

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

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04/20/2020 03:05 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms. Jennifer Jeffords	Please, let all businesses reopen May 1st. I know quite a few owners and they are struggling to stay open and some have already closed. I agree with the schools staying closed until May 15th, but not businesses. Thank you for your time.
04/20/2020 03:56 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Elizabeth Burns	It is time to get this state up and working again. This is not sustainable, it is killing our small businesses and is preventing society, in general, from developing an immunity against this virus. Election time is coming and I can't wait!
04/20/2020 04:01 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Kelly Cannon	Reopen NC! This shutdown is devastating is economically and not having the disastrous effects predicted. It's time to loosen the strings and hear the people.
04/20/2020 04:32 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Joy Lockley	I understand that we must slow roll opening the state but it is time to start that process and our leaders should be talking publicly about plans for return to an open state. We cannot hide forever in our homes because we are afraid of what would happen if we tried to return to a normal life. People have jobs and businesses that must be attended to and no unemployment checks will ever replace these in their lives and the lives of their families. The elderly and vulnerable need to take all precautions while the public at large need to continue using all distancing measures when possible and using hand washing/ sanitizing methods. Those who are just afraid are free to make the choice to stay home and not participate in opening up our economy. But it is time to start this process.
04/20/2020 04:46 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms. Sandra Ricci	<p>Tim Moore, Chairman, NCGA Covid-19 Committee, Attn: Economic Recovery Subcommittee</p> <p>Dear Chairman Moore,</p> <p>During the Covid-19 disaster, we want to ensure that the NCGA makes every effort to help small business owners throughout the state, because they are central to our economy and communities. Small Businesses provide employment to half of all Americans. Brookings Institute estimates that more than half of them are in serious danger of closing for good as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic crisis. Furthermore, a Main Street America survey estimated one third of the businesses with less than 20 employees were in danger of closing for good within two months if they didn't receive substantial help.</p> <p>NCGA must develop a disaster recovery plan that can bring Small Businesses back as quickly as possible when the medical experts say that it is safe to do so. We know that the virus has the potential to recycle with devastating effects again if we reopen too soon.</p> <p>At the Federal-level, the Paycheck Protection program ran out of funds in two weeks. And Congress continues its partisan fighting. Small Businesses have been receiving help on a first come, first serve basis. The NCGA needs to provide Small Businesses with immediate assistance along with supporting paid sick days, family leave, and full unemployment benefits for all impacted workers, including "gig workers".</p> <p>Further, the Washington Post reported on 4/15/20 in the article "Americans love small businesses is all talk" that "in a number of European countries businesses received payroll supports, meaning the government essentially took a percentage of their payrolls, freezing</p>

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			<p>the economy in place so they could reopen when the danger passed." We are requesting that the NCGA provide some variation of this approach in NC.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p> <p>David Anderson, 1925 Trent River Ave., Wake Forest, NC 27587, (407) 325-5169  Keith Johnson &amp; Karen Mallam, 810 Buckner Springs Rd., Siler City, NC (919) 742-9953  Sandra Ricci, 6609 Battleford Dr., Raleigh, NC 27613, (919) 807-9782</p>
04/20/2020 05:07 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Ken Gilbert	<p>Why not follow President Trumps plan to open NC in the three steps Trump presented to the country?</p> <p>South Carolina is opening and Georgia is opening along with 22 other states. Do not let Gov Cooper run NC into the ground like Va. and Michigan. Put our citizens back to work. Listen to your constituents not the politicians. Is this an election year?</p>
04/20/2020 06:10 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Miss Janelle Romero	<p>Let us work! The solution is worse then the disease! These restrictions are unconstitutional. We have a God given right to our freedom. The government does not have a right to tell me how to live! Each person decides how they live, not the government! The government answers to the people. We, the people, do not answer to you!</p> <p>If you continue these unconstitutional orders, I will not comply. I will legally and peacefully resist as a form of protest under my God given right and the 1st Amendment of the U.S. Constitution!</p> <p>I demand as a voting citizen of North Carolina that our elected leaders uphold and defend my rights as spelled out in the Constitution of the United States of America. Reopen NC no later then May 01, 2020!</p>
04/20/2020 06:19 PM	Economic Support Working Group	#REOPENNC Sherry Mullis	Please Re-Open NC (yes, safely!). NC needs to work!! Livelihoods and lives are being destroyed!!!
04/20/2020 08:01 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Content Fitzgerald	Re open N.C.
04/20/2020 08:13 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Pastor Thomas Kakadelis	Please get our state and local businesses open. Have them use wisdom and safety measures to do so. Please allow churches to begin services again using guidelines and safety measures. Warnings and capacity of buildings can all be incorporated. At least let churches gather in the church parking lots. Thanks so much! Pastor Tom Kakadelis Pinehurst, NC 28374
04/20/2020 08:22 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Reopen NC Tracie Marsh	We need NC open immediately. Our rights need to be protected! There are better ways to protect the vulnerable without infringing on the rights of everyone else who needs to provide for our families!
04/20/2020 09:00 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms Karen Matson	I want to go on record that NC needs to ReOpen! You are fining folks who's businesses you have shut down, people need their jobs. The curve is flattened and hospitals are EMPTY! Friends don't let friends go bankrupt. SC and GA are re-opening. NC needs to as well or you can kiss dollars waiting to be spent goodbye as NC citizens flock to those states. Thank you

