the business you have. We cannot just raise our prices without risking the existing business we have. We are constantly working to improve our efficiency and services to better align with the people paying us to provide products and services they want and need. I can assure every one of you that EVERY BUSINESS IS ESSENTIAL! They are essential to the owner(s), the employees, and every client they have purchasing goods and/or services from them. If they were not "essential," the business would close. That is how the real economy works.</p> <p>I hope you read this and invest the time to consider you actions moving forward. Your jobs depend on all of us working our jobs. This could be viewed as a wonderful thing: your constituents are not petitioning you to get unemployment funds extended (an additional cost on the budget), we are asking to work!</p> <p>Thank you for your consideration.</p>
04/17/2020 11:18 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Kathy S	Reopen NC, please!
04/17/2020 11:20 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Dianne Cruz	Use medical advice and scientific evidence to make a plan to reopen NC; do not respond to loud voices of shadow groups (such as ReopenNC) making unscientific demands which will only increase death and suffering for all North Carolinians. An overwhelmed health care system impacts all of us. Higher death counts are not a boon to the economy.
04/17/2020 11:24 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Leslie Beaver	Open NC
04/17/2020 11:25 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Professor Michèle Longino	"Use medical advice and scientific evidence to make a plan to reopen NC; do not respond to loud voices of shadow groups (such as ReopenNC) making unscientific demands which will only increase death and suffering for all North Carolinians. An overwhelmed health care system impacts all of us. Higher death counts are not a boon to the economy."
04/17/2020 11:25 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Reopen N.C. ASAP Rebecca Spann	Reopen N.C. ASAP. This thing has dragged on long enough. The numbers don't justify a continuation of this absurd lockdown.
04/17/2020 11:35 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Charmaine Johnson	<p>It makes no sense to me. How the government can attempt to reopen with NO vaccine or any medicine to suppress the symptoms.</p> <p>Testing is one thing, but if the government has NOTHING to give that patient if they are positive or a carrier!!! Listen we haven't made it anywhere in this mess. We are still at stage ONE.</p> <p>IF reopened prematurely guess where me and mines will continue to be till the powers that be get it right...</p>
04/17/2020 11:36 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Cherie Smith	Re-open NC. \$1200 doesn't cover rent and groceries. Going bankrupt will kill our family.

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04/17/2020 11:39 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Suzie Smith	More people died of suicide in TN than of covid-19 in TN last week. If we care about deaths, we should care about ALL deaths. Lift the lock down, it's going to kill more than this virus ever will.
04/17/2020 11:39 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Jeanmarie Casanave	I urge you to reopen NC . The number of deaths although sad, do not merit losing the economy. Please use reason. The deaths from the flu are far higher; the deaths from H1N1 were far higher and we did not shut down the entire economy. It's enough, truly. Reopen and let the citizens be responsible for their own behavior. Treat us like adults for goodness sake!
04/17/2020 11:42 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Karl Chien	Our Governor has over stepped his authority at the expense of those trying to make a living. The numbers and percentages we are seeing are not adding up to the hysteria orchestrated by the news media! Open NC back up and do it now!!
04/17/2020 11:45 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Juan Villacres	Unemployment claims are up from 12,000 to 618,000. That's a 5100% increase in claims. The rule is for every 1% rise in unemployment, there is a 2% rise in death rates overall. So that's a 6% increase in the unemployment rate, give it take. So how many lives will be lost due completely to this shutdown? SAVE LIVES - OPEN NC!
04/17/2020 11:47 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Marcus Purdue	The numbers do not support the stay at home order. Open NC today please.
04/17/2020 11:47 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Col (Ret) Dennis Gervais	I write to express concern over Governor Cooper's EO overreach. He is overreacting to the COVID issue that is affecting roughly .0004% of North Carolinians. The harm his actions have done to our economy and general welfare far outstrips any benefits. I ask the legislative leadership to begin an immediate, post COVID, reexamination of extant emergency powers laws to provide for requirements the NCGA leadership be formally included in any future decisions that so dramatically affect our economy.
04/17/2020 11:48 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Zach Gomez	Goodbye constitution it was nice knowing you. Please don't let this be true. Lift the stay at home order on May 1st.
04/17/2020 11:52 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Michael Rainey	ReOpen NC! Of you keep us out another 6 weeks there will be nothing to reopen
04/17/2020 11:52 AM	Economic Support Working Group	David Evans	People willing to give up their freedom for temporary security deserve neither and will lose both. OPEN NC NOW!
04/17/2020 11:52 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Kelli Johnson	REOPEN NC NOW!!! It's a must for our small business!!!
04/17/2020 11:54 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms Linda Varosi	Please use a scientific evidence based plan to reopen the economy of North Carolina. Failure to follow logical, best scientific methods and procedures will increase death and suffering for all North Carolinians. An overwhelmed health care system impacts everyone. The grief of losing a loved one affects a family for a lifetime. Higher infection rates and death rates will not help our economy. Thanks.
04/17/2020 12:01 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Julia Talton	Re-open NC. Small businesses and we the people are suffering more economically from this shut down than from the virus. Our hospitals in NC are far from being overwhelmed - they're actually underwhelmed! Give those of us that are healthy and not health compromised go back to work, the compromised can continue to choose to stay home and remain quarantined - their choice. THIS way is NOT sustainable economically, mentally, physically or emotionally for the majority. We're so done with this. Compared to past pandemics (black plague, Spanish flu, H1N1 - take your pic), and yearly flu/

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04/17/2020 12:06 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Constitution First! Brandy Shope	<p>pneumonia deaths - we have never shut down our country. We're just done! Re-open now.</p> <p>The governor is not greater than the Constitution. If people want to stay home, let them. They have the right to do so. People also have the right to leave their homes and spend money as they please. We can't continue to let this state's economy die. People are struggling with finances, food, and/or mental health. The mental health of this state won't be stable for long. Is this state prepared for that? Don't let the cure be worse than the virus. Uphold the Constitution! #reopennc</p>
04/17/2020 12:07 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Paul Yeager	<p>Please allow us to decide for ourselves what measures are appropriate to protect our health.</p> <p>The draconian "one size fits all" approach dictated by the Governor Cooper is killing our economy.</p> <p>As I write this, I am enjoying a two-day honeymoon in Tennessee with my wife, where we are social distancing in a rental cabin. Under the current order in North Carolina, we couldn't do this in the Tarheel State. Therefore hundreds of dollars are supporting the economy of Eastern Tennessee instead.</p> <p>We aren't suicidal. We don't know of any business owners that are suicidal. We see businesses that are allowed to remain open taking appropriate measures to protect customers and employees. Why shouldn't all businesses be allowed to do the same?</p> <p>We should be allowed to each decide for ourselves how to best protect ourselves.</p> <p>The role of our state government with regard to the "pandemic crisis" should be to provide the information citizens need to make informed choices and provide economic support to the extent possible.</p> <p>The longer the current draconian restrictions are in place, the more desperate the need for economic support will become, and the more likely we are to experience significant social unrest.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p> <p>Paul Yeager Waynesville</p>
04/17/2020 12:09 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Beaufort Ct Commissioner John Rebholz	<p>There is clearly a significant difference between counties with regard to infection rates. Treating the entire state the same is like treating the entire country the same. Beaufort County has only six active cases and we are flat.</p> <p>The guidelines need to be applied County by County and allowing Counties to open when they meet the guidelines. Do not think that Wake and Beaufort are the same.</p>
04/17/2020 12:20 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms Betsy Clark	<p>Dear Committee Member,</p> <p>I ask that you consider the overall well-being of our citizens. While we consider the implications of one (out of 1400 named and 380 trillion un-named) virus, and make our best guess as to impact, I ask that you also consider the historically and statistically</p>

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			<p>verifiable deaths of despair that are a certainty following extended periods of unemployment. Please take measures to reopen our state quickly in order to prevent the certainty of these deaths of despair.</p> <p>Our hospitals can more than handle the capacity.</p> <p>With federal funds depleted, North Carolinians are suffering, and need to be free to work, in order to feed and house our families.</p>
04/17/2020 12:21 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Kip Kerecman	Please listen to guidance from the White House and ease restrictions on NC. Our economy is suffering unnecessarily. The data does not warrant any extensions to stay at home orders beyond April.
04/17/2020 12:23 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Debra Chavis	Please open NC the economy and the people need it.
04/17/2020 12:29 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Hunter Corbin	I feel we need to reopen this state and put our citizens back to work and stop the unconstitutional things we're going through this is a free country and free people we have the right to work and enjoy life if you're scared stay home but unless it's your time to die God will keep you safe.
04/17/2020 12:36 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr. Todd Posey	<p>NC needs to be reopened with restrictions starting to be lifted no later than May 1. The models predicted a level of severity that was hyperbolic and never materialized anywhere. This unconstitutional restriction of the rights of NC citizens needs to end with quarantining for sick people, sheltering for vulnerable populations, and things reopened for those not affected. Social distancing, hand hygiene, and masks are sufficient for a period of time to mitigate the risk of those returning to a regular routine and going back to work. If people wish to shelter in place voluntarily, they may do so. The current shutdown is destroying lives and the economy.</p> <p>Additionally, do not go to mail-in ballots for the election this fall. Early voting and appropriate spacing on election day will allow people to maintain social distancing when voting. Mail-in voting raises the risk of voter fraud.</p>
04/17/2020 12:37 PM	Economic Support Working Group	mr. Pete Gamble	I am a one person business that began in 1984. I am a security consultant/locksmith and have been out of work for 5 weeks now. This quarantine is really hurting. But last time i checked really hurting was a lot better than dead after spreading. PLEASE DO NOT succumb to those demanding NC re-open before the scientists who actually KNOW what they are talking about say it is safe. Thank You!
04/17/2020 12:42 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Tammy Turner	Please open North Carolina back up. We can all take precautions against the virus and get back to life. Some restaurants will never reopen but we need to start recovering from the quarantine.
04/17/2020 12:45 PM	Economic Support Working Group	ms Sue Atkins	<p>State is overwhelmed with unemployment claims and families are going hungry. For lots of people a monthly income is \$4000.00 a month. Federal government state governments can't meet the needs. Small business owners and restaurant owners need to work again. The figures of deaths due to Covid 19 are being falsely driven up by demands that all deaths be listed as COVID simply to get funding. And hospital and doctors need to be able to see patients and do surgery. Want to prove your not trying to for us into Socialism or take away our Constitutional rights? Prove that your not on George Soros payroll ?evil man that he is</p> <p>Then have the guts to stand up to our despot Governor Cooper and REOPEN NC</p>

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04/17/2020 12:46 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Susan Lupton	Governor Cooper has done a great job, along with his health and other advisers, by taking strong steps to lower the illness and deaths caused by COVID-19. He should continue to do so, regardless of pressure from "ReopenNC." Reopening NC now, particularly without adequate provisions for testing and contact tracing, would mean a spike in cases in North Carolinians, as well as increased risk for health care workers and so many other front line workers. We need a careful, data driven and scientifically based approach to reopening our state.
04/17/2020 12:50 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Gail Carucci	Please REOPEN North Carolina now! It's not about Republicans or Democrats. It's about people, no matter white, black, yellow, red. We all need to work, educate and play!
04/17/2020 12:52 PM	Economic Support Working Group	People need help Stephanie Brewer	Hello, I am a resident of NC and am a small business owner who is self employed. We sell military surplus gear at Paintball and Airsoft events. As a self employed small business owner we are really hurting. I don't want to close our business but I am not sure what else we can do to weather this storm. I have applied for a \$10,000 small business loan through the SBA but have heard nothing, I have applied for unemployment benefits but my case is still pending for over 2 weeks because of being self employed and I see that the federal government opened up these benefits to self employed and contract workers but still nothing. I have also tried to go on the IRS website to get the stimulus direct deposit into my bank account but it keeps telling me technical difficulties. I am a hard working individual who wants to be working but I cannot find a job or get any assistance with funding our small business during this shutdown. Where do we turn to get help?
04/17/2020 01:06 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mx Christopher Grohs	<p>Many small businesses are struggling with insufficient help from the state or federal government. We need assistance in the form of grants, 0% interest loans and a system of distribution that is accountable. The PPP and EIDL programs are out of funds, and many small businesses without staff accountants or long standing/high dollar relationships with banks have been shut out. Small businesses are the fabric of our cities and towns, providing both employment and richness to our tourism trade. We need to maintain shelter in place until adequate testing and care is available. Until then, please pass additional funding for the small businesses throughout NC that desperately need help. Streamline the process, requiring banks to approve loans equitably instead of just for their rich clients and larger businesses.</p> <p>Proposals:</p> <p>1 - provide immediate grants from \$1000-\$10000 for small businesses based on payroll and rent expenses from the first 3 months of 2020, offering a cash infusion to businesses that are decimated by closures</p> <p>2 - organize a PPP 2.0 that offers monthly certifications and steady aid (similar to unemployment) that allows small businesses to pay staff, rent and other necessities throughout the crises and transition once restrictions are lifted. Do this monthly. Make it simple.</p>
04/17/2020 01:06 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Thomas Norris	Please consider reopening NC small businesses immediately. The effects of poverty are every bit as detrimental to human health as a short-lived contagion that is deadly for a select segment of the population with other underlying comorbidities but not so much for the majority of the population. While it may have been the correct decision to shut down the economy when we were still learning about the virus and its effects, much more is now known and as testing continues to reveal that more of the population has had the virus without symptoms than we initially could identify the governor should begin opening up

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			segments of the economy immediately to stave off even worse effects from a population that can no longer afford to buy food, pay bills and keep a roof over their head. It is paramount to get North Carolinians working again. Poverty kills people and is not short-lived or treatable with medicine. Please open NC immediately. Thank you.
04/17/2020 01:08 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Donald Beard Jr., CLU ChFC CASL	Open North Carolina's economy now.
			North Carolina deserves better leadership than this.
04/17/2020 01:11 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Andrew Riddle	We should not be in too much haste to open up North Carolina for business. We should be adhering to the advice of epidemiologists rather than politicians if there is a conflict between the two. We must make sure there is an adequate infrastructure of testing and contact tracing in place. Only then can we manage the outbreaks that are sure to come when there is a return to normal.
04/17/2020 01:22 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Shirese Palmieri	Open N.C.! Our people need to work. Tired of political agenda listen to people! Mental health for some and economic common sense is at stake here. Allow people to use their heads we know how to protect ourselves.
04/17/2020 01:23 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Amanda Atoigue	OPEN NC!!
04/17/2020 01:23 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Shirese Palmieri	Hi it's me again open our state. The citizens want things back to normal.
04/17/2020 01:26 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Joseph Combs	Democrats should stop playing games with our lives, jobs, families, and businesses and #ReOpenNC. Do do otherwise is to play a political game that would be devastating for the Democrats.
			https://townhall.com/columnists/toddstarnes/2020/04/17/democrats-will-keep-the-states-closed-to-tank-the-economy-and-take-down-trump-n2567117?1712&fbclid=IwAR2OWm7ak2_K570MRuJvnmOs1deehElXH8X5ybMtA0RPzfrlFnLDbidnJZM
04/17/2020 01:29 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Katherine Williford	Please consider reopening NC with some restrictions as soon as possible! The public is taking safety measures to limit the spread of disease, and will continue to do so when businesses open back up. The economic impact will be severe as is, but will become even worse the longer we remain shut down. Lives and livelihoods are on the line if we keep NC shut down.
04/17/2020 01:34 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Suzanne Johnson	We need to OPEN UP THIS STATE SOON for business. I am a small business owner and we have lost 80% of the money we would have made all year by being forced to close during these weeks because of state and local stay at home mandates. The ramifications to our state and its citizens by forcing businesses to essentially stop all or most activity for months go far beyond any damage that will be caused by the spread of the COVID-19 virus. We need to open up businesses in this state by the end of this month, let the businesses mitigate individually to make their workplaces and public spaces safe and let each individual citizen use their own judgement as to when they feel safe to enter back into a public environment. If someone is at risk, they can still choose to stay home, but it is unconstitutional to force every single person who lives in the state to stay at home when it is just not necessary.