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04/20/2020 09:10 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Terry Naber	Open the economy
04/20/2020 09:42 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Jennifer Barber	I am requesting that North Carolina allow all businesses to reopen on April 29, 2020 and that the stay-at-home mandate end on April 29, 2020.
04/20/2020 10:14 PM	Economic Support Working Group	The Most Wonderful Evans Carter	<p>Ladies, Gents, as a 43 year old woman, bartender in my home town of Southern Pines I just wanted to report that I finally received my very first Unemployment EBT card and what relief that \$59.00 brought with it. Fifty-nine U.S. Dollars. We did our part on hours notice. Y'all did \$59 in a month AND y'all still have jobs.</p> <p>I've been employed and therefore paying taxes in North Carolina since I was 13 years old and I tend bar so I can care for my mother who has many ailments, one being vascular dementia. What the hell do I do with \$59.00?</p> <p>And no I haven't received my stimulus check yet either but I can't wait to thank President Trump for having the heart to know he'd have to prop up the states unemployment while the system can pull its head out of its ass again.</p> <p>Holler if y'all need help</p> <p>Evans Carter 910-691-8454</p>
04/20/2020 10:31 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Heather Lutz	Please re-open North Carolina. We own 2 small businesses which are "non-essential " and have laid off everyone. We CAN NOT stay in business with zero revenue. My employees are begging to work and I'm at a loss for words because we have no control over our privately owned businesses. Please let us take the risk to work.
04/20/2020 10:38 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Miss Bethany Brannon	Reopen North Carolina! While I understand Covid 19 is a terrible illness it is also vital that we reopen for the economy. Those that are high risk and showing symptoms should stay home. There is sickness and disease in life and there will be new illnesses in years to come—does that mean we live in fear and shut everything down—no. Does it mean we should be wise, practice good hygiene, and stay home if sick—yes. It is not the job of the government to tell me when I can go to the store and who I am able to spend time with. I have the right as a free citizen to make those decisions for myself. Please remember, we the people have the right to make these choices.
04/20/2020 10:54 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Mary Shirley	We need to reopen our economy. It is not about money versus lives ,it is lives versus lives. Reopen they way they were closed. Open the so called non essential including our right to worship together. Then the restaurants. Those who are high risk may continue to stay at home if they choose and continue withholds and masks.. I have worked the entire time closely with the public .People want to get back to work and return to normal. Stop infringing on our rights. Businesses are suffering. People are struggling. Enough fear mongering.
04/20/2020 10:58 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Carolyn Hershey	It is time to throw the doors open to NC business and end the stay at home order now. According to the NCDHHS site there are only 373 people even hospitalized in the entire state with COVID -19. To continue to destroy our economy when the panic and restrictions have proven to be a far overreaction only continues to prove the Governor and leading officials have greater concern for their own political agendas than for the good and well being of "we the people". Make no mistake we the people will remember on Election Day.
04/20/2020 11:05 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Lilian Wainer	It's time to open up the economy including schools as soon as possible. My daughter is being denied a complete education when at this point it's not necessary any more. Our hospital system has not and will not be overwhelmed if we open up the economy with the

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			measures outlined by the Federal Government. Less than 25% of our ICU beds available for COVID-19 patients has been used at its peak in NC. Everyone is aware of the measures we need to follow at this point. I'm sure people who are at high risk will continue to voluntarily quarantine and be careful as much as possible. But there is no reason to not allow people in low risk populations to come back to work on a voluntary basis. People can make their own decisions regarding their own lives. Please go to the first phase this week! Then to phase 2 in 2 weeks or less. Do not deny my daughter her right to an education!
04/21/2020 09:24 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Angela K	Reopen NC May 1st with social distancing restrictions. North Carolinians have done a great job flattening the curve and you can trust us to continue to do what we need to go back to work safely.
04/21/2020 09:50 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Sybil Helms	Please reopen North Carolina so people can work and take care of our families!
04/21/2020 09:52 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Chris West	Open up NC!!!! You are crushing our economy and small businesses!!!
04/21/2020 10:10 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Pastor Jim Kohr	The results of continued shut down is going to be devastating. As a pastor I am concerned about the increase in suicide, depression, substance abuse, and other problems that will result. I also am concerned about the inequality with which the governor is treating churches. Why can't churches have more than ten meeting when other "essential businesses" can have twenty percent capacity. This inequality must be stopped immediately. Thank you.
04/21/2020 10:24 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Eileen Rice	Please re-open gyms, hair salons, churches, and all the other entities that were shut down. We need to do so for the sake of a healthy economy.
04/21/2020 10:53 AM	Economic Support Working Group	MS Laurie Fox	<p>Tim Moore, Chairman, NCGA Covid-19 Committee, Attn: Economic Recovery Subcommittee</p> <p>Dear Chairman Moore,</p> <p>During the Covid-19 disaster, we want to ensure that the NCGA makes every effort to help small business owners throughout the state, because they are central to our economy and communities. Small Businesses provide employment to half of all Americans. Brookings Institute estimates that more than half of them are in serious danger of closing for good as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic crisis. Furthermore, a Main Street America survey estimated one third of the businesses with less than 20 employees were in danger of closing for good within two months if they didn't receive substantial help.</p> <p>NCGA must develop a disaster recovery plan that can bring Small Businesses back as quickly as possible when the medical experts say that it is safe to do so. We know that the virus has the potential to recycle with devastating effects again if we reopen too soon.</p> <p>At the Federal-level, the Paycheck Protection program ran out of funds in two weeks. And Congress continues its partisan fighting. Small Businesses have been receiving help on a first come, first serve basis. The NCGA needs to provide Small Businesses with immediate assistance along with supporting paid sick days, family leave, and full unemployment benefits for all impacted workers, including "gig workers".</p>

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04/21/2020 12:51 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Erin O'Reilly	<p>I am commenting in response to the 'movement' pushing to reopen NC. We obviously cannot reopen things until our testing capacity is much higher along with our hospital capacity and contact tracing ability. Testing capacity is linked to the availability of PPE of which we do not have enough. So, we clearly have a lot of work to do before things can start 'opening' here in NC. Please do not reopen things in NC until our public health officials agree it is the right time.</p>
04/21/2020 01:29 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Reopen NC Jessica Elstrom	<p>Reopen NC! We are healthy enough to be open and start phase 1. People want to get back to work and take care of their own families. Driving us into an economic depression and stripping people of their rights is not the way!</p>
04/21/2020 01:36 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Entrepreneur Keat Perkins	<p>Okay. I keep seeing protest for reopening NC, and I have to say my two cents as a business owner...do NOT lump me in by saying all business owners want to be open right now.</p> <p>Yes, I would love to be open to have people come in, but ONLY under normal</p>

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			<p>circumstances. This is NOT NORMAL. It's a pandemic.</p> <p>I'm not sure how many people know this, but I am diabetic. And this puts me into the HIGH-RISK category. I am managing it, but I must be more careful then most.</p> <p>Has anyone else been watching the number of cases in NC grow? I am a believer that a fair percentage of those numbers are test that are finally going through. But that still doesn't meant that a fair percentage are NEW cases.</p> <p>I apologize for throwing this out there. But I had to make my point known. Do not jeopardize the health of others. Stay safe! We will have things open again. And there will be gatherings, and face to face meetings! But we do need to curb this.</p>
04/21/2020 03:08 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Pastor Tim Daniel	I am pastor of New Testament Baptist Church in Kinston, NC. I am very concerned about the economic hardship Governor Cooper's restrictions aren't placing on our community that has also experienced the economic devastation of two floods in the last 3 and 1/2 years. I am also very concerning over the Governors ignoring of freedom of religion expressed in the N.C. constitution, "All persons have a natural and inalienable right to worship Almighty God according to the dictates of their own consciences, and no human authority shall, in any case whatever, control or interfere with the rights of conscience. "
04/21/2020 04:26 PM	Education Working Group	Economic support group Nancy Donley	Please keep in place our social distancing and use of masks until testing shows we are ready to phase in resuming business and education
04/21/2020 05:28 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms. Catherine Kastleman	<p>Now more than ever, our state needs bold, public policies from the N.C. General Assembly. North Carolina has immediate needs for healthcare and public health support, to protect families from lost work and strengthen our economy. Even as the federal government is needed to provide critical support to our communities, it is essential that state legislators, starting with the House Select Committee on COVID19, advance solutions that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Recognize our fates are intertwined and make bold commitments to support our neighbors' health and well-being</li> <li>- Focus on people first and their need to replace lost income, put food on the table and keep a roof over peoples' heads, and should exclude no person for their identity or immigration status</li> <li>- Commit our collective resources to build systems that will help every person and every community recover and put our state on sounder footing for the future.</li> </ul> <p>Thank you for your consideration.</p>
04/21/2020 05:51 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Meredith Brust	Open NC!
04/21/2020 05:52 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Caren Bullock	Please get our state open for business. Families and business owners are suffering. If the state doesn't open soon, we won't recover for decades.
04/21/2020 09:23 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Betsy Patton	The repercussions from the drastic measure to prevent the COVID virus are causing great destruction to our economy. Measures taken based on what we are daily finding to be based on drastically over inflated and erroneous models. As the reality slowly sinks in that the death rate percentages from Corona virus sink the desperation of the unemployed escalates. If your interest is truly in the citizens of this state it's time to put her back to



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			work. As this plays out, when people begin to realize what they have been deprived of using their best intent to protect others and they realize the havoc they have created in other people lives instead what then? Certainly won't help anybody's reelection. PS there is a document given very little consideration today than each of you took an oath to protect actually two documents. The Constitution of the United States and the North Carolina Constitution. How can you possibly be keeping your oath if you allow this to continue. From all indications this virus has played out to be no where as deadly as predicted and yet you've abandoned the Constitution over it.
04/21/2020 10:12 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Dr. Eric Chetwynd	We should have paid sick leave for all, just as virtually all other advanced countries have had for years. It make common and economic sense. No sick person should be reporting for work and endangering colleagues and customers. The same I would say for family leave, unemployment and CORVID-19 relief. It is the civilized way to go and studies show a happy and healthy worker is a more productive worker.
04/21/2020 10:45 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Priscilla Mellon	I have to say the governor is trying to drive out state into the ground. How ml millions of dollars in tax revenue are we losii each week we are shut down. What happens then? What will be cut from the state budget because of the shortfall? I promise the first we hear from him will be education cuts. We need to get our economy reopen in order to close the gap that is being created each day. Every job that provides a family with a paycheck is essential. You cannot tell the public they are not essential because before long they will see that you don't care if they live or die so long as what you did looked good on paper at the time. Please reopen our state. Everyone's job is essential
04/22/2020 09:53 AM	Economic Support Working Group	A K	Need to re open the economy in NC. We can do it safely.
04/22/2020 10:11 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Mark Hainline	<p>I am writing to support critical economic relief for those impacted by COVID-19. This includes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Paid sick days</li> <li>* Family leave</li> <li>* Full unemployment benefits</li> </ul> <p>Please consider the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Funding these areas generously helps stabilize our state's workforce and stimulates our economy. If more we limit the damage that COVID-19 does to our economy now, the less we will have to do later to bounce back.</li> <li>* Although it is difficult to forecast, there is at least a significant chance that we will face an extended, deep recession or even a depression. We need to do what we can now to avoid these possibilities.</li> <li>* Cutting taxes rather than funding these programs will do little to help business or people. Until spending rebounds, business will have little income to tax – and without money, of course, people will limit their spending to the minimum. Getting money to people who need it now, and who will spend it now helps them, and it helps business.</li> </ul>
04/22/2020 10:24 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Tina McClain	Open nc
04/22/2020 10:40 AM	Economic Support Working Group	President Pamela Mims	Please reopen N.C. I own a business and did not act in time to benefit from the ppp. I need the state to reopen

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04/22/2020 11:34 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Erin O'Hara	Lets just stay home for another month. Look at stats in June. Also see if cases go down in June with warm weather. Watch for spikes from Tues protests. That should be telling. More testing, tracing and isolating. Also anti body tests. Extend unemployment. We can reopen when cases come down.
04/22/2020 12:42 PM	Economic Support Working Group	David Wiater	Dear Committee members, the data associated with the virus while it warrants urgent attention, it does not warrant a continued shut down of businesses in the state. Data that is being used in favor of an extension is incomplete and arbitrary. The reality is that with proper precautions businesses, especially small business can responsibly reopen. I urge you to recommend to the Governor that the restriction be lifted and measures put in place that allow for immediate reopening of affected businesses in the state
04/22/2020 01:05 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Jennifer Rudolph	I am writing to ask that you review this new report out by a bi-partisan group of experts called the "RoadMap to Pandemic Resilience". It is an excellent framework to gradually re-opening the economy, avoiding a roller coaster option where we have to open and close multiple times. It allows for flexibility and creativity on a community by community basis, and offers easy to understand visuals, videos, and concepts for the general public to get behind. Offering examples of what a sensible plan can look like will be key to building people's trust in emerging from this shutdown. North Carolina has been a leader in making early, safe decisions which have served us all well. Let's also be a leader in how to re-open with resilience and everyone's best interests in mind. Link: <a href="https://ethics.harvard.edu/covid-roadmap">https://ethics.harvard.edu/covid-roadmap</a> Thank you.
04/22/2020 02:37 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Stay home NC Alyssa Ceran	I have been seeing these reopen protest in NC and must admit it has maken me very uneasy. As our numbers keep rising daily it is clear we have not yet hit our peak in this state. I am a mother of 2 little ones and my elderly grandparents help babysit them. If we reopen and i am forced back to work i have no childcare as i cannot risk there health. Please consider everything and dont let the pressure of these protest get better judgment. Our healthcare workers are working tirelessly and noone is considering rhem during these prot ee's st. May god bless us all.
04/22/2020 02:44 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr. Douglas Treado	Do not accelerate any public openings of businesses without further information about so many of us who "asymptomatic" and potential carriers of the COVID-19 virus. More testing is certainly needed, perhaps some newly tested medicinal and pharmaceutical aids may come available in the next weeks as well. There are too many unknowns yet, even with useful social distancing and face masks more prevalent at this stage, nationally, one hopes! This is a much too dangerous period....more factual data is needed to make safe and constructive progress before we "cavalierly decide"...Don't rush this process! I suggest waiting and learning between now and June 1st at least. (Edenton, NC)
04/22/2020 02:56 PM	Economic Support Working Group		re open NC!
04/22/2020 05:57 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Dan Johnson	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 a 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.