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04/17/2020 01:40 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Amanda Atoigue	This lockdown is destroying small business... The economic impact of this continued lock down will devastating to the state and will take years to recover... Please open up this state...
04/17/2020 01:40 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr. Kevin Somers	The numbers of sick versus tests given in conjunction with equipment stockpiles indicate the state is committing economic suicide!!!! Lets get it reopened starting with retail and wholesale food. Postal employees, first responders and utility workers.
04/17/2020 01:41 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Amanda Atoigue	This lockdown is destroying small business... The economic impact of this continued lock down will devastating to the state and will take years to recover... Please open up this state...
04/17/2020 01:58 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Amanda Atoigue	This lockdown is destroying small business... The economic impact of this continued lock down will devastating to the state and will take years to recover... Please open up this state...
04/17/2020 02:13 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Business owner Mark Denning	Economy is Terrible along coast. We all depend on this season to survive. Better not take it away from us !
04/17/2020 02:23 PM	Economic Support Working Group		Re-Open NC! Our schools, restaurants and recreation areas need to be open. Our taxes pay for the schools and recreation areas and we are still required to pay taxes. You are robbing our children of a normal education and sports. We are not afraid of the virus because we trust in the Lord and we know how to be responsible for our own well being.
04/17/2020 02:34 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms Laurie Fox	Governor Cooper has followed the recommendations of physicians, epidemiologists and scientists in taking measures to mitigate the spread of COVID19. It has been successful, decreasing both morbidity and mortality in our state. He should continue to do so, regardless of pressure from groups funded by unknown sources pushing to "ReopenNC." Widespread death and suffering will not be a boon to our economy. Reopening NC would mean a spike in cases, as well as increased risk for health care workers and others on the front lines, as well as all other North Carolinians. Dying from COVID19 is an excruciating and lonely. Why would anyone wish an increase in this? A well considered, organized and medically sound strategy going forward would be just what the doctor ordered.
04/17/2020 02:36 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Jonathan Smith	Reopen NC please! ASAP!
04/17/2020 02:37 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Trashmin Big Igloo	The voices of the people will be hurt on may first. We will no longer stand for the tyranny being imposed upon us. All shelter in place orders should be voluntary and are not enforceable by law enforcement.
04/17/2020 02:40 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Franklin Cooper	Let us go back to work. We are going to lose everything. At 57 years old I will not be able to find a job. I have never been on public assistance and never want to be. Lift the restrictions. Protect the vulnerable. 131 deaths does not justify ruining millions of lives.
04/17/2020 02:42 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Carolyn McAllaster	Please do not rush to "re-open" North Carolina before we have adequate testing and public health workers in place to contain the inevitable outbreaks that will occur once restrictions are loosened. The virus is not going to go away just because we will it to be so. Thank you.
04/17/2020 02:43 PM	Economic Support	Mrs. margaret somer	NC should use the best evidence from the medical and scientific communities to

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	Working Group		determine when and how to reopen our public life in order that we do not suffer a rebound effect of the virus. Please do not be swayed by people who care more for economics than they care for lives.
04/17/2020 02:50 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Rachelle Myers	I support reopening the State. Our economy is devastated and people need their jobs to survive. Keep social distancing guidelines in place and reopen
04/17/2020 03:03 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Sharon Pridgen	Reopen nc! Not everyone qualifies for unemployment, not everyone got a stimulus check, and not everyone is at risk of death from this virus. We should be given a choice especially since grocery stores and of course Walmart are and have been continuing business as usual besides closing earlier. Anyone who goes anywhere is already at the point of enter at your own risk. Why should the small business owners and employees be the only ones to suffer. By the time this is said and done many of us wont recover, and then we have a whole new set of problems. My husband and I both are at 4 weeks from full time jobs to zero income. We dont qualify for unemployment because we are independent contractors and still have not received a stimulus check. A stimulus check in which as we speak is being spent at Walmart!
04/17/2020 03:06 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Miss Paula Peters	<p>Dear Sir/Madam,</p> <p>America was built on the understanding that our right to support our families through work, to engage in trade and reap the rewards of our labors is a fundamental, God-given right.</p> <p>I know that elected officials at all levels of government are concerned about the public health and welfare, and I appreciate that. We all need to use common sense and take precautions in the midst of the pandemic. But heavy-handed government orders that interfere with our most basic liberties are certain to do more harm than good to the American people.</p> <p>People are losing their jobs, and the impact of the current shut-down on countless families and their livelihoods will be dire and long-lasting.</p> <p>It's time to re-open our community for business. On behalf of my family, friends, and neighbors, I hereby petition you to do all that is within your power to make that happen. Thank you for your service to our community during this difficult time. And thank you in advance for re-opening NC.</p>
04/17/2020 03:06 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms. Emily Porter	Please keep stay at home orders in place until there is enough testing that people can go back to work safely! It is much better to have a data driven and thoughtful slow roll out that allows people to stay employed once they start working then to set us back so that no one is able to return for significantly longer with a higher loss of life.
04/17/2020 03:47 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Catherine King	We need to fully support our workforce through this period, with paid sick days, family leave, and full unemployment benefits. When we get back up and running we need a workforce who can show up strong!
04/17/2020 03:53 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Caryn Hommel	Please end the unconstitutional restrictions of our God given freedoms and help North Carolinians get back to work and school!
04/17/2020 04:03 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Kristina Solloway	I believe we need to reopen businesses in NC with gradual and cautious steps in place ease back to normal living to protect the health of the people.
04/17/2020 04:12 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Linda M	Open up NC on May 1!!!! The devastation to small businesses and my family's livelihood is deadlier than any virus. Let the healthy go back to work. Anyone who is afraid of the virus can choose to stay home.

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04/17/2020 04:13 PM	Economic Support Working Group	August Henderson	Please consider health and safety first and do not re-open before recommendations from top scientists, epidemiologists, and health care experts indicate that we should. Please re-open in a safe, gradual way that incorporates advice and information from top scientists, epidemiologists, and health care experts. Once we begin to re-open, please provide economic support for those who are delayed in returning to work due to COVID-19 - those who have not built immunity, who have health conditions that make them vulnerable, those who are still getting sick with the virus. Please provide significant economic and material support for our most vulnerable populations including poor and working class people, gig workers, people experiencing homelessness. Please provide significant economic and support for small businesses including freelancers, sole proprietors, and gig workers.
04/17/2020 04:23 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Prof. Stephen Jaffe	Dear Representatives: I am writing to ask that you be guided by medical advice and scientific evidence to make a plan to reopen NC. I urge you to not respond to loud voices of shadow groups (such as ReopenNC) making unscientific demands which will only increase death and suffering for all North Carolinians. An overwhelmed health care system impacts all of us. Higher death counts are not a boon to the economy. Thank you!
04/17/2020 04:24 PM	Economic Support Working Group		We need to reopen NC now. Business owners cannot keep going like this. People on fixed incomes cannot keep going like this. The future of our state and our country depends on us getting back to normal as soon as possible. The virus is no reason to shut down life. Reopen NC.
04/17/2020 04:24 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Jen Richardson	Our state needs to reopen for business ASAP. People are losing their livelihoods. It's time to go back to work!
04/17/2020 10:37 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Tracy Fulk	#ReOpenNC. Help small business!
04/17/2020 10:48 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Re open North Carolina Laurie Martin	Our state needs to be open so we don't kill Mom and Pop business
04/17/2020 10:50 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Christen Kallam	Re-Open NC!!! This is insane. We may not be able to undo the damage being done. Keeping the government boot on the neck of the people and businesses is not saving lives. We are intelligent freedom loving people. We are being controlled by fear ! Stop this
04/17/2020 10:57 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Brenda Penley	Re-Open NC
04/17/2020 11:00 PM	Economic Support Working Group	ReopenNC Tabitha Malone	This goes against our constitution and amendments. Reopen NC. You have more people dying of suicide from being home alone than you do from this virus and this comes from someone with an autoimmune disease.
04/17/2020 11:30 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Tammy Spargo	Dear Leaders of NC, We respectfully ask that we reopen our economy and allow our small businesses an opportunity to survive. And for churches to once again be able to assemble together!! We want to be able to keep our first amendment rights intact and allow our churches to make the decision about reopening their doors, using common sense reasoning. And, to begin to help our citizens who feel isolated from each other, many of which are struggling with depression. The time is now!! We have to begin this process to be able to pull out of the economic disaster that is coming towards us. There is absolutely no doubt that if we do not begin to take commonsense steps, the cure

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			<p>is going to be worse than the virus!</p> <p>Respectfully,</p> <p>Tammy Spargo</p>
04/17/2020 11:31 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Cindy Taylor	Please allow businesses to reopen. Our lives depend on it! So do your lives.
04/17/2020 11:34 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Baker/barista, mom Lezlie Rusin	Reopen N.C.!!! 3 out of 4 of my family are out of work! Unemployment is skyrocketing! Even healthcare workers are being furloughed! Small businesses are closing their doors, never to reopen. We must stop this now.
04/17/2020 11:44 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Amy Noe	Please re-open North Carolina for commerce and let people go back to work! Safe measures can be practiced. Please don't destroy our livelihoods with fear. We can go grocery shopping, so we can use precautions elsewhere. It is almost impossible to get on the N.C. Unemployment site and they are inundated. We have also yet to see any stimulus money as we are now being told it has all run out. Don't strangle the life out of people and businesses in this state. It has been long enough already, let people return to work. Help us!!
04/18/2020 12:33 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Maintain the Stay Home or Alexandra Duncan	I am an otherwise healthy 36 year-old with asthma. I work in a public library. My mother is a 64 year-old nurse and my sister works in a grocery store. Please do not endanger our lives by lifting the Stay Home order until there is widespread testing available for COVID-19.
04/18/2020 01:02 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Sherri Callery	<p>Last time I checked, deaths by the flu/pneumonia (which has a vaccine) have not been much less than deaths by the coronavirus (which has no vaccine). This finding is based on flu data from the CDC that is not always reported, whereas every death involving a positive COVID-19 test or that doesn't involve a COVID-19 test but looks like it may be COVID-19 is rigorously reported. The reported data suggests that the coronavirus rarely or barely causes symptoms for young healthy people while having a much more serious impact on the elderly and those with multiple comorbidity factors.</p> <p>Social distancing may lessen the load on hospitals, but it has not been proven to save lives. Instead, it delays and prolongs the spread, slowing down herd immunity. Our hospitals and COVID-19 triage tents have been mostly empty while many nurses and doctors are working fewer hours due to low patient load. Necessary surgeries and therapies keep getting postponed. People are too afraid to go see doctors for conditions that will only grow worse if not treated.</p> <p>The predictive models were grossly wrong, and NC has fared far better than other states. The numbers simply do not justify obliteration of the economy. Corrective action must be taken ASAP, and this precedent must not be allowed to stand. We can't willingly choose to bring about a Great Depression, destroying half of the nation's small businesses, sending 14 million (nationwide) into unemployment every 3-4 weeks, and expect the federal government to dole out 3 trillion dollars every month that it simply cannot afford (especially when GDP and taxable income are tanking) whenever there is a new virus outbreak. Such a response would destroy our country.</p>

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			<p>We cannot wait for a vaccine. Like the flu, the coronavirus is changing, so any vaccine that is developed will likely have similar effective rates which have ranged from minus 20% to around 60% for the flu vaccine according to the CDC, with the much lower effectiveness rates applying to the most at risk population (age 65+). But the bigger concern is that if the economy collapsed this much in just 5 weeks, there is no way we can survive a few more months, must less the 12-18 months it would take to get a vaccine. Natural herd immunity is the best option for now, especially given this virus rarely causes much harm to children and healthy, working adults. It's a disease of the elderly and sick, so let's invest our resources on isolating and providing for them while letting the healthy build herd immunity and build back the economy. Now that there are several effective treatments to shorten disease duration and improve outcomes for those who do end up needing hospital care, the risks are much lower.</p> <p>Please reopen the NC economy immediately for all healthy (i.e., no serious preexisting conditions), capable adults under age 65 as soon as possible. May NC lead the way toward a brighter, safer future for all Americans.</p>
04/18/2020 01:32 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Arlayne Calhoun	Reopen North Carolina May 1!! We need our paychecks and our businesses and our healthcare insurance!!
04/18/2020 02:15 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Open NC Laura Kennedy	Open NC without delay. People can still wear masks and stay a safe distance if they care to do so. If you continue to stay shut down, our economy will never recover and millions will die.
04/18/2020 02:27 AM	Economic Support Working Group	David Byrd	#ReopenNC takes the virus seriously and we're not putting dollars above lives. But we do believe that the trampling of civil rights and the governor's one-size-fits-all approach to closing businesses is both morally wrong and unconstitutional. Businesses should be allowed to reopen with local governments providing modified guidelines for operations for safety. We cannot separate emotional, psychological, spiritual, and economic health from physical health.
04/18/2020 02:36 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Teri Brinegar	Put reality back into the society. Allow people the decency and dignity to be self reliant. It's constitutional, government management of people is totalitarian. My family has always obeyed good sense cleanliness and hygiene. It's just good sense.
04/18/2020 03:21 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Deborah Marion	Use medical and scientific evidence to make a plan to reopen NC; please don't respond to loud voices of groups which are making unscientific demands. Reacting to those demands will only increase death and suffering for all North Carolinians. An overwhelmed health care system impacts ALL of us. Higher death counts will not help our economy!
04/18/2020 05:39 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Stay At Home Order Angie Moore	Although I am ready to return to work, I realize overall community Heath standards are more pressing to protect the most vulnerable. Please keep the stay at home to original plan of 4/30 then a gradual return until we have our new normal in place. I believe N.C. is strong enough and faithful to recover/strive once its confident we have protected all.
04/18/2020 05:54 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Sarah Smith	This virus is not as serious as the media is trying to make it to be. We need to open up.
04/18/2020 06:12 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Continue Stay At Home Gloria Craig	Yes I'm bored and ready to walk mall , go out to dinner and kids in school but until we clear this huddle we need to keep things as they are. Yes I'm sure they're been more deaths with other things but do we really want to use THAT as a comparison? Some things we have no control of but the few we can control or limit should be readily in place. My freedoms are