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			<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 state 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 than 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 shut down, 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> <p>Thank you.</p>
04/22/2020 06:25 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Patricia Walsh	Here in NE North Carolina, we have little or no cases of the corona virus in most counties. My county, Perquimans is the 2nd poorest county in the state and never recovered from 2008. We have had 6 cases. Our stores are never crowded. Please reopen the few businesses we have in our town and all the small towns in this part of the state--and our Church. We can easily separate ourselves at St. Anne's Catholic Church in Edenton. Our Church also needs money to exist and without services, it is getting desperate for funds.
04/22/2020 08:39 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Angea A	Re open NC
04/22/2020 10:02 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Aaron Menconi	I understand the concerns of keeping the economy closed, but it is for the greatest good of public health. It will require creativity on the part of our state government to support north Carolinians during this crisis. But it is incumbent that we stop this virus by remaining

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04/23/2020 10:00 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Becky Aycock	NC needs to open up. This shutdown is worse than the virus.
04/23/2020 10:00 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Personal Rory Mcilmoil	Has the Working Group explored the implementation of this? The Fed has opened its Federal Reserve Act Section 13(3) lending facilities to municipal and other short term financial paper acquisitions for the duration of the present COVID-caused public health and financial crisis. Local governments in NC could use this for any number of financial relief and economic recovery initiatives. <a href="https://www.forbes.com/sites/rhockett/2020/04/09/welcome-to-community-qe/#77fa1707c415">https://www.forbes.com/sites/rhockett/2020/04/09/welcome-to-community-qe/#77fa1707c415</a>
04/23/2020 05:20 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Jacquelyn Simms	<p>We've seen 36 other states take the funds to expand Medicaid and save their rural hospitals from shuttering. This is a particular need in the mountains of western North Carolina.</p> <p>Medicaid expansion can also boost our economy and protect our healthcare system and rural hospitals. Now is the time to expand Medicaid and show North Carolinians that our leadership cares deeply for the health of our people, our healthcare system and our economy.</p> <p>We have seen how Medicaid expansion has helped reduce inequities and improve access to care for families who need it the most. The COVID-19 crisis is showing us that we need Medicaid expansion more than ever. When one person in the coverage gap can't get the care they need, then it affects not only their families, but their neighbors and the entire community.</p>
04/23/2020 06:23 PM	Economic Support Working Group		My family has a small business that is suffering greatly because of the continued lock down on the hard-working people of NC... A business that we've built & worked hard for over the last fifteen years. We have 5 children, a home to keep up, & bills to pay like everyone else. The right to work & live as we wish is what this great country is built on! Those who wish to continue self-quarantine have every right to do so. Those who do not wish to be denied their right to work also have the same right to choose as we weigh the risks of the situation for ourselves!! We North Carolinians do not need a governor to tell us where we can & can not go, or wether or not our jobs are essential. Every job is essential, & it hits hard when it's YOUR family's income & small business being affected. Open NC now!
04/23/2020 06:28 PM	Economic Support Working Group	wanda cooper	it is time for you in the legislature to do what you were put in office to do, to stand up for the thousands of north Carolinians that want to get back to work, the cases and death numbers vs the population does not warrant this, you need to overturn the executive order now
04/23/2020 06:44 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Brenda Brown	ReOpen NC!
04/23/2020 06:45 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Deborah Jones	NC needs to be reopened especially for small business owners, hair salons, barber shops. If people are still afraid of the virus, they can stay home.
04/23/2020 06:48 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Nancy Lewen	The NC State legislature needs to do it job and not allow our constitutional rights to be destroyed and stolen unlawfully by the Governor of this state. You are complicit in families

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			being destroyed, people going hungry (and they don't want government handouts but want to WORK)!! There is increased domestic violence, child abuse, depression and suicides. Most small businesses cannot get any aid at all including unemployment. This has to STOP.....DO WHAT YOU WERE ELECTED TO DO!!!!
04/23/2020 06:50 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms Vickie Reid	Reopen our state NOW! It is our God-given constitutional right to work and provide for our own families! No phases needed...just REOPEN! Hear the voice of the people whom you are sworn to serve!
04/23/2020 06:50 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Wynenda Riggs	I request that you strip Governor Cooper's power so that we can get back to work. He should give the counties the authority to make their own decisions regarding their communities reopening.
04/23/2020 06:54 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Brian Andrews	Re-open North Carolina!!
04/23/2020 06:57 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Open North Carolina Josh Clarke	Please move to open North Carolina for business immediately. Families are hurting. Businesses are being destroyed. The "cure" is proving worse than the disease.
04/23/2020 06:57 PM	Economic Support Working Group	1958 Betty Bass	REOPEN OUR STATE!!! WE NEED OUR ECONOMY TO GET BACK WHERE IT WAS BEFORE THIS STUPID VIRUS CAME ALONG!!!!!!
04/23/2020 07:02 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Leilani Logan	Please put an end to the stay at home order - we, the citizens of NC, are smart enough to know how to protect ourselves, maintain social distancing and slow the spread without this executive order that has stripped our basic right of freedom. Open gyms, restaurants and hair salons in Phase I!!!! Or better yet - no phasing! So many lives disrupted - your people are hungry. I know, I help feed them in food banks and schools.
04/23/2020 07:02 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms. Deborah Fillman	<p>Please read this, and do everything you can to act on it. The last line is the message I want you to remember so it keeps you up at night. Literally.</p> <p>They said:  Corona will kill 120m people if we don't close everything down.  Corona will kill 120k people if we don't close everything down.  Corona will kill 80k people if we don't close everything down.  Corona will kill 60k people if we don't close everything down.</p> <p>That's one month worth of models, ALL OF WHICH took into account social distancing and extreme measures to shutter businesses and personal lives.</p> <p>Now we're finding out, thanks to antibody tests that thousands upon thousands of people who had it never even knew they did, which means it's still just as transmissible as it always was and, simultaneously, is nowhere near as fatal.</p> <p>The idea was to flatten the curve, not lock everyone in their houses indefinitely until someone decided they were worthy of providing for their families.</p> <p>It's time to re-open businesses and let people go back to work. Cautiously. At any time going forward, no matter when it is, the excuse will be "We run the risk of a second wave." Yes. We do. But there's no evidence whatsoever that staying inside for another month is going to do anything to prevent that second wave, especially when you take into account</p>