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			still here; we do most of what we did before only difference is my family haven't got sick. We going to make it as long as majority stay at home, practice social distancing, wash hands and be patience. Please be responsible and continue order as directed till May then we can see status to loosen restrictions. Thank you
04/18/2020 06:47 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Amy Enochs	<p>Dear Representatives,</p> <p>Our NC small businesses are closing. At this writing it is almost 50%. The numbers are dire. Let's get NC back to work again. We need jobs in NC. For every 1% rise in extended unemployment deaths increase. Jobs lost may not be recovered for years. The projections of deaths from this virus have been far lower than estimated. Instead we are in a public health crisis due to forced quarantine. A local NC business man, Mr. Bob Luddy writes,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - "Child abuse, domestic abuse, and suicide and depression rates are spiking. - Special needs children are floundering, and children who depend on school lunches are hungry. - Cardiac disease and cancer (the two leading causes of death in the U.S.) patients are not receiving the critical care they need to survive. - Hospitals are losing revenue and laying off medical personnel because they are not treating most patients and instead are waiting for COVID-19 cases, which are well below projections." <p>By quarantining healthy people, society is being devastated. The current myopic view has taken into account only deaths from COVID-19 (which we must question the numbers of due to inaccurate overreporting) and does not take into account a broad view of the intricate workings of a society and deaths that ensue from economic crisis. Robert Barnes writes, "The founders of our Constitution were intimately familiar with pandemics, viruses, and plagues, yet they did not allow any to suspend our constitutional liberties." By restoring the liberties granted to us in the constitution, society can begin the long process of recovering from this pandemic of fear. Please uphold the 5th amendment so we will not "be deprived of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law" and end this forced quarantine.</p> <p>Sincerely, Amy Enochs</p>
04/18/2020 07:06 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Elizabeth Bilisoly	It is time to reopen our state. As a mental health professional, suicide rates are climbing, stress is escalating and people are feeling like prisoners of a death camp. Freedom is what we live for and what we represent. Those who choose to be flippant regarding COVID-19 suffer their own consequences. The majority of our state are adults equipped with enough discernment to make good decisions. It appears the bad decisions made can be seen in electing a socialist governor masking this extended "shut down" to meet agendas that are certainly not relevant to the people of this state. We all need to return to work, our lives and discontinue living out of fear. Now, Governor Cooper.
04/18/2020 07:28 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Reopen please!!! Bethany Burdine	I am a small business in the beauty industry. I've been closed almost a month. Zero income. Zero help from any stimulus money. Please let me reopen with caution. I'm out of money. What am I'm supposed to do? When does this end? When the last person is out of

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			the hospital? This is crazy and needs to end. Our state is number 2 in the nation for women owned business. Let's keep this going and let us open! Im begging you!
04/18/2020 07:43 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Kathy Yelverton	Please 'Open NC'. This can be done by Encouraging all to: Continue wearing mask, Keeping 6' distance from others Continue with the hand washing guideline Don't touch face.
04/18/2020 08:00 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms. Michelle Green	I am a former business owner. I understand the risks with losing everything and having to deal with change. I lost my business due to a Stage 3 cancer diagnosis. With that stated, I know more than most from personal experience that it's possible to transition for a few months and make life work if it means that your health and safety is no longer at risk. I have two children in college, and this was not the news we could afford, but we managed. So if it's for the health OF THE ENTIRE SOCIETY at stake, then surely keeping the economy closed until June will hurt some, but it will not kill our economy. We will recover, we are AMERICANS. We are strong, we fight, we overcome, and we can do this. When I see people carrying guns to state their right to reopen the economy please ask yourselves "What does a gun have to do with keeping your business open?" When you see patriotic flags, think about the struggle America has been through. It's like saying we can't do this for the protection of everyone. Like we are weak. We're not weak. We are strong, and we can overcome this like we've historically overcome so many other things as a nation. By re-opening America early we are actually saying to the working class "you are too weak to last an extra time so yeah, put yourselves at risk for death because you will die anyway". What kind of message is that? The government is here to protect and serve. Not give in to the weakness of a group beyond the call of the majority. Think about all of the people who do not have access to this site and need your protection. Think about them please. Think about folks like me. I want to live as long as God lets me. If I die I want to die of cancer, not of a disease that will leave me to die alone with strangers in masks, without family, and no proper funeral service. There are thousands like me with different diseases, but think about this: there are even more out there, protesting right now, who don't even realize they are too sick to beat this or are infecting someone they love. Protect them from themselves. Keep NC closed until it is safe. Everyone will be okay eventually.
04/18/2020 08:01 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Brian Wilson	We need to keep to sick, potentially immune deficient, and most likely to acquire the virus at home, and let others get back to work. It is essential for the well-being of our residence and our economy!
04/18/2020 08:13 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Debra Johnson	Please reopen our economy!
04/18/2020 08:30 AM	Economic Support Working Group	ms Barbra Roberman	Governor Cooper has followed the recommendations of physicians, epidemiologists and scientists in taking measures to mitigate the spread of COVID19. It has been successful, decreasing both morbidity and mortality in our state. He should continue to do so, regardless of pressure from groups funded by unknown sources pushing to "ReopenNC." Widespread death and suffering will not be a boon to our economy. Reopening NC would mean a spike in cases, as well as increased risk for health care workers and others on the front lines, as well as all other North Carolinians. Dying from COVID19 is an excruciating and lonely. Why would anyone wish an increase in this? A well considered, organized and medically sound strategy going forward would be just what the doctor ordered.

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04/18/2020 08:33 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Melissa Morgan	ReOpen NC... let's get our economy and our people back to work!!
04/18/2020 09:00 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Hair Salons Soft Opening Iris Holmes	We need to reopen NC! I'm a hair Stylist. I have applied for everything you said self-employed could get have not gotten anything yet !! We've been out of work 3 and 1/2 Weeks. Our 30 days of being out of work is April 25th. This is killing the small businesses about Alamance County not just hair salons but other small businesses that rely on that business to keep their households going. I will do everything in my power to help others to reopen North Carolina
04/18/2020 09:01 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Damien Xaros	Only by social distancing DID we flatten the curve. However, opening things up will cause it to adjust its' trajectory as well. The infections and deaths will rise. A slow roll out until we learn MUCH more about this disease is needed.
04/18/2020 09:03 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Sean Snodgrass	<p>We must find a safe way to get back to work. We can not keep everything shut down. People need to work again even just to afford basic necessities and to keep our economy from collapsing. But we can't just open the flood gates and pretend this virus is nothing but the flu. We've all seen the pictures and videos on the news of flooded hospitals in NY and Europe. A controlled reopening would be the best compromise to try to keep people safe until a treatment could be found but not cripple what's left of our economy. An uncontrolled reopening would spread the virus and even NC could be overwhelmed.</p> <p>Certain businesses could be reopened contingent on testing employees before they returned to work. Keep those who are sick or untested at home until they have recovered or been tested.</p>
04/18/2020 09:43 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Grace Lawrence	The citizens of this state need to feel safe, confident and comfortable when it is time to open up the stay at home orders. Until science and data show that this virus is done, no business or government should risk the lives and health of the people by resuming too soon. The costs would be too high if there is a rebound because the stay at home order was lifted too soon. Health and well being is paramount at this time.
04/18/2020 09:52 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms. Lynne Walter, MSW	<p>I understand that a group of people calling themselves "reopen nc," many of whom are undoubtedly not from North Carolina and are outside agitators, have been flooding the public comment page with their dangerous calls to reopen the state and preventing actual North Carolinians from communicating with their elected officials. Any attempt to prematurely ease live-saving stay-at-home orders will be disastrous and will result in spikes of infections, deaths, and a longer more drawn out recovery process. The only guidance anyone should follow is that from medical professionals and scientists, and until North Carolina has enough PPE and testing supplies to conduct widespread testing for the virus and testing of people to see if they have antibodies, there is no conceivable way that North Carolina can "reopen" safely without further endangering the health and lives of North Carolinians. No matter what a bunch of people who are saying they're descending next Tuesday on Raleigh, armed to the teeth with guns and weapons, say.</p> <p>The NCGA must act immediately to expand the maximum amount of Unemployment Insurance for North Carolinians and every North Carolinian out of work due to COVID-19 must receive that maximum amount. Additionally, the NCGA must act immediately to expand the maximum number of weeks to, at the bare minimum, the federal level 26 weeks, and every North Carolinians out of work due to COVID-19 must receive that</p>

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			maximum amount of time.
			We are a month and a half out from when the first case of COVID-19 was confirmed in North Carolina, and it is inexcusable that the NCGA has not held a special session to improve our unemployment system. In fact, this lack of action and lack of urgency is downright shameful and is actively harming North Carolinians and North Carolina families.
04/18/2020 10:19 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Kathryn Staley	We need to follow medical professionals' cautious recommendations for removing Stay-At-Home orders. Life is precious. We can rebuild our economy but not bring back the dead. This is the time to create inventive methods to support workers, not remove protections that will lead to more deaths.
04/18/2020 10:59 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Grant A	Open NC back up. The economic destruction will far outweigh the covid19 in my opinion inflated numbers. Be a good human being mr cooper
04/18/2020 11:04 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr. Zachary Kopkin	Governor Cooper and his administration are showing decisive leadership by taking vital first steps to reduce the virus' spread and provide some relief to working people. However, the General Assembly must follow up with actions to ensure working North Carolinians who are directly and indirectly impacted continue to have the resources they need to do their jobs and support their families – leaving no worker behind.
			Lawmakers should immediately pass legislation to ensure that our state's Unemployment Insurance (UI) system will help workers and their families weather this crisis.
04/18/2020 11:32 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr. Michael Martine	Please consider making internet connectivity a public utility for the entire state of North Carolina to allow citizens to work and learn from their homes. This is particularly important for the rural counties of the state that are not yet served by commercial internet providers. Furthermore, given the advances in technology, particularly 5G, do not waste taxpayer funds to provide service that would be rapidly obsolete, and instead focus/partner on bringing 5G first/fast to the un/underserved citizens.
04/18/2020 11:39 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr. Geoffrey Berry	I hope the state of NC can give small business and self employed citizens relief in the form of tax cuts, stipends and rental/lease payment delay. Corporate businesses can survive, but our community businesses may not. Thank you for your consideration.
04/18/2020 11:47 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms Kathryn Horne	I wasn't sure which category to choose. I work in Food Service at UNCG, so I've been out of work since March 13. Testing is vital to re-opening in a safe manner. I know Gov. Cooper is trying to make them more available and so much red tape and mismanagement is in the way. Please don't allow these #REOPEN protests to cause this problem to last even longer.
04/18/2020 11:59 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Cris Rivera	Do not lift the stay at home order in NC earlier than epidemiologists feel we should. ReopenNC is a politically motivated and funded machine stirring up the populace in their idleness and poverty. Yes many of us are individually hurting but we also can care for each other much more easily when we are healthy and not listening to the noise. It should always be for the good of the people not just individuals. Thank you.
04/18/2020 12:13 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr. Tony Bennett	Following current data that is provided through several locations such as State of NC and the CDC, it is imperative that the business community in our state have ALL closing orders lifted immediately. Governor Cooper's decision to keep the businesses closed is causing more long term damage than the Covid-19 virus would have caused had we remained operating normally. The real numbers do not support the Governors actions and I feel that

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			this stranglehold on our State Economy has more a political basis than concern for business. The fallout from this debacle is going to be catastrophic. Hard working people are on the brink, if not already in some cases of loosing everything they have! If businesses fold, losses will be complete including homes, savings, and services they provide. The lack of concern that I perceive in these announcements about closing and extensions is appalling. I urge the House Select Committee on Covid-19 to OPEN OUR STATE! Our businesses are on deadly short time!
04/18/2020 12:32 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr. Ronnie Long	<p>Mr. Speaker,</p> <p>Caution, Common Sense, Personal Responsibility, three terms that should be leading our nation right now out of this "PANDEMIC".</p> <p>The governmental reaction to this virus is proving to be more harmful than the virus itself.</p> <p>America has shown throughout our history that We The People are much better equipped to manage our personal lives and affairs than any governmental entity.</p> <p>Given truthful and accurate information I believe, even in this current situation, that Americans could and would step up as in all previous natural disasters and do what is necessary, prudent and right to fight this virus and overcome it without damaging our nation and our economy.</p> <p>I believe in the American Spirit and our ability to overcome all challenges that are harmful to us as a united people.</p> <p>It is time for We The People to stand up strong, take responsibility for ourselves and our nation and put all of our governmental entities, Local, State and Federal on notice that we will no longer stand idly by and watch them destroy this nation, our economy and way of life.</p> <p>Now is the time to ReOpen NC and get our economy and citizens back to work.</p> <p>Remove the restrictions on businesses and let us do what we do best. Small business owners know best how to manage their businesses, and employees in a safe and responsible manner that will not endanger the employees or our customers. It's time for government to get out of our way and let us get back to business and end the stress that so many people are under at this time.</p>
04/18/2020 01:11 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms Johanna Bernhardt	Please keep our populace safe and listen to medical experts about virus predictions. Opening up schools and businesses too soon is so very harmful.
04/18/2020 01:23 PM	Economic Support Working Group	#ReOpenNC Susan Altman	#ReOpenNC
04/18/2020 01:55 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Stephanie Brown	Governor Cooper has followed the recommendations of physicians, epidemiologists and scientists in taking measures to mitigate the spread of COVID19. It has been successful, decreasing both morbidity and mortality in our state. He should continue to do so, regardless of pressure from groups funded by unknown sources pushing to "ReopenNC."

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			Widespread death and suffering will not be a boon to our economy. Reopening NC would mean a spike in cases, as well as increased risk for health care workers and others on the front lines, as well as all other North Carolinians. Dying from COVID19 is an excruciating and lonely. Why would anyone wish an increase in this? A well considered, organized and medically sound strategy going forward would be just what the doctor ordered.
04/18/2020 01:58 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Desirae Allen	Please re open NC. We can go back to working but also social distance at the same time.
04/18/2020 02:06 PM	Economic Support Working Group		Please allow small businesses and arts groups to re-open as long as they adhere to social distance requirements.
04/18/2020 02:06 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Katrina Jackson	Please maintain the current stay at home order. Reopening businesses too early will be devastating to public health
04/18/2020 02:09 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Male Jimmy Southard	Reopen NC the covid- 19 virus is not 10 times worse than the flue that is a lie. We need our state open now.
04/18/2020 02:33 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Suzanne Dorsett	The moderate centrist in me believes saving lives and saving the economy are both important goals. I believe NC Gov Roy Cooper aims to balance public health and economic recovery with plans to test, trace, trend and I support the steps he has taken so far. Please increase funding for more widespread testing and tracing. And please provide PPE and practical information to businesses to help them operate as safely as possible during the pandemic. Thank you!
04/18/2020 02:36 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Peter Watkins	It's time to reopen NC. Target pandemic measures to hotspot areas. Let counties manage their situation.
04/18/2020 02:43 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Constituent Melissa Cooper	<p>Hello,</p> <p>My name is Melissa and I am a North Carolina resident who has voted in this state since 2011. I support the shelter at home order as it is one of the most effective measures we can take in slowing the spread of a novel virus. I understand Governor Roy Cooper is receiving an unprecedented amount of pressure to Reopen especially as though nothing ever happened. I support shelter at home and will continue to support it if we need to extend the order. I equally support the preliminary discussions to open the economy back up in phases to prevent a resurgence of infections. Those of us who support shelter at home are also facing financial hardships, and want to go back to work and care about the economy. Those feelings are not unique to the reopenNC group. The shelter at home supporters are choosing to use their personal liberties to preserve life as the highest priority. Many of us chose to close our businesses prior to the executive order.</p> <p>We support a slow phase by phase reopen with extensive testing and keeping social distancing measures in places. We also believe that businesses that reopen should have to abide by social distancing guidelines and offer their employees PPE and paid sick leave. I just hope businesses understand that it will not be business as usual.</p> <p>Many of us will continue to voluntarily shelter at home as much as possible. A significant amount of parents will not be sending their kids back to school even if schools reopen. We are planing to continue our stay at home as much as possible for the upcoming months and we will only buy necessities and support local small businesses who are following the social distancing guidelines.</p>