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			<p>that every time the numbers get more solid and more data produces them, the virus becomes less of a threat.</p> <p>The time has come to let people work again. And if you want to argue we shouldn't, then you need to give me numbers that you would find acceptable before we can start things moving again because this vague "soon" and then "soon" and then "soon" isn't going to work indefinitely.</p> <p>Let people work. Let people function. Let people get outside. And if you don't want that today, set a target for what goal post will have to be reached to let that happen. Politicos need to prove, right now, and not a minute later, that there is a motivation to start producing again. Anyone who has a problem with this, fine. Have your problem. Just understand that your problem is with the timing of when we make the calculation of risk, not IF we make the calculation of risk, and if you believe that we can irrationally keep up like this indefinitely, then I urge you to stay at home after everything starts moving again.</p> <p>Shutting down as we did was prudent. Staying shutdown indefinitely is suicide.</p>
04/23/2020 07:03 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Eric Ward	#ReopenNC
04/23/2020 07:04 PM	Economic Support Working Group	NC free Dusty Buckner	Open NC
04/23/2020 07:04 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Jennifer Gupton	<p>Please end the shut down!</p> <p>I cannot wait to vote for Dan Forest in November.</p> <p>#reopennc</p>
04/23/2020 07:05 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Jo Page Sicz	I cannot fathom why our state legislators is sitting, twiddling their thumbs, while the moron in the governor's mansion is destroying our economy. The virus is nothing more than a virulent flu but the left has politicized it to take control of our elections, & YOU NEED TO STOP IT NOW. The people of North Carolina demand their freedom back. Either you give it to us, or we'll start taking it ourselves.
04/23/2020 07:06 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Allison Meder	<p>Our great people of North Carolina MUST go back to work. Families are suffering, CHILDREN are suffering. Please encourage Governor Cooper to relax these guidelines. More and more studies are showing that many of us have already had the virus. We must get back to our lives before more people suffer from the economic impact!</p> <p>How can we continue to allow big box stores to remain open, yet close our small businesses? I am confident these businesses can adhere to safe practices. Hair stylists can control who sits in their chairs, nail artists can wear masks and gloves, retail stores can restrict their capacity and require social distancing. PLEASE do something!!</p>
04/23/2020 07:07 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Heather Baker	We need to reopen NC. This is going to kill all of our small businesses that we have here in our great state!
04/23/2020 07:09 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Owner Christa Bercounas	ReOpenNC. The people of NC are suffering!. The cure is worse that the disease.
04/23/2020 07:10 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Cyndy Bunn	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

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			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.
04/23/2020 07:13 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr. Gerald Tripp	The people of North Carolina are struggling. Small business owners cannot continue to be shut down while large corporate stores are allowed to open. Restaurants can not survive with a potential partial opening date set between 22nd and 29th of May. Sole proprietors who pay vast sums of money in income taxes and as yet are ineligible for any government benefit can not continue to survive. The governor is putting hard working citizens in food pantry lines while his and your salary does not change. It is time to end this shutdown and let free citizens be in charge of their own well being.
04/23/2020 07:21 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Robert Brass	What about them? U.N. warns economic downturn could kill hundreds of thousands of children in 2020 UNITED NATIONS (Reuters) - Hundreds of thousands of children could die this year due to the global economic downturn sparked by the coronavirus pandemic and tens of millions more could fall into extreme poverty as a result of the crisis, the United Nations warned on Thursday. <a href="https://www.reuters.com/article/us-health-coronavirus-children-un-idUSKBN21Y2X7">https://www.reuters.com/article/us-health-coronavirus-children-un-idUSKBN21Y2X7</a>
04/23/2020 07:22 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Karen Spake	Thank you for supporting "stay at home" recommendations. The lives of all of us are important.
04/23/2020 07:26 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Jan Holsinger	PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE REOPEN NC NOW!!! Please don't wait until May!! We need to get back to work!!
04/23/2020 07:39 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Timothy Berry	The Governor is a dream killer...I've spent 5 years building a small business, thousands of dollars and two years going to college for training. #cooperkilledmydreams #cooperhatesmallbusiness
04/23/2020 07:46 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Shelly Johnson	It is time to reopen NC.  As I am sure you are aware, the doomsday prediction of the COVID-19 models have been a complete bust, with many downward revisions being necessary from a death toll of 2.2 million in the US to, last I saw 60,000. I am very confident there will be many more deaths and incalculable collateral damage caused from the loss of jobs, children out of school unsupervised because parents have no one to care for them, patients having treatment and surgeries postponed, depression and suicide, etc.  If certain groups are at higher risk, let's protect them by allowing those people to self quarantine, but let the rest of NC get back to work, school, and life.  Respectfully yours, Shelly Johnson

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04/23/2020 07:53 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Tammara Gardner	Under United States Constitution Amendments V and XIV, North Carolina Statutes § 40A-51, and related case law concerning inverse condemnation and regulatory takings, business owners who have been deprived of all economically beneficial use of their properties and barred from operating their businesses under Gov. Cooper's Executive Order No. 121, as extended by Executive Order 135, are entitled to due process of law and just compensation for the market value of their property. I am making this comment to request that your Committee issue guidance on how citizens of North Carolina can efficiently have such claims processed without having to resort to the courts. I appreciate your time.
04/23/2020 07:56 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Carolina Cooper	People are hurting out here in the real world and I am slowly losing my mind! The hospitals are not overrun and there is no reason we can't reopen. Roy Cooper is holding the whole state hostage to his political games. Please defend the Constitution that you took an oath to uphold and free us from this illegal house arrest.
04/23/2020 08:03 PM	Economic Support Working Group	President Harold Merritt	Small business are going broke me included because of the Covid 19 bull. What the hell are you all doing we need to open and work before everyone goes broke. Cooper will never get re elected!
04/23/2020 08:18 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr. william nesbitt	The continued shutdown of our state is outrageous & the arbitrary date of May 8th will further harm our economic recovery. The Governor's hypocritical exec order 121 is harming us much more than the virus itself! The governor who has been violating his own executive order by leaving the state to fundraise for his reelection campaign is now a criminal by the terms of his own edict. Lock up the governor or free the people & reopen NC!
04/23/2020 08:22 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Shauna Coster	I am extremely concerned about the irreparable harm being done to North Carolina's economy in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, especially with research emerging more and more that does not support the decision. North Carolinians are capable of following common sense, safe practices, without executive edicts, as we have with any other disease or virus. There is no doubt that the COVID-19 virus is a challenging issue; however, the removal of rights along with a 'one-size-fits-all' solution from the state executive branch are not acceptable.
04/23/2020 08:29 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Reopen NC Malissa Cottrell	The longer this goes on the worse things get. Gov. Cooper has overstepped his authority with this shut down. Read the Constitution! This is illegal!
04/23/2020 08:31 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Quarantine Restructuring	Let the strong, healthy and majority part of the herd back out into society and live our lives. We can keep things on course and thriving so that the elderly and compromised have a wonderful environment to rejoin after we achieve herd immunity and make North Carolina a safe space for them again! Staying in our homes is not the best or only way to support the weak and vulnerable. We need to steer the ship and be the rock nature intended us to be while making sure those at home get everything they need.
04/23/2020 08:45 PM	Economic Support Working Group	A New Normal John Snyder	I'm writing to advocate for lifting government restrictions. To be clear, I'm not advocating for an end to social distancing. North Carolina's people are intelligent. We recognize there is a new danger that requires new precautions. We can do that without added government regulation. What we need from you is information and guidance. We don't need a statewide ban or arbitrary "essential" classifications. We can stop the spread of the virus, and stop the protests, by giving the people information to make informed decisions.