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			<p>Thank you, Governor Roy Cooper for taking our health seriously.</p> <p>Sincerely, Melissa Cooper Charlotte, NC</p>
04/18/2020 03:02 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Trish Wieloszynski	Virus was here before we knew about it and it's not going away any time soon. We need to re-open all businesses (with modifications if needed) and people need to decide for themselves how much risk they are willing to take. Enough Government interference. Guidelines are one thing but you all are way over reaching beyond your authority.
04/18/2020 03:32 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Jane Shelton	Please re-open our state. If you choose not to do this, the cure for Covid-19 is going to be much worse than the virus. In North Carolina alone, for every Covid-19 death, 30,000 people have lost their jobs. Poverty causes death as well.
04/18/2020 04:18 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Jan Mayo	Find a way to support the unemployed while they shelter in place. The sooner everybody stays home, the sooner this pandemic will be over. Also, consider providing financial incentives and appropriate protections to essential workers so they will continue to work.
04/18/2020 04:36 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Reopen NC Felicia Rasch	We request you advocate the reopening of NC by May 1st 2020.
04/18/2020 05:07 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Donna Kaye	Our Unemployment Insurance (UI) program is out of date and needs to be revamped. Economic slow downs that could come from another COVID-19 outbreak need to be taken seriously. We need to have our UI on par with other states, which means raising the misery cap of \$350 per week and instead base it on the average weekly wage and having it run the standard 26 weeks if needed. In addition, we need to have business support paid sick leave (or have that part of UI) because when people come to work sick, it puts the whole business and even industry at risk. If we learn anything from this pandemic, is the importance of people staying home when they are sick and not infecting others. Paid sick leave is needed to save businesses.
04/18/2020 06:23 PM	Economic Support Working Group	stanley winslow	With reasonable restrictions we need to open up the workforce in the very near future.
04/18/2020 07:00 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Jennifer Bowling	<p>Hello, thank you for asking for our input. I own a small business in Charlotte. We were told weeks ago that there was help coming for small business. I have worked hard to retain as many employees as possible, this keeping them off the unemployment role. Now I understand that the funds designated for small business are out of money and Washington is playing politics with refunding these programs. Have you all thought of the impact that many small businesses going under will have on the state economy?</p> <p>Unemployment, crime, draw on resources just to name a few will overwhelm our state. Why not step on and offer some help to us now instead of waiting until we go under. We have abided by the shutdown order, we had faith that the money was coming to get us through this time and now we are left with no resources whatsoever to weather this shutdown. Help your small business!!!!</p>
04/18/2020 08:50 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms. Cristina Rivera Chapman	Please continue the stay at home orders to protect all North Carolinians. Please protect the economy by understanding that the health of our people is crucial to our prosperity and continue to follow the advice of medical and scientific experts to keep all of our communities safe.

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			<p>Please consider the appropriate expansion of services in order for all North Carolinians to practice the recommended safety protocols. This pandemic is an opportunity for strategic, courageous expansive leadership to shine. We are counting on you.</p> <p>Thank you!</p>
04/18/2020 08:52 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Yaron Itsikzon	It is time to open NC. Governor Cooper, as a Democrat, I can't imagine voting for you if you get an issue that is so clear wrong. Even SC is opening! Open it by Friday, or I and my church friends will not be voting for you! We cannot make it clearer!
04/18/2020 09:17 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms Gina Balcombe	Please let us go back to work. We are healthy people who need to work. #reopennc
04/18/2020 09:19 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Keith Britt	Please stop making this political and get NC back to work.
04/18/2020 09:58 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Diane Scott	Re open North Carolina economy immediately. Be transparent with all data. End the attempts to frighten the public by failing to provide data pertaining to age of hospitalized, age of deceased, comorbidity , etc. you are ruining NC economy.
04/18/2020 10:15 PM	Economic Support Working Group	amy	please Reopen NC we are going to loose our homes if this countunues
04/18/2020 10:17 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Jenny Walters	First of all, I want to thank you so much for all you have done to help prevent the spread of COVID-19. Shutting down and enforcing stay-at-home orders are essential and I know these decisions were not made lightly. As you are well aware, there are people who are advocating for us to re-open the state, with an argument that it is hurting the economy. Please, please, please do NOT re-open the state until the medical professionals and scientists recommend that it is safe to do so. I am not ready to risk my life or the lives of those I love because some people can't handle being at home. Perhaps there is a way for the Economic Support Working Group to help these people out financially until such a time as we can re-open. Nurses, doctors, grocery store workers, etc. are not risking their lives day in and day out so that we can re-open before we're ready.
04/18/2020 10:25 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Smart relpen Tom Nolan	Please reopen the state. Do it in regions if you need to, and follow the reasonable guidelines of the taskforce. If the revised ihde model is right, we will have 500 deaths by Aug 4... We have 6000 deaths per month in NC... This is not worth 30% unemployment. I know laid off people and they are struggling. Please allow us to work, while social distancing! Trust us. NC people are smart...open please
04/18/2020 10:32 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms. Stephanie Rivers	Please do not reopen NC until all the facts are in. We just don't know yet, how deadly Covid19 really is. Thank you.
04/18/2020 10:45 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Angela Thornton	It is time to open NC back up! It's proven to be far less deadly than thought. We have rights and keeping unlocked up is like the jews were.
04/18/2020 10:49 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr. Matthew Riddle	<p>Thank you</p> <p>Hello, Like millions of others I am very concerned over the economic and Constitutional direction our great state is heading in. The damage done thus far to families and local business is devastating. It is my sincere wish that we reopen our state immediately. Thank you for your time. -Matt Riddle.</p>

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04/18/2020 10:50 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Janet Hill	<p>We need to end the governor's unconstitutional orders as soon as possible and get healthy North Carolinians back to work! Many people are suffering great hardships from the shutdown and the data do not support the extreme measures that have been taken. Governor Cooper has over reached his authority and is infringing on our constitutional rights.</p> <p>I believe it would be wise to grant county governments the authority to reopen in a manner that they determine to be safe and effective. Obviously there are differences across our state and a 'one size fits all' approach is not the best choice. Counties with lower population densities and fewer cases of Covid 19 should be handled differently than more heavily populated counties with more cases of the virus. In this way counties could be opened as soon as the county leaders deem it safe to do so.</p> <p>I would also like to take this opportunity to say that I do not in ANY way support mandatory vaccines or any other mandatory medical treatment. We should be free to choose medical treatments for ourselves and for our children .</p>
04/18/2020 10:51 PM	Economic Support Working Group	James Freeman	REOPEN NC, NOW. This house arrest is bankrupting us, and our small businesses. And a lot of us still do not qualify for unemployment because y'all are too dang stingy. We need to get back to work, yesterday. There's not enough sick people to justify this, in any way, shape or form!
04/18/2020 11:26 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Lori P	It's time to reopen NC NOW! Don't even wait until May 1st. People who have medical issues or are fearful for other reasons can and should stay at home. If these people STAY INSIDE their homes I'm not causing them any harm by leaving my home! I literally cannot infect someone who is under a self-quarantine. Quarantines are for the sick and vulnerable--not the entire society. The goal posts keep moving on the predicted death toll for this virus and it's all starting to look like a total fraud. I saw Dr. Birx state on national TV that IF WE DO EVERYTHING PERFECTLY we are looking at between 100,000 to 200,000 deaths. Thankfully nowhere near this many people have died. The next set of projections was around 80,000 people dying. Thankfully this hasn't happened either. At some point we need to ask: Are the models wrong? It appears they are very wrong and we are paying a very high price in terms of the economy, mental health, lost education and really too many things to list here. And last but not least, using this virus as an excuse for mail in voting should not be allowed to stand.
04/18/2020 11:27 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Nathan Hartman	You must get this State back up and running. You must allow private businesses to reopen. Beginning May 1st you must open businesses in stages, restaurants in a 50% occupancy status and have everything 100% open by mid May. Use some common sense, but get this economy back up and going.
04/18/2020 11:40 PM	Economic Support Working Group	LeAnne Mahaffey	Please reopen North Carolina
04/18/2020 11:43 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Open NC Tom Merwath	Why are big corporations doing business as usual while small businesses are shuttered? reopen NC for all small local businesses before the ONLY business is Walmart in towns across NC!! This is outrageous.
04/18/2020 11:48 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Tiffany LeRoux	We need our state opened up again for the sake of our economy. Those who are at higher risk can stay home while younger people go back to work now that our health care system

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			has avoided being overrun. There are far more undetected cases of this disease than people realize, which makes the death rate much lower. The economic consequences increase every week that this continues.
04/18/2020 11:51 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Ivy Houghtaling	Please reopen NC! Our lives depend on it.
04/19/2020 12:02 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Dr. Micheal Palmer	I support providing paid sick days, family leave, and full unemployment benefits for all impacted workers, including "gig workers", as well as support for vulnerable small businesses.
04/19/2020 12:04 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Geoff Palmer	<p>We must reopen our state. We must allow our NC citizens to get back to work, back to caring for their communities, and back to providing for their families and for each other.</p> <p>The people of North Carolina can handle this adversity as responsible, intelligent citizens. Those who are low-risk can appropriately begin to transition to safe, open environments. Those who are at-risk can remain in quarantine.</p> <p>We can do this intelligently, with due diligence, and together.</p> <p>It is time to reopen North Carolina.</p>
04/19/2020 12:32 AM	Economic Support Working Group	MS BRENDA BOSSE	RE OPEN NC NOW!!!!
04/19/2020 02:46 AM	Economic Support Working Group		Open the state!!
04/19/2020 03:52 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Patty Anders	Please do not open things yet until we have more testing and we can be sure death rate does not go higher.
04/19/2020 06:27 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Beauty shop Mary Bryant	Mr. COOPER I feel its will be safe to open up the beauty shops. Let the hairdresser wear a mask. Only one client at a time.. no one in the waiting area..must disinfect after each client
04/19/2020 06:40 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Business Owner Maria Field	<p>I'm a small business owner of an auto service franchise in Asheville. We employ 18 workers, including my husband and myself. All my employees' spouses have lost their jobs due to Covid19 restrictions. My employees are the sole breadwinners now. Because of the shut down and no SBA nor PPP loans coming through, we've had to use our retirement savings to sustain our employees' salaries, along with other expenses, because of the lack of cash flow. We cannot hang in there much longer. Every day on shutdown equals a day nearer that my business is getting to bankruptcy and 18 families left without sustenance. My employees look worried and are anxious about this imminent outcome, if the shutdown continues in our state. My county has only had 1 reported death due to the virus and this was an elderly man with preexisting conditions. I feel that the means don't justify the ends of this shutdown, especially because our county's risk is insignificant compared to the total population. Other surrounding counties have the same or no reported deaths. We respectfully request that the economy be open swiftly to keep people from going hungry and losing everything. The State of NC will not be able to sustain such an enormous amount of its people's daily needs. Given the low numbers of infections and deaths in our state, it's time to open the economy, without delay. We can take care of ourselves and will look out for the less fortunate during this time.</p>

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			Sincerely, Maria Field
04/19/2020 07:00 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Lance Brown	Please reopen our State asap. Because of the industry I work, we were laid off. My wife works at Novant Health and her hours were reduced from 40 to 20 per week. Shes been unable to get UI after over 2 weeks of her application. We are hurting.
04/19/2020 07:04 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Robert Johnson	Time to reopen the state! Your wrong-headed policies are killing people. I need to see my doctor now and not sometime in the future!
04/19/2020 07:06 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Reopening of NC Lisa Mcneill	I am a small business owner with a special needs son. I PAY for private insurance. The shut down is destroying me financially. It's time to REOPEN NC!!
04/19/2020 07:07 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr James Johnson	There's no reason beauty salons can't reopen with everyone wearing masks and gloves. They already have to meet state guidelines on sanitary conditions so they have a built-in advantage against spreading the virus. In Cumberland County we have had 3 deaths from this virus and don't forget, we have the entire population of Ft.Bragg here. 10 times that number of people die every day from natural causes in this county. It just makes no sense to keep these businesses closed.
04/19/2020 07:08 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Kimberly Schimmel	It is past time for the state and the counties/cities to stop trampling people's God-given rights to decide how best to care for their own families, exercising their rights to practice religion, petition and protest, and make an honest living. The state has no right to declare large numbers of people "nonessential" and to destroy livelihoods with the stroke of a pen. People have been deprived of liberty and property without due process of law, on the basis of insufficient/absent data. People have been deprived of timely medical care for non-covid conditions. Graduate students have been shut out of their labs. The dying have been deprived of pastoral care. Families once on their way out of debt or into a healthy retirement have been needlessly ruined by state action, not by a virus. Stop the madness and return to limited, constitutional government immediately, with allowances for those who are medically fragile to be protected if they choose to continue isolation.
04/19/2020 07:13 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Daniel Dunn	Re open Nc immediately
04/19/2020 07:18 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Jean Hurwitz	Please use scientific and informed health care data to decide about reopening NC economy. Do not be influenced by fringe groups who base their decisions on politics and emotions. Too much is at stake. The current situation has flattened our curve and best protected NC citizens and healthcare workers. It is working! People who don't want to abide by social distancing should wear a wrist band stating that they agree not to go to an ER if they get sick. Anyone with a family member who is frontline healthcare will understand the psychological trauma and danger of that work.
04/19/2020 07:20 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Stephen Cole	I appreciate the concerns about economic impact of stay-home orders. But the economic and human impact of widespread disease would be devastating. Stay-home orders are working. Please do not lift them now.
04/19/2020 07:29 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Reopening Gary Giersdorf	I can't keep as a contractor in Southwest North Carolina I'm generally considered an essential worker for maintenance and upkeep of rental properties, however the restrictions upon leaving certain cities by curfew hours, and other cities that have outright blocked entry without living there has dropped my work by 90%. Very proud further problems with jobs that desperately need repairs such as roof leaks and related things where the

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			customer lives on the property I can't even go to. I encourage the state to find ways to roll back some of the restrictions so that this beautiful state can get back to work.
04/19/2020 07:40 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Sterling VanDerwerker	<p>We need no economic support. I need my business to reopen and our customers need their business to open.</p> <p>Stop the draconian management of the freedoms of America so we can produce and serve others for the benefit of all.</p> <p>Stop restrictions on religious assemblies. You know this is wrong constitutionally and therefore legally.</p> <p>Get back to work for the benefit of those who pay you to serve. Pay the price of productivity and shun politics,..</p> <p>Open North Carolina now!</p>
04/19/2020 07:53 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr James Johnson	Stop moving the goalposts and reopen NC. First it was; "We have to bend the curve". Now it has moved to; "testing people who show COVID-19 symptoms, as well as testing people who came in contact with them through tracing, are key factors to deciding when to relax restrictions". Do you know how long that study will take??? A VERY LONG time to amass that data-set. People are losing there jobs permanently and being ejected out of their houses because the Governor has said "You're not essential, you can't work". Who is he to decide what worker is essential. Seems to me that EVERY worker is essential to their well being and NC's economy. This is insanity. Enough is enough. Reopen NC.
04/19/2020 08:07 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr James Johnson	It is time to stop treating the citizens of NC like children. We are intelligent enough to wash our hands and stay 6 feet away from the next person, Also, the decision on what constitutes an "essential" business is completely arbitrary. How did the Governor determine which businesses are "essential" and which businesses are not? What is meant by "essential"? "Essential" to who? Aren't ALL businesses in NC essential? Enough is enough. It is time to get the citizens of NC back to work.
04/19/2020 08:08 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms. Karen Chase	Use medical advice and scientific evidence to make a plan to reopen NC; do not respond to loud voices of shadow groups (such as ReopenNC) making unscientific demands which will only increase death and suffering for all North Carolinians. An overwhelmed health care system impacts all of us. Higher death counts are not a boon to the economy.
04/19/2020 08:18 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr James Johnson	Our family MUST to get back to work or we will lose everything we have worked for over the past 62 years. I am disabled and my wife is a self employed beautician. We can't wait for help that, so far, has not come from either the state or the Federal government. By the time it does arrive (if we even qualify for it), it will be too late. It's not like we live beyond our means. I drive a 1999 truck (paid for) and my wife drives a 2004 Mercury (also paid for) and we live in a 45 yr old double-wide trailer. Our bills consist of the normal: food, utility, electric, cable, phone and internet. That's it! If we can't work, we can't pay our bills. We are running out of time before we will be without food, electricity, phone, or access to the internet. Please let us get back to work! Our bills will not wait.
04/19/2020 08:20 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Melissa Phillips	As a small business owner it is imperative to reopen the economy so people can work. We need to resume normalcy.

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04/19/2020 08:22 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Stephen Smith	Please reopen North Carolina. It is time.
04/19/2020 08:33 AM	Economic Support Working Group	REOPEN NC Summer Holman	You HAVE to reopen NC! People are depressed and it is only going to get worse! You will NEVER have all the PPE you "think" you need! Reopen NC, your reelection depends on it.
04/19/2020 08:35 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Ben White	NC citizens can not continue to be shut down... our constitutional rights are being pushed too far... it is each individual persons responsibility to protect themselves as they see fit... it is not right to quarantine healthy citizens!!! The statistics used in this outbreak are flawed... please open us back up... I'm sure you do not want to be a one and done governor!!!! Freedom is at stake!!!! Don't continue to follow the wrong data... let's go back to work!!!
04/19/2020 08:48 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Kim Naff	Something more needs to be done to support local businesses that are currently not able to generate money but must continue to pay their bills. Obviously the national program for that didn't do much for actual small businesses. We don't need to reopen NC so they can get back to making money (it's way too soon), but we need to make sure their businesses will be able to reopen in the future without too much hardship.
04/19/2020 08:50 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Melanie Cobos	Reopen NC - the governor's original goals have been met - to flatten the curve and prevent saturation of the healthcare system. There is mounting evidence that the mortality rate is in fact significantly lower than originally thought. Finally we need to prevent a catastrophic second wave - the shutdowns are slowing if not preventing the development of herd immunity. This is all based in statistical fact and science. It is time to Open NC in the stages recommended by the Coronavirus taskforce - people's livelihoods and mental health and the NC economy depend on it.
04/19/2020 08:53 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Michael O'Hare	Open NY now. Govt is supposed to protect our liberties, not remove them. Try reading the Constitution and Bill of Rights. We are not voting for Roy or any other democrat in the state ever.
04/19/2020 08:53 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms Rosalyn Marhatta	We should not open the state until we have enough tests and done sufficient tracing to stop the spread of this disease. We must listen to the doctors first and for most. We have already had tens of thousands of unnecessary deaths. It's time to value people's lives over profits.
04/19/2020 08:55 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Todd Crenshaw	The state needs to lift the restrictions immediately, as the consequences of economic hardship far outweigh any virus.
04/19/2020 08:56 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms Janet strom	While social distancing and its economic impact is very difficult for all of us, it is important to continue these protocols to protect our essential employees and the rest of our citizens who are counting on them.
04/19/2020 08:57 AM	Economic Support Working Group	reopen NC wallace barnes	It is time to restart our economy by sending healthy people back to work! Reopen stores, send people to work, keep the vulnerable at home. it is time!
04/19/2020 08:59 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Rose Patryce Britton	Please stay strong in protecting our state in the best understood ways. This viral threat will not be defeated without continued efforts to stay home and not have gatherings of many unmasked people.
04/19/2020 09:01 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Craig Beard	Please reopen NC immediately. Enough is enough!
04/19/2020 09:02 AM	Economic Support	Re-open NC Carola	We need to re-open NC for business as soon as possible. Us small business owners have

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	Working Group	Pagán	taken a bad hit. Let's begin with Phase 1 and begin easing our state back to work. Those not in agreement can continue to stay home.
04/19/2020 09:14 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr James Johnson	Why can't beauty salons reopen with the requirement of wearing masks and gloves? These businesses already adhere to strict sanitation standards required by the State of NC. Being a one-on-one situation, they have an infinitely cleaner environment than do the big box stores or even the grocery stores where people walk around freely without masks and are all over top of each other. Shutting down beauty salons doesn't make sense. Reopen the salons so the self employed beauticians can get back to work. FYI- did you know that they are required to continue to pay booth rent even though they are not working? How long do you think they can pay rent with no money coming in? It won't be long before they lose everything.
04/19/2020 09:24 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Open NC Nikki Bullock	Open NC now!
04/19/2020 09:26 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms. Sarah Henderson	I demand NC allow small businesses to reopen. With proper precautions, there should be no reason to continue to harm NC's economy. Allow restaurants to have staggered seating, stores can limit the number of patrons served at any one time, larger stores should have one-way aisles to limit a customer's proximity to others. Allow our citizens to be creative in serving others. Allow our citizens to get back to work.
04/19/2020 09:28 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Debra Garner	Reinstate our rights by reopening our state. Listen to the people and their needs based on their geographical locations. Stop playing politics and pushing an agenda. Common sense tells you if a person has a compromised immune system or are elderly they can by choice stay home. But a perfectly healthy person should be able to work, shop play...by choice. Although the intelligence of a slight majority was not displayed in electing Gov. Cooper, we are intelligent enough to make our own choices. By reopening, both sides in this equation (stayhome and reopen) will have a choice but by remaining closed one side's freedoms are being withheld.
04/19/2020 09:28 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Reopen NC Tina C	We need to REOPEN NC! We have done a great job staying home and fighting this virus however this will be our new normal and we cannot stay shut down forever. If we are afraid now, we will be afraid and cautious for the next 12-24 months until a cure is discovered. There will be more death, suicide, drug use and depression if we do not open our lives back up. Thank you for the consideration.
04/19/2020 09:34 AM	Economic Support Working Group		Please keep Stay at Home in effect until the danger is past. Without people, there is no economy! Help us stay alive.
04/19/2020 09:35 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms Linda Swain	Reg flu has killed more than covid this year this is with people having gotten the flu vaccine. We need to reopen our economy and put people back to work before we suffer financial losses we can't recover from
04/19/2020 09:44 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Icon Carl Carter	I will lose my business if this continues
04/19/2020 09:48 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Andrew Ayers	The state of North Carolina needs to reopen normal activity without conditions immediately. The math is in, this is the flu. Are we going to shut down a state of 10 million people every winter?
			Lowes is packed. Walmart is packed. Target is packed. Why can I go there to be

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			surrounded with people but I can't patronize a local coffee shop or use a park completely alone? The rules are doing nothing more than inciting fear, and picking winners or losers in business. That's not the role of government. Step off and let us live.
04/19/2020 09:52 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Reopen NC Ashlie Holt	Reopen N.C.!!!!
04/19/2020 10:08 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Reopen NC Laurie Dunn	We need to reopen NC. As well as not allow mail in ballots. I personally would like the economy to thrive not be shut down. I also want to be able to personally vote in person.
04/19/2020 10:09 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Jana Bradley	We have a small business and are struggling mightily, but I hope you'll keep the stay at home order in place. I'd rather stay home and keep my family and neighbors safe than have a terrible second surge. Please use common sense and don't listen to the nutbags wanting to traipse around.
04/19/2020 10:11 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Susan Alonso	Reopen NC You did a great job shutting down when you did but it's time to start re-opening. Our economy needs you to step up and be a leader now
04/19/2020 10:32 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Small Businesses James Salamon	Please reopen small businesses ASAP. People are hurting.
04/19/2020 10:35 AM	Economic Support Working Group	April Robbins	<p>Governor Cooper and Members of the NC Legislature, I am writing to say that I feel it is time to re-open the state of NC. I believe that based upon the nationwide data and the numbers posted on the NCDHHS website that we are more than ready for a phased-in reopening of our state. Thanks to the citizens of NC who have complied with the stay at home order our COVID-19 numbers show great improvement. We have not seen a large influx of patients in our hospitals and emergency rooms that would threaten to overrun our quality of care, and we have effectively "flattened the curve". If there is still an unmet need for additional testing, tracing, PPE, ventilators and other needed supplies, please take advantage of the offer for help from our president, Donald Trump. He loves this country and the people of this county and has offered his help. Pick up the phone and make the call. Please do not let partisan politics play a role in your decision making and undermine the progress our state has made.</p> <p>I believe that the great people and employers in this state are ready to get back to work and would be willing to accommodate provisions that might be recommended for re-opening our businesses. Our economy, business owners and citizens have taken a very hard hit and we need to get back to the prosperity we enjoyed only a few short months ago. The impacts of this shutdown are far more reaching than many realize. It has affected our low-income workers, blue collar workers, farmers, teachers, day care workers, small and large business owners, manufacturing facilities, medical and professional offices. The unemployment numbers speak for themselves. The State of NC cannot afford another prolonged drain on our unemployment funds that we saw during our most recent recession.</p> <p>Another great need would be opening our day cares and pre-schools so that our citizens CAN go back to work. It has been proven that children are much less vulnerable to contracting COVID-19 and would not be at risk in a day care/school setting. Although you think it is a viable solution to "work from home", it is literally impossible to get work done during regular business hours with small children begging for your attention. During this</p>

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			<p>crisis some day cares/pre-schools have remained open to accommodate our healthcare workers who have children. I have yet to hear of one negative outcome of having these facilities open. I would also recommend that our elementary and junior high children return to school as well. With the overwhelming need to provide these children with food throughout this crisis, I fail to understand how you could not see the need to provide for these children by re-opening our schools. Thank goodness for our school cafeteria workers and school staff who have made food distribution to these children a top priority.</p> <p>I believe that the citizens of NC are good, reasonable, law-abiding and responsible people that can be trusted to take the necessary precautions needed as we get back to our regular, everyday (and sometimes even boring) lives. We can, and will, take whatever precautions are necessary if for no other reason than to protect our way of life and those dearest to us. We understand the need for protecting those most vulnerable and I, personally, have checked on my parents every day to make sure they are safe and healthy. You put your trust in us to do what was asked (stay at home, wash your hands often, maintain 6 feet of separation, wearing face masks, not touching your face) and we complied. Therefore, I know that you can trust the citizens of this great state to be responsible and act accordingly as you take the steps necessary to #RE-OPEN NC.</p> <p>Thank you for your time. April Robbins – Proud NC Native – Born and raised!</p>
04/19/2020 11:02 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Jack Taylor	Open up this state for widespread business! Unintended consequences of prolonging opening are very real and far exceed that of your stated goal for closure. We will remember in November.
04/19/2020 11:02 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Christina Pelech	<p>I am attaching here the email I sent to Governor Cooper on Friday.</p> <p>Dear Governor Cooper,</p> <p>I am a hairstylist & I own a salon in Durham where four other stylists are self-employed. I opened my business to give the five of us a chance to make a good living & have a secure future. Right now, I am afraid.</p> <p>I am afraid that you will not extend the stay-at-home order, forcing us to make a tough decision about whether to return to work when it feels unsafe to do so. Should we choose not to reopen – to protect our health & that of our families – we risk losing our clients to salons who chose otherwise.</p> <p>I am afraid that we might not make it with no help. Because we are self-employed we can't yet even apply for unemployment. I have been using my savings to pay the rent & utilities on the salon building. One of my coworkers is expecting a baby in July – she has already used up all the money she had saved to get her through her maternity leave. Another coworker lives with her fiancé; he is also a hairstylist, so they both are out of work with no pay. Only one of us so far has received federal stimulus money & that – inexplicably – was less than expected. I have applied for grants but have received none. All SBA loan funds are gone, much of it to businesses that aren't very small at all.</p>

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			<p>I am afraid. It shouldn't be this hard. None of this should be as hard as it is.</p> <p>I am writing to ask you to think about small businesses, including very small businesses like mine. I am writing to ask you to think about those of us who cannot do their jobs without very close physical contact with their customers. We are struggling & we are scared.</p> <p>Sincerely, Christina Pelech Fuss & Bother Salon Durham, NC</p>
04/19/2020 11:31 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Dr Dauphine Sisk-Wambles	<p>Hello,</p> <p>I'm writing today as a concerned Moore County North Carolina voter. I am a small business owner and I have been deeply affected by the shut down. I have tried to understand the precautions that started this shut down but as the data continues to come out I can see that we are not serving any of the members of our lovely state by continuing this shutdown.</p> <p>My business and employees rely on summer programs for half of our annual income. If we can reopen by April 29th, there is a chance I can still serve my community and employ my staff over the summer. I am a registered independent voter and will use the actions taken in the next weeks to influence how I vote in November. As our representative what are you doing to get NC back to work? We need to reopen NC now!</p> <p>Sincerely, Dauphine Sisk-Wambles Moore County and Southern Pines North Carolina Resident</p>
04/19/2020 11:47 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Reopen our State Restore Thomas Cox	Our rights are being violated. We as a state and country need to get back to work. We have a constitutional right to work and go to church to leave our homes. This state order is violating our constitutional rights. Remove this shutdown immediately
04/19/2020 11:59 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Re Open NC Donna Parker	Please Re-open NC by the end of April. Businesses need to re-open soon or there will be a domino effect of grave economic consequences in our state. We can balance the risk by safety protocols for all citizens, shelter in place for high risk citizens, such as over 65, auto-immune deficiencies, or other 2ndary health issues that place them at high risk. We must get moving, even if it is at a controlled pace.
04/19/2020 12:05 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Frank Ansele	It is high time to reopen North Carolina. For every infected COVID-19 Case, there are over 100 people unemployed. Clearly the response has been overreaction vs healthy precaution. The NC Economy is the engine for problems like this to be solved. When you disable that engine, we become Venezuela. Don't be the group that presides over this great State to become Venezuela.
04/19/2020 12:19 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr. Jeff McCann	It is time to ReOpen North Carolina. Social distancing can be practiced. People need to go to work. It is unreasonable to extend the current shut-down beyond April 29. There are many adjustments that can be made in order for businesses, churches, restaurants to re-open. We need a balanced approach.