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			<p>Emotions are running high. There is a lot at stake. For some it is health and for others it is their business or livelihood. Most of us are going to be somewhere on this spectrum. Let us make our own decisions based on our own values and needs.</p> <p>Ultimately, lifting restrictions doesn't force anyone to go outside that doesn't want to go outside. It also doesn't force business owners to open if they feel they can't do so safely.</p> <p>Conversely, restrictions force people to stay inside who are comfortable with the risk and choose to go back to work. They keep businesses closed that can safely serve clients.</p> <p>Consider for a moment the steps we take to prevent foodborne illness in restaurants. We recognize the dangers and our health officials have established guidance and provide information about foodborne illness to help those restaurants mitigate risks. I'm not comparing food poisoning to COVID-19. I only want to demonstrate that we can do the right thing when we have information and guidance. We can get back on track with support instead of restrictions.</p> <p>Last, I'm concerned about the hospitals. I understand the concept of flattening the curve. In New Hanover County, we aren't anywhere close to stressing the hospital system. In fact, our hospital is experiencing a very serious financial strain. At very least, allow counties to roll back restrictions based on their conditions.</p> <p>We need to fight this virus by keeping the vulnerable protected and allowing our otherwise healthy adults to carry the load. We understand the risks and are ready to do our part. Lift these restrictions and let our people get back to business.</p>
04/23/2020 08:49 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Julia Deltano	NC needs to open now! Our constitutional rights do not allow this. How can we support ourselves if we can not work???? It is not like anyone is offering to pay my bills or help me restart my business that has been shutdown. All the money that has been promised has not been received! When will Govenor Cooper take his pay cut?
04/23/2020 08:51 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms Betty Jones	Reopen NC now!! It is killing our small businesses!!!
04/23/2020 08:59 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Carol Snow	Please reconsider and open businesses in NC on Apr 29.
04/23/2020 09:03 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Phyllis Tydings	Open NC fully now. There's no evidence or science that suggest social distancing or stay at home make any difference.
04/23/2020 09:03 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr. Timothy Miller	Please put relentless pressure on Governor Cooper to end his unconstitutional declaration of martial law! Thank you!
04/23/2020 09:07 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Open NC Stacey Simms	It's time to open all NC businesses. Let them implement the same guidelines that big chain stores are using. Everyday that this is prolonged it is killing dreams and operations of small business owners.
04/23/2020 09:07 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Jill Simpson	Open up NC on May 1st
04/23/2020 09:12 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Reopen NC Tracie McCabe	We must reopen North Carolina immediately! The statistics do not support the irresponsible measures being unconstitutionally dictated by Gov. Cooper. We are not NY.

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			Our hospitals are not overwhelmed. Let the vulnerable stay at home. Those who want to get back to work should be allowed to do so!
04/23/2020 09:18 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Wendy Konig	I was disheartened to see a supposed possible reopen May 8 was actually at least two weeks later. It feels like we are being lied too
			Over 7k beds available, 600 some used. I thought we needed to stay under the curve to avoid overtaxing the medical system. We need to open ASAP. People are suffering. Lack of medical care (ask some doctors), businesses closing, so much devastation. All for something that has a much lower death rate than originally stated AND we have much lower numbers than expected under a perfect scenario. Please open ASAP. The unintended consequences are devastating
04/23/2020 09:24 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Open NC Brandi Johnson	Open NC for small beaches and public beach access. The economic and psychological downfall of this will be bigger than this virus with a 98% CURE rate.
04/23/2020 09:35 PM	Economic Support Working Group	ReopenNC NOW Stephen Culbreth	I was not born in China, I have never lived in China and I do not intend to start now! USANC Patriot!
04/23/2020 09:36 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Jennifer Dorton	I was happy to abide by the stay at home order until the end of April; however, the extension into May, and no transparent plan to open the state, have me questioning elected officials on both sides of the aisle. At this point, I will have to drive to SC or GA to conduct business as those states are willing to open back up to business. The sooner elected officials realize that we need to get back to work, the better. You can not keep the state shutdown in an effort to support a nanny government. Viruses by nature are difficult to contain. A one month effort to flatten the curve was just that - an effort to reduce hospital admissions. But at no point was the stay at home order supposed to be an indefinite way of life. Lift the restrictions in a controlled manner and allow people to determine acceptable risk for themselves. Let's get the state moving forward again.
04/23/2020 09:40 PM	Economic Support Working Group	mrs chelsea le chatelier	open up nc! small businesses need to open and get people back to work NOW.
04/23/2020 09:40 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Reopen NC Kelli Mickey	We need to reopen NC and let people work! This is unconstitutional to ban people from making a living!!! I am self employed and have not gotten any unemployment. Let us work!
04/23/2020 09:42 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Jessica Theiss	<p>If I recall correctly, the original goal of a state lockdown was to not overwhelm our healthcare system, and to protect our hardworking healthcare workers and staff. Based on data as of today, our hospital capacity is just fine. I'm so relieved for our doctors, nurses and larger community that they have not been overwhelmed.</p> <p>We must continue to work to protect them and our community. But, we must also be concerned about all members of our community. I am also concerned about those who are not able to work, and now are worried about providing food and shelter to their families. I volunteer with these members of our community. I see them at home, unable to work and provide for their families.</p> <p>700K unemployed in our state.</p> <p>7,312 cases of coronavirus in our state out of 10 million residents.</p>

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			<p>We must find a balance.</p> <p>We can begin to re-open our state, with mitigation efforts in place. We can continue to social distance. We can reduce capacity at business. We can let people choose to work with protective equipment. We can recommend that the physically vulnerable continue to stay home.</p> <p>We can do both.</p> <p>No matter when we re-open, the virus will still be here. It will not just disappear. We delay the inevitable spread by continuing to lockdown. We must prepare for it. We must work to slow the spread. We must find a balance.</p>
04/23/2020 09:48 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Michele Wiederspiel	This extended shutdown is not warranted with our state numbers. Stop the economic devastation
04/23/2020 09:48 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Constitutional Rights Meleah Allard	I am very upset that my First Amendment rights are being impeded! For the Governor to hinder churches from being able to meet and people to be able to earn a living (for any reason) is WRONG! There are no caveats to the Bill of Rights. He is wrong. We expect you to correct his wrong. Elections are looming.
04/23/2020 09:50 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Gerald Jeffris	The current stay-at-home/lockdown policies implemented by the state of North Carolina (now extended to May 8, 2020) are having significant negative economic and health effects on the population of the state. People have been going without pay, in some cases for as long as 6 weeks, and the uncertainty of the situation has caused further depression of their income prospects for the coming months. Consider, for example, people who work as contractors, who in many cases cannot easily apply for unemployment benefits, or students who need a part time job to support their studies, or people who need to rent properties, but cannot because they don't even know if they can count on local activities or income going forward. These are just but a few of the many examples that could be cited of people who are facing severe economic risks. Studies of COVID19 have shown there is a clearly defined risk group (older people and people with underlying conditions) that can be protected while allowing the population that is at lower risk (represented by a large majority) to resume economic activities. It is time to implement that common sense strategy as soon as possible to begin to mitigate and reverse the already devastating economic effects that have been caused by the suspension of activities that is currently in place.
04/23/2020 09:53 PM	Economic Support Working Group	John	It's time to reopen North Carolina. Seriously why are we letting Government Cooper get away with this. Fix it!!!!
04/23/2020 09:54 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms. Michelle Dufay	I am stunned that the Governor has extended the lockdown until May 8 and with that he has extended the hell in which we all find ourselves. This is not living; we are in a state of simply existing, waiting to start living again. Meanwhile, with each day, we worry about all the businesses being destroyed and the inevitable breakdown of society that will come with economic devastation. We MUST open NC completely and immediately.
04/23/2020 09:54 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Small business owner Tracy Evans	It is time to reopen NC up for business. Let the people decide if they feel comfortable supporting their local small businesses. I have been self employed for 35 years and never been put in a situation where someone said, you cannot work, you must stay home and if