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04/19/2020 12:21 PM	Economic Support Working Group	President Debra Barkett	Please let small businesses reopen with the same safe guidelines that the big Box stores are using. More lives are being damaged by the locked down than by the virus.
04/19/2020 12:24 PM	Economic Support Working Group	John Poshepny	It's time to reopen North Carolina and let people start working again.
04/19/2020 12:24 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Stephanie Black	Reopen NC. Small business is getting hammered. How many jobs can NC afford to lose? How will the tax shortfall be paid? You will have to massively cut the budget in order to make things work. I can suggest cutting government salaries for every month NC has been out of work.
04/19/2020 12:32 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Sherri Lane	We need to Open Back up. Flatten the Curve was designed to not put pressure on the hospitals. We are past that point! Now, you want to change the agenda to get mass testing done when that is not necessary. You are ruining lives to meet your own agenda!
04/19/2020 12:40 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms Cheyanne Walker	RE OPEN NC on May 1st your killing the great economy we have people, North Carolina is a state where people WORK and gets things done. It is no surprise the unemployment office can't handle this right now. Let us do what we do best which is operate and prosper!!! Your killing the majority over the threat to a few.
04/19/2020 12:46 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Re opening is dangerous. Anne Jarvis	Please do not reopen our state until testing and science tells us its ok. Do not give in to Republican greed and hate.
04/19/2020 12:47 PM	Economic Support Working Group	C Sullivan	REOPEN NC. you are in violation of the Constitution of the United States of America. I want to work. I need to work. You are contributing to the collapse of our economy and way of life. Maybe that's what some of you want. I want our economy opened back up. For every 1% increase in unemployment there is a 2% increase in the suicide rate. You're killing more people extending the shut down. We are land of the Free. Reopen the economy
04/19/2020 12:50 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Martha Whitney	I support providing paid sick days, family leave, and full unemployment benefits for all impacted workers, including "gig workers," as well as support for vulnerable small businesses.
04/19/2020 01:00 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Stephanie Lormand	I feel for the small business owners and other folks who aren't collecting income at this time. It sucks. The NCGA has enjoyed the collection of increased personal income taxes for years. It's time to give that money back to its citizens so that staying home is an easier concept for some folks.
04/19/2020 01:03 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Julie Waddle	Please do not reopen the state before we have the basics needed to keep people safe. 1) You won't get the economic resurgence people expect - a lot of people will still be scared and staying home. Those people, the highly educated disposable income crowd who can wfh, will stop trusting the state govt, and won't believe you when it actually does become safe. 2) The people who do go out will not read past the headline, 'state reopens', and will completely ignore the restrictions. See: FL, and people on the beach playing volleyball and hanging out without masks.

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			Worst of all worlds: increased risk, increased death, without economic recovery. This is what happened in 1918 with cities that opened too soon; we know know that their economic recover lagged behind more stringent cities due to increased fear and mortality. Please learn from our history, don't repeat it.
04/19/2020 01:20 PM	Economic Support Working Group		Slow transition is the best way to go back to business. If we don't support the slow transition, we are supporting the left to kill the economy and using this situation as another 'collusion' 'impeachment' tool to remove Trump. Tell go and we will make MAGA Thank you for the opportunity to share what I think
04/19/2020 01:24 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Casey Long	We have all been learning how to social distance, wear masks, keep limited people in stores. Now it's time to let small businesses open and do the same.
04/19/2020 01:36 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ashley Ward	Please keep stay at home orders in place until the end of May. We only want to re-open once. If we re-open too early, we run the risk of a resurgence of the virus, and the need for a second shut-down. My family owns a small business. I understand the hardship on our communities. We need to find other ways to support our communities without putting them at further risk. I would be in favor of using surplus dollars (or any other means) to support local businesses in NC for an extended period. Leadership sometimes requires making difficult choices for the greater good.
04/19/2020 01:59 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Judy Gladden	Let's get back to work! Also, no changes to the election process unless you can implement Voter ID as the Citizens voted to do.
04/19/2020 02:49 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Scott Stanton	The lives destroyed by keeping NC on lockdown is worse than the lives lost due to COVID-19. Open NC for business and allow people to work and make a living wage again.
04/19/2020 03:15 PM	Economic Support Working Group	April Seifert	As a taxpayer of the state of North Carolina it has become quite clear that the working class, and economy, of our state are suffering in numbers far beyond those of Covid-19. Businesses have began to announce they will not reopen once the economy does, whenever that may be. We wait with baited breath, for some clear answers on a timeline to begin the process of our state's reopening, to which Governor Cooper provides ABSOLUTELY nothing! Just another roadblock, a stall tactic, a holdout and for what? This has started to feel less like a concern for public safety and more like a salvage of his public image. We are not New York City, we are not Michigan, we are North Carolina. We have the ability to think for ourselves and make good choices for our businesses, our families and our own personal health and well being. As a voter who decides which elected officials will continue to speak on my behalf, I demand my voice be heard! Let our people go! Stop holding us hostage any longer. November is not much further away and this will not be forgotten about come that time. It is time you step in and stop our Governor from continuing his tyranny and ruining our great state.
			~ April Seifert
04/19/2020 04:21 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Janhavi Musalay	Please do not life the stay at home order prematurely. My daughter although sick with every symptom was denied testing, we have quarantined ourselves however we must have access to tests before everything is opened back up again. Please save lives, economy can recover!
04/19/2020 04:25 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Margo Klahn	Please reopen NC ASAP! Small businesses won't survive. The stats on the virus do not justify the economic harm Millions are suffering. With thousands of nurses being laid off,

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04/19/2020 04:34 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Dr. Joan Walsh	As a state, we must provide paid sick days, family leave, and full unemployment benefits for all workers, including "gig workers," as well as support for vulnerable small businesses.
04/19/2020 04:48 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ruth Dzau	Any future plan to reopen NC must be based on knowledgeable medical advice and scientific evidence that includes testing for all, tracing and data driven information
04/19/2020 05:18 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms Nancy Bernstein	Dear legislators. As much as we all would like to reopen our state, I beg you to follow the guidelines set by the scientists and medical professionals. We should not open until we have sufficient testing, so that we will not incur the terrible outcome of increased positive diagnoses and deaths. Please think of this as if you own family members were on the front line. If we can get the testing, then we can follow the guidelines that have been set out by the scientists advising our administrative leadership. Thank you.
04/19/2020 05:24 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Kris Russell	Reopen NC! Current numbers do NOT justify closing the state. Reopen now!
04/19/2020 05:31 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Joe Garcia	It is sheer folly to wreck the entire economy for a disease that 98% of people will recover from. More people are suffering from the stress of being unable to feed, shelter and clothe their families. This shut down is wrong on all fronts. Reopen NC now!
04/19/2020 05:37 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Cory Noonan	I want NC economy open for Business now! The numbers and stats for covid-19 from our state and the cdc do not in any way indicate threat of illness necessary of the response in the economic shut down. The public needs to re-open now!
04/19/2020 05:51 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Sue Coleman	We need to open North Carolina and provide support to the small businesses which are the heart of the United States. Based on what limited information is provided to the public about the virus, we need to focus on regional opening of the economy because the numbers do not support closure. My husband who has over 23 years in public health at both state and federal level including infectious disease control and epidemiology does not understand the stand that Governor Cooper has taken. My husband wonders if Gov Cooper is acting out of ignorance of sciences and statistics, as he is a lawyer and not a a scientist.
04/19/2020 05:55 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Sara Rhew	Reopen NC Now!!! Who has calculated the pain and suffering from increase in addictions, suicides, domestic violence, vs the original numbers of Covid cases we were told? Glad it's an election year!
04/19/2020 06:09 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Amber Lutz	Reopen our state.
04/19/2020 06:09 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Open up the state K Me	Open up
04/19/2020 06:10 PM	Economic Support Working Group	beth	please consider extending stay at home orders for as long as possible. as a business owner whose business has shut down because of the coronavirus, i support stay at home orders and hope they can stay in place as long as the need suggests. i fully understand that businesses will fail and people are in need but we need to strive to save lives and support our fellow citizens through social support programs. we must use our freedom wisely and play the long game. in this way we can continue to provide basics to all and keep our healthcare system afloat for all who need it.

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04/19/2020 06:17 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Amanda Burnette	OPEN NC! We are suffering and my business is underwater. 30,375 jobs are lost in NC for every virus death. There are 424 people in the hospital in the whole state. During a bad flu season, the hospital my husband works at had that many in just his hospital. Don't believe the hype. The numbers are wrong and have been from the start!!!! Help us!
04/19/2020 06:18 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Re open NC Vicki Layton	I think this is so unconstitutional! Media blown, untrue numbers, and local government pushing their weight around! I own a home at the coast. I know how media exaggerates the hurricanes stats 2 wks out when they're is no way they can predict anything. I don't even listen .The same way I'm not listening to all this crap
04/19/2020 06:19 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Susan Case	Please start reopening NC! Closed small businesses across NC cannot take being closed this long! It will take years to recover from this! Treat Raleigh & Charlotte different from rest of state where there are lower Covid cases. Our constitutional rights have been affected too long.
04/19/2020 06:25 PM	Economic Support Working Group	DR Susan Orovitz	I support providing paid sick days, family leave, and full unemployment benefits for all impacted workers, including "gig workers," as well as support for vulnerable small businesses.
04/19/2020 06:55 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Angela Sarvis	We need N.C. reopened. Please do not extend past April 29, 2020. We have done our part and we know more about this virus than we did in January, February and March! Every job is essential because it hurts every member of a family when a job is lost. Children need normalcy of school and social services that have been absent for already too long! Please reopen N.C.!
04/19/2020 07:00 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Robyn Buck	Please open NC up for small businesses. Let the sick and elder and those at risk quarantine themselves. NC numbers are not warranting the restrictions placed on its citizens.
04/19/2020 07:07 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Linda Bunyan	NC businesses need to reopen. All business is essential.
04/19/2020 07:16 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Dawn Carroll	Re-open NC! This has gone on long enough and you have done quite enough damage to our economy, our businesses, our families, and our children.
04/19/2020 08:09 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Dr. Irene Skowronek	Use medical advice and scientific evidence to make a plan to reopen NC; do not respond to loud voices of shadow groups (such as ReopenNC) making unscientific demands which will only increase death and suffering for all North Carolinians.
04/19/2020 08:40 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr. Mickey Webb	This travesty of our constitutional rights has gone on long enough. The founding fathers never intended our government become a tyranny that picks economic winners and losers. This administration's wanton disregard for our rights and the constitution will not be forgotten in November. Be assured that a free people will never tolerate a power hungry, tyranny as a governor.
04/19/2020 08:58 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Tammy Heuring	Reopen the state fully. Where's the pandemic? It's way past the 15 days to slow.
04/19/2020 08:59 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr. Thomas Toby	As a retired firefighter with 26 years experience in emergency medicine and the husband of a former molecular biologist and published scientific author on cellular manipulation who worked for both Duke University and UNC Chapel Hill, I am telling you that the stay at home lock down on this state is over reaching, unnecessary, and killing small business in

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			this state. I am currently self employed in the transportation sector and considered "essential" but due to the stay at home orders our business has been cut to less than a third of normal and my wife's business has been shut for over a month. Even after submitting on the first day for the payroll protection program we have yet to hear anything. I have had to layoff 5 employees and my other employees are caught between not making their normal pay and making too much to qualify for partial unemployment. END THE SHUT DOWN IMMEDIATELY!!
04/19/2020 09:01 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms. Julie Mooney	Please reopen only when the scientists and public health experts say we can and should. Not before. Thank you!
04/19/2020 09:02 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Meredythe Holmes	Somehow too many business leaders forget that we need healthy people to work in their businesses and to buy their products. We must not open the State before the scientists and healthcare leaders say that it is safe to do so. We need all North Carolina citizens to be safe and healthy for us to have a healthy functioning economy.
04/19/2020 09:10 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Dr David Martin	You're models have been inaccurate, misleading and damaging. It's time to change course and open the economy and society. Your decisions are causing untold hurt and loss.
04/19/2020 09:10 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Jill Prunty	We need to reopen nc. People need to take care of themselves not the government.
04/19/2020 09:13 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Dr Abir mandal	Roy cooper is a lying tyrant. Here is my calculation. It takes 10 days for someone to recover. 10 days ago, we had 4005 cases total. By now, those cases must have recovered or died. We have 164 deaths total. So I estimate, out of the 6000 cases that idiot claims, $4005 - 164 = 3841$ cases must have recovered. Therefore we only probably have 2258 active cases in the whole state! Roy Cooper is using fake case numbers to undermine our economy and trying to steal our elections by enacting mail in ballots, without the harvesting of which he cannot win. Open our economy and let us bloody work! We have a population of 11 million. 2500 cases and 172 deaths are not even a blip on our overall deaths for other reasons..
04/19/2020 09:22 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Cathy Krizner	I am the owner of a small business in Wilmington. Between March 17th, when you demanded I shut down, and March 31st, I lost \$50,000. I cut my staff in half; and had to throw away food that rotted before we could sell it. We are all losing both cash and patience with this insanity. I realize that these are tough decisions, but we have had no outbreaks nor cases reported and have been down for 4 weeks. We need to get back to normal, or as close to normal as is possible. Unless you can be honest and give me one good reason why, I can find 10 reasons not to vote for you.
04/19/2020 09:23 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Lissa Frey	Please reopen our economy. Small business owners and independent contractors are at risk of losing everything.
04/19/2020 09:24 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr. Joey Priest	Open the state now.
04/19/2020 09:32 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Rhonda Mullin	Use medical advice and scientific evidence to make a plan to reopen NC; do not respond to loud voices of shadow groups (such as ReopenNC) making unscientific demands which will only increase death and suffering for all North Carolinians.
04/19/2020 09:40 PM	Health Care Working Group	Mr. John Phillips	I applaud you for setting up a committee to address the COVID-19 pandemic. As I understand it you will have the following four working groups within the committee. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health Care,

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections, & Public Safety), • Economic Support, and • Education. <p>Today I want to comment the Health Care working group. With the situation we are now in with the COVID-19 pandemic many of North Carolinians are faced with losing their jobs. When you lose your job, you also lose your health benefits, if any, that were provided by your employer. Sure, you may have Cobra but that is only available at very high rates. I would guess that many of these people live pay check to pay check which means they have very little cash reserves, if any. So, most of them will be pushed down and out of the middle class. For those who are not in the middle class they will become poor or even pushed into poverty.</p> <p>So, what will the Republican lead legislature do? Will you help by providing health benefits and salary replacement benefits to sustain these people until they get a comparable job or will you give them a short-term token fix and leave them to wither on the vine and die. One thing is for sure you can expand Medicaid and this will go a long way of providing some financial stability and mental relief to those who really need it. In addition, it will bring medical coverage to those who need it most and it will bring federal funds and jobs to NC. I remember my grandfather told me something that I still remember to this day. He said the knowing the right thing to do is easy but doing the right thing can sometimes be hard. So do the right thing and expand Medicaid. It is not that hard.</p>
04/19/2020 09:53 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms Irena Como	<p>It is very important that our elected officials follow the recommendations of experts in deciding when it is time to reopen the state for business. If decisions are made rashly while infections are still on the rise, there will be avoidable suffering and death, which will further hurt the economy. Please heed the recommendations of public health experts, not politics.</p>
04/19/2020 10:06 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr. Ronald Angel	<p>Today, I was "social-distancing" behind a Nurse at ALDI, in Greensboro, NC. She spoke of her own ours being cut due to COVID-19. Three MAJOR retailers have announced they are filing for Bankruptcy. I have 3 personal friends that are not able to re-open their businesses, NC policy and the failures of SBA loans made them quickly nonviable, granted two of the three were like me. Who reviewed their actual financial position vs. the gamble of a loan? My own scenario was different, I am a Realtor. When Guilford County chose to not allow for showings in absence of a contract, I told my buyers, hey...the risk of making an offer on an unseen property is not worth either my License or your dollar. If you want to proceed I'm more than happy to refer you to another Realtor in my company, who will ask for you to sign an agreement that protects both our firm and the broker, from the liability of selling something that does not offer you additional time to discover the material facts, sellers DO NOT need to disclose in NC.</p> <p>Recent data from nations all over the world, utilizing "Antibody" studies vs. "Models". Now tell a uniform story. Covid-19 is less deadly than the common flu. Less, deadly no matter how the propagandist choose to present it. Being Influenza, has the benefit of herd immunity along with a vaccine that was only 27 percent effective in the most resent flu season. If I personally relied on the alleged "experts" for my own health concerns, I'd be either dead or in a wheel chair by now. Yet I did my own research, questioned what they had available, benefited from material in the National Medical Library none of those physicians had ever read. I ask for our State officials, to review expert information, yet</p>

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			trust in God and their own intelligence to pursue choices of Wisdom. Medical experts and most politicians do not readily possess Wisdom.
04/19/2020 10:25 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Glenna Toney	<p>Please get NC open ASAP.</p> <p>The Citizens of NC are hurting. We need to go back to work.</p> <p>The cure can't be worse than than virus.</p> <p>We can protect the vulnerable and keep our people at work.</p> <p>Please strive for both!</p>
04/19/2020 10:39 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr. Jim Smith	We must support the people unable to earn a living during the pandemic stay at home period by increasing our payments and length of payment for unemployment insurance, and reducing the barriers to coverage for gig workers and self employed people.
04/19/2020 10:41 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Gigl Wynne	North Carolina needs to be reopened. People are losing their livelihood. People are being denied their rights.
04/19/2020 10:58 PM	Economic Support Working Group		REOPEN NC!!!!!!
04/19/2020 11:24 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Deborah Horne	I reside in Sampson county- I own a business / graphic design that thrives solely on advertising needs of my clients- no one is open and certainly are not advertising ! Please begin reopening the our great state ASAP
04/20/2020 12:02 AM	Economic Support Working Group	OPEN NC NOW Cheryl Powell	Open NC now! You are killing our economy and indirectly our people as a result!
04/20/2020 12:10 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Marlene Barney	Suggestion: Legalize marijuana - at least for medical purposes - to help fund expenses caused by the coronavirus pandemic, as well as education, infrastructure, and other programs. Billions of dollars that we should be taxing, and also controlling the strength, age of legal use, etc., just like we do with alcohol. Also, just like alcohol prohibition, as long as it's illegal, marijuana is controlled and profited on by cartels and criminal elements.
04/20/2020 12:24 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms Dorothy Freidt	Re open NC
04/20/2020 12:25 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms. Lisa Linn Allen	It will be so much harder to recover economically if we ease restrictions too early and have a resurgence of infections. The stay at home order is working, we can't stop now.
04/20/2020 12:35 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr David Little Sr	We should only listen to medical and scientific evidence about reopening NC. Fringe groups like ReOpenNC should not dictate policy on such issues. Not only are the Lives of North Carolinians on the line but so is the overwhelming of our NC health care system of public and private hospitals. Such shortsightedness will only hurt NC health and economy in the long term. Prudent business leaders will agree.
04/20/2020 12:40 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Jamie Claveloux	While I understand that the virus is still concerning I believe we have handled it well in our state and come May 1 we will be at a good place to start gradually reopening our state. Our citizens cannot continue to survive and feed their families as well as maintain their businesses with the current restrictions. It is understandable to still have some social distancing recommendations in place and reopen things in a planned manner, but the time

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			to do so is here. Please support the wishes and needs of your NC citizens and let them start getting back to work to support their families and try and save their livelihoods.
04/20/2020 03:50 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Reopen NC Glenn Sigmon	Its past time to reopen NC. We need to get back to work.
04/20/2020 06:56 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mark Gott	We MUST open the state of NC back up to economic activity. A study done by the World Economic Forum after the GREAT recession documented that a 1% increase in unemployment leads to a .9% increase in suicides and a 3% increase in opiod addiction. We're seeing a MUCH higher rate of unemployment than 1% so you do the math.
			Also, now that SC is re-opening and we know many from Charlotte will drive across State lines to shop, a lockdown in NC is pointless. Completely pointless.
04/20/2020 07:18 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr. Brad Townsend	According to the 14th amendment to the US Constitution. no state (or governor) shall make or enforce any way which shall abridge the privilege of the citizens of the United States. It is a privilege for people to go out and make a living to support their families but have been restricted from doing so by a tyrant in governor's office who has overstepped his boundaries. Something needs to be done immediately and I thought elected officials were supposed to serve the needs of the people. There are folks out here that don't want a handout, just to go back to work. The ball is in your court....
04/20/2020 07:38 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Kathryn Schuman	Mr Governor, the health of our economy depends on you! Please reopen NC.
04/20/2020 07:42 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Crystin Brewer	<p>Businesses must be allowed to reopen on or before May 1st without facing punitive measures. Our government does not have the resources to fully compensate each business for its losses due to the forced closures and therefore the actions taken by the state to shut down American businesses is unconstitutional and immoral. Our great country was not founded on tyranny and forcing thousands of people to sacrifice their livelihood without hearing their petitions is exactly what I would call tyranny. We are not subjects of our elected officials. The people are the ones that hold the power and the people demand their right to go back to work.</p> <p>Free American citizens should under no circumstance be threatened with legal action if they do not forfeit their livelihood at the command of a government official. There are other ways to encourage businesses to close their doors that would not disgrace our constitution. For example, businesses could have been offered an incentive to close.</p> <p>It is time to end this unconstitutional power play and restore the rights of the American people. The number of reported deaths in North Carolina does not and never did warrant such a drastic sacrifice. The effects of Governor Cooper's executive order will far outlast the effects of this virus</p> <p>Most of you will never know what it's like to lose everything. Most of you will never have to experience what it's like to lose your home and wonder where you will sleep that night. You will never know what it's like to be hungry or the shame and fear of being evicted from your home. You will never have to take a cold shower or warm up soup over a candle because you couldn't afford your electric bill. I could go on but I hope you get the point. I have lived in extreme poverty for most of my life and I would never wish it upon anyone</p>

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			<p>and neither would you if you knew the suffering it brings. Thousands of people will lose everything if this state does not reopen the economy.</p> <p>Millions of people have continued to go out into public during this time. The stores have been busier than ever. The parks are more packed than I have ever seen them. Yet, we have not witnessed widespread COVID-19 cases in our state. If the virus is as dangerous as it has been projected to be, it should be widespread by now. The millions of people that continue to go into public places packed with other people should be swapping the virus amongst one another and hospitals should be overrun. We aren't seeing this happen: A. Because the virus is not as contagious/dangerous as originally projected or B. The common sense precautions taken by businesses that have been allowed to operate along with the social distancing etiquette practiced by customers is sufficient and effective. In this case, it is clear that the need to keep businesses closed is unnecessary and (if I dare say) cruel. It puts more people in danger and will inflict mental, physical and emotional pain on thousands of people.</p> <p>Businesses should be allowed to reopen given that they agree to abide by the social distancing standards that have proven to be effective in thwarting the spread of the coronavirus. I also believe setting a curfew or limiting businesses hours along with decreasing the number of occupancy by a reasonable percentage would be a fair and proactive step.</p> <p>People want to do the right thing and given the chance I believe you would find that the citizens of North Carolina are competent and willing to do what needs to be done to protect themselves, their loved ones and their fellow Americans but not by forcing them to sacrifice their livelihood and their family's wellbeing.</p> <p>I hope that you all consider the principals that our country was founded on when making decisions that affect the citizens of your state. The people deserve the chance to do the right thing without being threatened with punitive measures. The people deserve the right to safely operate their businesses so that they can provide for their family. The people deserve the right to go back to work; They have sacrificed enough.</p> <p>I trust you will do the right thing.</p>
04/20/2020 07:46 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Georgia Strickland	Please reopen N.C. now. If our state does not reopen soon then we may not be able to recover economically and the results will be devastating.
04/20/2020 07:52 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Amy Wester	Please Reopen this Great State on or before May 1! People have got to get back to work. Catastrophic economic damage grows by the day and we will carry it forward long after COVID hysteria fades.
04/20/2020 07:54 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Megan Reese	Please reopen things. We are adults who are able to follow precautions. I can't stand watching my neighbors losing jobs and businesses that make my community whole start to shutter. There are many more of us who are healthy and want to slowly move forward to get our wonderful state working again before it's not so wonderful any longer.
04/20/2020 07:55 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Paige Horne	Re-Open NC. You're killing small businesses daily.

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04/20/2020 08:06 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr. Steven Sander	<p>The purpose of the lockdown was to flatten the curve and prevent hospitals from being overwhelmed. We have successfully done that.</p> <p>Remaining shutdown is only killing our economy and had NOTHING to do with saving lives. We don't have a vaccine and won't get one for quite some time.</p> <p>Our unemployment system is a joke. I've been unemployed for 5 weeks now and still have not received any benefits. I know I'm not alone. The virus is taking people close to the end of their lives. Extreme poverty will start taking young and healthy.</p> <p>Stop killing our economy, and let us get back to work. Anybody that's high risk can self quarantine.</p>
04/20/2020 08:06 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Reopen nc!! Kirby Lee	<p>Dear NC general assembly.</p> <p>Reopening nc would be very important for my family. We own a tent and party rental. Even though we cant have events or gatherings right away, we would still be able to schedule and plan for the future. My mom hasn't gotten unemployment and applied march 7th. Shes done everything shes could. If we stay shut down another month we could lose everything. We havent income for almost 2 months .</p> <p>Please reopen nc so we can restore livelihoods.</p>
04/20/2020 08:12 AM	Economic Support Working Group	James Tindall	I support providing paid sick days, family leave, and full unemployment benefits for all impacted workers, including "gig workers," as well as support for vulnerable small businesses.
04/20/2020 08:13 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Matthew Belcher	I hope this reaches you well in this very challenging time. First and foremost thank you for your service to our state and your leadership in this challenging time, I believe the conversations you must have are not easy and I appreciate your leadership in pressing forward. Businesses in North Carolina can open while still allowing social distancing. Gyms, retailers, and restaurants can manage proper distant protocols with out of order signs and various other measures. The primary point is that the risk no longer outweighs the cost. Initially we did not know enough about the illness and we reacted with the upmost caution. Now we are smarter to the impact on public health and the risk is no longer high enough to pay the economic cost.
04/20/2020 08:19 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mary Revilla	The long-term impacts of our economic response to COVID19 will be massive. People are not getting medical treatments they need due to fear or not having the electronic means to communicate with their healthcare providers. Many small businesses will not be able to reopen or may choose not to reopen because they can't take another economic hit if a 2nd wave of the virus occurs. Living in fear is impacting the mental and emotional health of thousands in our state, which will have monumental impacts on our citizens coming out of this shutdown as quickly as needed to get our economy working again. A good economy is a needed health benefit for all citizens.
04/20/2020 08:21 AM	Economic Support Working Group		Re open NC
04/20/2020 08:29 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Elizabeth Rowan	With all due respect, it is time to REOPEN NC. The Covid 19 cases are under control and the economy is crumbling. So it is time to let people get back to work.
04/20/2020 08:30 AM	Economic Support	Sarah Moore	NC needs to be reopened by May 1st at the latest.

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04/20/2020 08:34 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Richard Anderson	It is time to allow small businesses to open. If Big Box stores are allowed to be opened to the General Public, then why is it that smaller businesses can't be opened when they can implement and follow the same guidelines set by the CDC? We are adults and can decide for ourselves if we want to to take the risks of going out in Public and it's time the NC General Assembly realizes that you work for your constituents and Not the governor! Additionally it is also time to reopen the State Parks as this can currently be done with the "EXISTING" Guidelines in Place.
04/20/2020 08:35 AM	Economic Support Working Group	John Poshepny	It is time to start the process of reopening the North Carolina economy.
04/20/2020 08:40 AM	Economic Support Working Group	REOPEN NC Josiah Given	NC needs to open NO LATER than the beginning of May.
04/20/2020 08:45 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Christine Remmert	Small business is the economic backbone of our state and country. Reopen North Carolina and let people go back to work and reopen their businesses to provide for their families.
04/20/2020 08:47 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Patricia Parker	Reopen NC and our economy please. We need to live and work!!!
04/20/2020 08:48 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms. Cynthia Brown	OPEN NORTH CAROLINA NOW.
04/20/2020 08:49 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr. Donald Kallgren	Respect science and medical recommendations for social distancing, COVID-19 testing requirements, and public safety in making any decisions to reopen NC. Placing people's lives at risk for economic gain is not in the public interest.
04/20/2020 08:51 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr. Donald Kallgren	Respect science and medical recommendations for social distancing, COVID-19 testing requirements, and public safety in making any decisions to reopen NC. Placing people's lives at risk for economic gain is not in the public interest.
04/20/2020 08:51 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Crystal Friant	It's time to reopen North Carolina. While we were one of the first states to shutdown and that lessened our numbers of COVID-19, we are no longer experiencing a high increase of cases. For this reason, small businesses should be allowed to reopen as well as the public libraries with curbside assistance. The hourly wage workers are in need of earning money to support themselves. The longer the state is shut down, the more despondent people will become, which I fear will lead to increase break-ins, assaults, domestic violence, child abuse, suicide & mental health issues. It would be better for people to work to earn a living rather than live on unemployment or the state for their needs.
04/20/2020 08:53 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Amy Norris	Open NC
04/20/2020 08:55 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mary DeCarlo	Our residents' livelihoods are at stake. The citizens of NC want to go back to work and live free!
04/20/2020 08:56 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Michael Clark	We need to RE-OPEN NORTH CAROLINA! 0.06% of our state has been infected. This does not justify a total shutdown that is DESTROYING OUR STATE AND LOCAL ECONOMY. A bad economy = bad public health.