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			<p>you do work we are going to put you in jail, fine you and or take your license away. You might as well kill me, you are destroying my life, my business and financially crippling me. Also let me just ask, have any of you had to call any of your utility companies to say I am not able to earn a paycheck because of COVID 19? Well let me just say I have NEVER paid a bill late. My credit is excellent. They say they will work with you till we get through this...and a week later they start texting you asking for the remainder of your balance. I thought ok, I can make it till April 30th and then I will work 7 days a week to get caught up and now I cannot open back up till mid May or until June... I have polices in place one client at a time no overlap of people ,the same sanitizer the hospital uses for cleaning. Masks are available for any one that needs one before entering my business. Oh did I mention I ordered a non contact medical grade digital scanning thermometer so I can check their temperature before they enter my salon.</p> <p>Thank you very much</p> <p>Tracy Evans owner and operator</p>
04/23/2020 09:58 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Jennifer Lee	This shutdown is causing increased domestic violence and child abuse cases, and family businesses are being destroyed, leaving many families with NO FOOD or means to pay their bills. Please let ALL businesses reopen!
04/23/2020 10:05 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Kristy Massie	Gov. Cooper's extension of the SAH order as well as his "plan" for eventual reopening are completely impractical and a terrible hardship for small/ non-essential businesses, not to mention un-Constitutional. While the Constitutionality has not yet been debated in court, it soon will, and we all know how that will go. How is it possible that 10.5 million people are held hostage because of 400ish in the hospital. This is absurd. Lawmakers who speak for North Carolinians need to accurately advocate for us. 1000+ showed up last week in Raleigh to make our wishes known. This will only continue to grow. Reject and override Gov. Cooper's order. It's bad for business, bad for the state, bad for the people of North Carolina.
04/23/2020 10:08 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Cindy Higgins	You cannot continue to hold us hostage by NOT allowing us to work. We don't want NC unemployment money, we want to go back to work and support our families! My daughter is unable to close on 42 acres (a dream of her and her fiance's) in North Carolina because she is now on unemployment, she has worked for 12 years at the salon and now they will not allow her to close on the land, the is OUTRAGEOUS!! Open up North Carolina!!!
04/23/2020 10:09 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Joy Blount	<p>I really do NOT understand why everything is still shut down. There have been on average 300-500 hospitalizations daily. There are 10.5 million people in North Carolina. Our hospitals are NOT in danger. The NC legislature is destroying people's lives for the sake of a tiny potential what-if.</p> <p>This stay-at-home order is completely unhealthy for the mind, the soul and the economy. It needs to END!!</p>
04/23/2020 10:21 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ashley Smith	Reopen NC. We cannot sustain a continued shutdown!!
04/23/2020 10:33 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Georgia Strickland	Reopen NC now. The governor's stay at home order is a violation of our constitutional rights. This order is destroying the NC economy and we may never recover. Please reopen NC now before all hope is gone.
04/23/2020 10:37 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Paula Crotts	Copied from a friend..... A thought provoking read:

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			<p>I was reading some posts for and against reopening the country. One was talking about being selfish and it got me to thinking.</p> <p>There are those wanting to reopen yet they're being classified as selfish. There are those healthy people who rely on all kinds of people to supply them while they sit safe at home for the foreseeable future. Isn't that being selfish too?</p> <p>You expect your garbage to be picked up, you expect the grocery store to be open so you can get milk, you expect truck drivers to supply the stores, you expect farmers, meatpackers, fruit and vegetable pickers all to keep food in that grocery store.</p> <p>You expect Amazon to still ship all the things you're ordering while you sit at home shopping. You expect the delivery driver to leave it on your doorstep. You expect your phone to work, your power to stay on, and your mail to show up rain, sleet, or shine. And most important, you expect the doctors and nurses to be there if you need them although many of them across the country have been furloughed because their units and services have been shut down while the entire system focuses only on COVID19.</p> <p>The whole premise of shelter in place is based on the arrogant idea that others must risk their health so you can protect yours. There is nothing virtuous about ignoring the largely invisible army required to allow people to shelter in place.</p> <p>I know there are some of you may be screaming mad about what I just said but stop and really think about what is allowing you to stay safe in your home.</p> <p>I truly believe that with some common sense on my part, I could easily go back to life as it was. I want to go to restaurants, I want to shop at the little store just up the road.</p> <p>And yes, I could catch COVID-19. I could also catch the flu or a cold. I could get run over by a bus. I could get struck by lightning. We take risks everyday. If you choose to stay home, that is absolutely your choice. And please don't start screaming at me about how I'll just spread it.</p> <p>Why are you worried? You won't get it because you're staying in your home. Are you going to shelter in place every time a new strand of the flu happens?</p> <p>The entire purpose of the shelter-in-place idea was to let the healthcare system to prepare and to flatten the curve. It was not to eradicate the virus (impossible).</p> <p>Our economy can't withstand much more of this. If our economy collapses, so will the rest of the world's. If that happens, you will see the rise of tyrants.</p> <p>I absolutely don't want people to die...from COVID or anything else. I want people to live.</p> <p>But sheltering in place is not living.</p>
04/23/2020 10:49 PM	Economic Support	Debbie Cromartie	As Margaret Thatcher once said, 'The trouble with socialism is that eventually you run out