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04/20/2020 08:58 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Karen Bertrand	Re-open NC
04/20/2020 09:22 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr. ALBERTO G SOLANA ALBERTO SOLANA	We have first amendment rights for freedom of assembly and we have rights for life,liberty and pursuing happiness-meaning we have a right to GO TO WORK OR RUN A BUSINESS AND TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR OUR FINANCIAL AND HEALTH WELL BEING. This shut down is unconstitutional and dictatorial. REOPEN NC.
04/20/2020 09:25 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Milton Wright	We need to get this economy opened back up. This is all a bunch of fear mongering to keep folks from going out. Our constitutional rights are being trampled right now.
04/20/2020 09:30 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Elizabeth Hobson	Please reopen NC. We cannot totally stop the death cause by this virus but we can stop the economic ruin. I know life is valuable and irreplaceable, but death is an unfortunate part of life . I am glad we shut down our lives to give us time to slow down the virus and not overwhelm our hospitals and to buy time to help find treatments. Now that that is accomplished, please reopen NC so we don't have further damage caused by the economic disaster that will surely follow if we stay closed much longer.
04/20/2020 10:08 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Dr. Selaine Nidel	DO NOT REOPEN NC. Use medical and scientific evidence plus a coordinated plan to reopen. An overwhelmed health system and unscientific demands increases higher death counts and impacts all communities and citizens of North Carolina.
04/20/2020 10:24 AM	Economic Support Working Group	ReOpen NC Laura Gerard	Please open NC! The economic devastation will be worse than the health risk!
04/20/2020 10:33 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Lisa Johnson	<p>To whom it may concern,</p> <p>I am writing out of concern for my family and friends of our beautiful state. I am a wife and mother of 2 children, a small business owner, and resident of Wake County. Both the health and the well-being of my fellow Americans are as important to me as are their individual freedoms.</p> <p>The good news is, the original goal of flattening the curve in order to prevent strain on our community resources and health care system has been successful. It is time to take a common sense approach to return our sense of liberty and safety back to our community by empowering us to make educated decisions and enabling us to make good choices that are easily implemented at the community level. Small changes will restore some liberties. It is time to restore our liberty and ability as Americans to make our own choices. In 2017, when more than 600,000 Americans died of heart disease, no one told Americans that they can no longer elect to eat red meat or that if they did so that their choice would overwhelm the hospital system and resources.</p> <p>It does not have to be an all or nothing approach.</p> <p>There should be more discussion from NC leadership about proper hand hygiene and ways to decrease cross contamination. This could be supported by recommending hand sanitizer and wipes to be made readily available at entrances and exits of all churches, restaurants, and businesses. Ask the people to be responsible citizens and to help sanitize</p>

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			<p>items (carts, tables, chairs) and areas they use by wiping them down themselves before and after use.</p> <p>Allow businesses to open and ask them to make their own safety measures to be able to do so. Give the businesses a choice if they would like to open. Ask them when possible to limit numbers inside their own establishments. Help them with signage and proper hand sanitation. Continue to encourage their online businesses if customers are not yet comfortable or are potentially at risk. Customers can choose whether or not they want to patronize businesses online or in person.</p> <p>Speaking of at-risk populations. Perhaps consider voluntary furloughs for the at-risk group and provide funds for them to stay home for now--they know who they are. This would be a considerably lower number of people to provide unemployment benefits for. Give folks a choice to protect themselves.</p> <p>We need to be able to exercise our right to vote at the polls. I would suggest early voting to provide more opportunities for residents to vote without crowds. Voting booths could be more spaced out and contain hand sanitizer at each booth. Perhaps tents could be set up outside regular voting places to create an ability to space out even more. There could be alternating voting days for even and odd addresses in an attempt to reduce crowding further.</p> <p>Allow restaurants to open, but ask them to reduce the number of inside tables so they are 6 ft apart and use every other booth. Give them hand sanitizer and wipes at their doors. Allow outside open air seating, while continuing to support takeout and delivery. Perhaps encourage the use of something like Open Table to make reservations and decrease walk ins and table waiting times. Ask them to have patrons wait for tables in their cars and use a texting system through their cell phones when tables were ready. Give them a choice, let the restaurants and the patrons of the restaurants decide.</p> <p>Ask churches to increase the number of weekly services or masses if possible, so families are not all crowded in together at one time, but have options to attend at other times. They could consider Sign Up Genius for filling up allowable slots for available times as to help limit the number of people attending. They could use email and social media apps such as Flocknote to communicate with their congregations. Offer suggestions and guidance, but ultimately allow churches and their congregation to decide. Provide them with hand sanitizer and wipes available for members to wipe down their seating areas before and after service/mass.</p> <p>Openly and frequently discuss coughing and sneezing techniques into the elbow and recommend face coverings. Ask the citizens to crowdsource mask making and face coverings to help those who cannot make their own. Churches are always ready to help their community.</p> <p>Also, open up the parks. There is no reason that folks cannot hike or be outside on walking trails. Just encourage people to use good hygiene practices. The more parks that are open potentially decreases the likelihood of crowding. Point out smaller state parks that are</p>

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			<p>less known to people. For example, everyone knows about Umstead Park, but do people know about Lake Crabtree or other small hiking trails? High traffic to popular areas can be diverted by pointing out other places to go.</p> <p>Open the beaches and ask people to continue to be cognizant of proximity to others. In other words, go out, but keep social distancing and be a thoughtful, considerate, responsible citizen and clean up/ sanitize after yourself.</p> <p>Love thy neighbor by being mindful of space and proximity. Launch a campaign that discusses this frequently. People want to help, we want to feel like we have some say and some control over our own liberty and lives.</p> <p>Currently, living under a regime of fear is not healthy or more beneficial. Quite frankly, it makes me feel like a child that has just been grounded under penalty of fines, arrest, or hypothetical death sentence. No American wants to live in a police state. Government needs to empower their citizens, not punish them or make them feel more helpless and more afraid. Punishment is not protection. Fear prevents sound, logical decisions from being made. Hope gives people something to look forward to. We need our ability to have some control over our own lives restored. Help empower your citizens with a supportive, community, common sense approach.</p> <p>Thank you for your time! Lisa Johnson</p>
04/20/2020 10:36 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms. Kristin Hyle	I think it would be irresponsible of Governor Cooper to ease restrictions before it is recommended by doctors and scientists who will have a better idea when it is safe. If businesses and services reopen too early, the effect on the state economy of a resurgence of the virus leading to an additional and extended closure of the state will be worse than the initial closure.
04/20/2020 10:38 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Open NC Now William Jackson	NC needs to be opened for business now. Stop using this inflated crisis to stifle our economy. This is nothing but government overreach and an infringement on our constitutional rights as free citizens living in a free market society. It's all bogus and you know it. Your numbers don't add up to keep this state in lockdown. Open up NC.
04/20/2020 10:39 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Open NC Business Brad Shackelford	<p>The facts / numbers of coronavirus do not necessitate closing business. This event is of such low impact that even Roy Cooper did not feel it necessary to call the General Assembly to session. The model being used for infection projections uses grossly over estimated assumptions and does not take into account population densities of NC's vast rural areas. It appears this is being driven by political motivation. The General Assembly, as the elected representatives of We The People, I humbly ask you investigate and enact change to save our economy. I would also request that legislation be drafted to address the Governor's ability to shut down the state without the agreement of the General Assembly. I have friends who have seen what they have worked so hard to build be decimated in 6 weeks. This is not time for party politics. We need bi-partisan action to save our state. We look to you, the General Assembly to correct this. Don't take my word, investigate the numbers yourself. If you look hard, deep and apply the math and the smell test, you will see it.</p> <p>Sincerely</p>

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			Brad Shackelford Beaufort County
04/20/2020 10:44 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Jessica Hult	<p>I am writing today as owner/operator of an Eastern NC business, deemed essential, open since 1984. We, our family and our onsite employees, agreed to self-isolate for 30 days due to Covid-19. We did NOT agree to turning North Carolina into a tyrannical police state where self-isolation is repeatedly referred to as a more sinister "lockdown".</p> <p>30 days is complete, since our governor began closing businesses across North Carolina and deciding which businesses are essential or otherwise. My own Carteret County has suffered 2 Covid-19 related deaths since the self-isolation period began. While those 2 deaths are tragic and heartbreaking- they are hardly enough to warrant a continuation of self-isolation. Small businesses across the country are being hit extremely hard, including my own.</p> <p>My business is boarding and training dogs. No one is traveling; therefore, we have no boarding clients. Our training is a hands-on activity. No one is training. We have no money coming in at all. We reluctantly applied for the EDIL and the PPP loans..... all we've heard are crickets. We have kept our 3 onsite employees employed and paid during these past 30 days. We have kept the 8 dogs abandoned with us fed and clean. We have been able to do this by draining our life savings. My husband is almost 60, I am almost 50. We cannot do this any longer- you will find our faces in the bread lines soon. I speak for hundreds, if not thousands, of business owners stuck in similar situations as we currently find ourselves.</p> <p>We do NOT want any government help; we NEED for our state and our nation to get back to work.</p> <p>Every single one of us understands we are going to have to alter how we do business. Every single one of us understands there is now a new "normal". We are not criminals. We are not infants in need of nanny government. We understand the risks. We are committed to doing business in a safe manner that lessens the risk for those around us. Please- those who are truly immunocompromised should really stay home, those who are truly terrified should also stay home. Those who are asking for the shutdown to continue have really no understanding of what they are asking....or if they do understand, they are completely unaware of exactly how dangerous this economic situation will become. Our great Republic is the Land of the Free and Home of the Brave; not land of the lockdown and home of the fearful.</p> <p>Reopen Carteret County now. Reopen NC now.</p> <p>Sincerely, Jessica Hult</p> <p>Owner/operator K9 NC Training, Inc dba Hadnot Creek Kennel 300 Hadnot Farm Rd, Swansboro NC 28584 C 252-342-0591 W 252-393-25855</p> <p>2 Timothy 1:7 For God did not give us a spirit of fear; but a Spirit of Power, and of Love, and a Sound Mind.</p>
04/20/2020 10:44 AM	Economic Support	Mr. Francis Israel	Please reopen North Carolina businesses

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04/20/2020 10:52 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms Jenny Echols	We need to REOPEN N.C.! As a small business owner my income is ESSENTIAL to my family's care.
04/20/2020 10:59 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Containment First Peter van Dorsten	Use medical advice and scientific evidence to make a plan to reopen NC; do not respond to loud, frustrated voices making unscientific demands which will only increase death and suffering for all North Carolinians. We can learn from those who have done this correctly: test, track, quarantine. Without this discipline we will just prolong the negative impact.
04/20/2020 11:06 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Christi Stitzer	We must #reopenNC by May 1, 2020. The restriction of movement of healthy people is unconstitutional. The economy can not withstand this closure any longer. We are all essential to the economy.
04/20/2020 11:12 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr. Ralph Besser	I support providing paid sick days, family leave, and full unemployment benefits for all impacted workers, including "gig workers," as well as support for vulnerable small businesses.
04/20/2020 11:14 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Marla Alley	REOPEN NC NOW
04/20/2020 11:14 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Tamara Lee	Reopen NC. And allow public comment to be public comment - not just one of the four category restrictions.
04/20/2020 11:21 AM	Economic Support Working Group	WHitney Hawkins	REOPEN NC Families and small businesses can create safe protocols as easy or easier than large companies like Walmart and Grocery stores! Time for a path forward. Dare county is following the direction of our state leaders and we need YOU to lead us to an opening!
04/20/2020 11:21 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Ray Gottsleben	We MUST open NC now! The original purpose for the quarantine was to keep the health care system from being overrun. Mission accomplished. In fact, hospitals and providers are desperate for business and all other closed businesses must be allowed to begin reopening. We will never live in a "risk free" world, even when it comes to public health. Think of all the people whose incomes are not guaranteed as yours as legislators are. Put us back to work, now.
04/20/2020 11:29 AM	Economic Support Working Group	B A Taylor	<p>OK ENOUGH. You are suppose to be the duly elected leaders for this state and have NO IDEA what you even dealing with. Does anyone there research information to understand a subject. Now you ask for 2 week confinement, then another 2 weeks. NOW you want to add to this with weeks more for a cold virus. Who are you hurting?? Who is going hungry, can't work, can't pay their mortgage and who can not get a education? Where is your logic? Where is your integrity? Where is your love of your fellow residents of this state?</p> <p>POPULATION OF NC 10.43 Million</p> <p>STATE WIDE 6,493 cases confirmed and 172 Death. NOW you have Wake County Cases 592 and 4 Deaths. AGAIN research the numbers. https://www.ncdhhs.gov/divisions/public-health/covid19/covid-19-nc-case-count</p> <p>Unemployment Claims 636,894 with only 211,672 getting paid for an amount of \$358,099.822. I could not find the wake county breakdown. Now Research the numbers of those HURT by YOUR ACTIONS.... https://des.nc.gov/need-help/covid-19-nc-unemployment-insurance-information</p> <p>So lets compare --- 6,493 to 636.894.</p>

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			<p>And to these number Business owners- in which of some of these business will most likely NEVER recover from: ? Realty sales ? Restaurants ? Barber shops ? Beauty salons, including those doing waxing and hair removal ? Hair salons ? Nail salons and manicure and pedicure providers ? Massage parlors ? Bingo parlors, including those run by charities ? Bowling alleys ? Gyms ? Yoga studios ? Martial arts facilities ? Indoor trampoline facilities ? Rock-climbing facilities ? Health clubs ? Indoor pools ? Live performance venues ? Movie theaters ? Skating rinks? Spas ? Video game arcades. You closed all schools,shelters and parks. AGAIN Where is your logic? Where is your integrity? Where is your love of your fellow business owners and residents of this state?</p> <p>So, please do not tell the residents of this state you are interested in their well being. While YOU are getting our taxes dollars to live on. Please turn OFF the TV and start researching a subject. Why don't all of you, donate this years salary to a local food bank or give it to a family/business you put out of work?</p>
04/20/2020 11:47 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Katherine Register	Expand on the CARES act by polling small businesses in NC to check on their economic health. Create funds to keep their payroll intact past the 2.5 months provided by CARES. This will go a long way toward insuring a full recovery after the virus has abated. Follow the advice of science and medicine and do not "open" the state too early. More death and suffering is not a harbinger of good economic outcomes.
04/20/2020 12:32 PM	Economic Support Working Group	ReOpenNC Willis Herring	Reopen NC give us back our rights and jobs.
04/20/2020 12:43 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Jennifer Wright	Reopen North Carolina, the self employed are hurting and NC is not helping us we are suffering and need to reopen asap.
04/20/2020 01:00 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs sally newman	<p>Please allow the North Carolina citizens to take responsibility for their own health and allow NC to reopen. What is happening now with Covid is nothing compared to the damage that will be done by a deep recession or depression. I respectfully urge you to consider the devastating results of economic collapse on the health, welfare and tax base of the citizens of North Carolina. The food we eat and health care we do still enjoy could turn into bread lines and health care that no one can afford—and we can't continue to finance the shut-down with escalating debt.</p> <p>Respectfully, Sally Newman</p>
04/20/2020 01:08 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Steven Earman	Reopen our State Enough is Enough
04/20/2020 01:45 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Noel Sherr	<p>Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, and the effect it is having on our economy, it is essential that NC expand its unemployment insurance program. According to the NC Justice Center the best way to do this is: Use the average of the two highest quarters in the calculation of workers' benefits.</p> <p>Remove the cap of \$350 on the maximum weekly benefit; calculate based on the average weekly wages in the state.</p> <p>Eliminate the waiting week so that dollars are immediately available.</p> <p>Ensure workers can receive benefits for 26 weeks, which is the national standard.</p>
04/20/2020 01:50 PM	Economic Support	Mrs. Wanda Smith	Please Open NC..we desperately want go back to work...we need to feed our families and

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	Working Group		pay our bills..There are safe ways to do this, explore those and OPEN NC...PLEASE !!!!!!!
04/20/2020 02:17 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Sharon Lavoie	North Carolina needs to reopen as soon as possible, May 1st. As a small business owner we need to get our state's economy back open and people back to work. At risk people should still stay home, but healthy people who need to work should be allowed to go back to work.
04/20/2020 02:22 PM	Economic Support Working Group	MR William Slack	Reopen NC
04/20/2020 02:24 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Thomas Norris	Please consider reopening NC small businesses immediately. The effects of poverty are every bit as detrimental to human health as a short-lived contagion that is deadly for a select segment of the population with other underlying comorbidities but not so much for the majority of the population. While it may have been the correct decision to shut down the economy when we were still learning about the virus and its effects, much more is now known and as testing continues to reveal that more of the population has had the virus without symptoms than we initially could identify. The governor should begin opening up segments of the economy immediately to stave off even worse effects from a population that can no longer afford to buy food, pay bills and keep a roof over their head. It is paramount to get North Carolinians working again. Poverty kills people and is not short-lived or treatable with medicine. Please open NC immediately. Thank you.