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	Working Group		of other people's money'. That time is almost here. The healthcare industry, as we all know is at the front of the battle against this virus, has furloughed employees. If this industry is suffering from the economic shutdown, is there any hope for other industries? This should be a wake-up call. The government does not sell a product; its revenue stream is taxes. If businesses keep closing doors, less people working, less taxes. You as politicians should know this, but I have my doubts. The states' funds are dwindling, and it is only a matter of time before the federal government runs out of funds. What will we do then? We will become Venezuela. Is this what you want? Answer me! You do work for your constituents, and for several weeks, we have been instructing you to do your job. Stop Cooper. STAND UP AND DO YOUR JOB! Change the state constitution; change the laws, STOP Cooper. Here is a little secret North Carolinians know, this virus did not shut down the economy. Tyrannical Cooper and you lazy politicians, still receiving wages, shut down this economy.
04/23/2020 10:56 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Pamela Andler	Open the state!! The numbers do not correspond with extending the stay at home order!! People are essential!! People need to work!! Open small business now including our restaurant bars and hair salons!!!! Unemployment is going to kill far more than covid! Poverty and hunger are real
04/23/2020 10:57 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Josh Monday	This continued shutdown will not be forgotten in November. There are no facts that support your action or inactions. 0.002% have died and 5% are unemployed.
04/23/2020 11:54 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Joyce Deal	Our 1st Amendment guarantees Americans certain rights. Our current governor is VIOLATING our rights and we will not stand for it. The data that our governor is using is not accurate - we know that many people are dying of other causes and COVID19 is falsely being out on their death certificates. We know that we are being lied to by our government officials. We refuse to become prisoners in our own homes. Stop destroying our economy and open up our state NOW.
04/23/2020 11:58 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Jason Peetz	We will have to deal with this virus at some point in our near future. "Stay at home" orders are not going to eliminate the virus...they have only given us time to increase our healthcare capacity. NC is nowhere near the epicenter NY and NJ are, so there is no credible data to support continued lockdown measures to this degree. An approach more similar to Florida would be appropriate for NC. Put our efforts into protecting the most vulnerable (ages 65 & up account for more than 70% of deaths with underlying health issues being a significant factor in the overwhelming majority of cases). Use testing in these vulnerable areas (like nursing homes) to reveal possible asymptomatic staff who could be unknowingly infecting fragile populations. Open up our businesses because a huge part of our work force is of the age that is statistically at lower risk and recommend more stringent measures for the most vulnerable. Don't punish small business and the entire economy to make a policy decision that has such a devastating impact on so many. My family counts on our business for the livelihood of a family of five. Allow our businesses to follow sanitation guidelines that will be beneficial to the public and get the economy headed in the right direction now.
04/24/2020 12:10 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mister Frank Garrick	Dear NCGA, please end this lockdown now! It is unsustainable, it is unsustainable for North Carolina. We don't want a phased plan. We don't want handouts. We are all willing to send back all government assistance! We are hard-working Americans who stand for Liberty and the right to earn a living. Emphasis on earn a living, no handouts! We want to earn a living, open all businesses now! Thank you for your consideration.



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04/24/2020 12:53 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Reopen NC Mark McManus	The time to open our economy has passed. Staying closed any longer serves zero purpose except to hurt families and businesses.
04/24/2020 12:54 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Heather McManus	less than 1% of the population of 10.5 million people in NC have died from this virus. Lift the stay at home order immediately.
04/24/2020 01:04 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Sabrina Waters	Please overrule Gov. Cooper and allow individual counties/municipalities to move to stage 1 at their own pace. This is unfair to the rural counties of our state in particular! Many counties have 0-10 cases of COVID.
04/24/2020 03:03 AM	Economic Support Working Group	H G	Get the beaches back up and running for people to fish and sun bath and sit the economy down there will not survive we can still all use social distancing to fish and everything else not that hard
04/24/2020 04:54 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms Theresa Whitehurst	Congratulations!! You're part of the select and chosen few whose jobs have been deemed essential and you continue to get paid. IRONICALLY, your pay is provided by those who you have shut down and laid off. DO YOUR JOB!!! Uphold our rights granted by the constitution, strip Gov Cooper of this rogue power of exec order and REOPEN NC no later than May 1!!! Many,many, many lives depend on it!! Thank you.
04/24/2020 05:08 AM	Economic Support Working Group	ashley allen	Reopen NC ASAP Cooper is abusing his power!!!! This is ridiculous!!!! Stop stalling
04/24/2020 05:08 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Amanda Osborne	NC needs to reopen. This stay at home order is a violation of our freedom and is causing poverty, suicide, domestic violence and substance abuse
04/24/2020 05:39 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Reopen NC Chelsea Sorrell	PLEASE reopen NC - the numbers of positive cases/deaths do not support our continued closed state! Especially when these deaths are added to covid totals when they clearly die from an unrelated cause. We don't want to be taken care of - we don't want stimulus checks.... we want to take care of our families on our own as we had before without ANY help from the government! We've got this... Gov. Cooper, if you'd like to keep your job (because it isn't looking good for you) let us get back to it and QUIT ruining our state!!! Thanks!
04/24/2020 05:40 AM	Economic Support Working Group	NC Wineries John Byrd	There is no reason wineries across the state could not reopen on a limited basis like the state of Georgia  Your killing the tourism industry and forcing many to leave the state to go vacation elsewhere - Yadkin Valley needs to open up
04/24/2020 06:10 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr. Rodney Swarms	Please reconsider opening up the State April 30th as you originally agreed. Allow people the freedom we are born with as United States Citizens. We the people are smart enough to use common sense through this COVID-19 pandemic. We do not need government micromanaging our lives now or ever. This is still the United States of America, home of the FREE and land of the brave.
04/24/2020 06:11 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms. Luisa Caverly	Governor Cooper proves again that he is playing politics and cares nothing about the hard-working people that are unable to earn a living during this shutdown. It was announced that each state has more than enough test kits to go into Phase 1. Why is it being postponed in NC? Based on what science is he making his decision? People are unable to pay their bills, feed their families, get unemployment checks or PPE. Does he want everyone to starve and become dependent on the government?

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			<p>He has proven that this is political. He has done nothing to help the people suffering - all the while collecting his pay on the backs of the taxpayers. He has given no dates. Our COVID numbers are low. Our hospitals are empty. People sick of anything but COVID aren't being taken care of. Medical personnel are being furloughed. He knows this and yet plays the supreme ruler. This is NOT being done for the good of the people of NC.</p> <p>I urge you to put legislation in place that will actually help the people of NC get back to work. This cannot continue and must stop. Stop the rolling goal posts - based on his actions so far, he will never be ready to say we're ready to go to Phase 1 and then move on.</p>
04/24/2020 06:50 AM	Economic Support Working Group	MS Crystal Duty	The Governments job is to uphold the constitution, not to keep us safe. REOPEN NC
04/24/2020 07:00 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Kristin Terry	We need to reopen this state. It is time to stand up to the overreach of Governor Cooper's orders. Everyone should be able to go back to work. The proposed phased roll out is unacceptable, the proposed phases are too long and allow for continued government control of our constitutional rights.
04/24/2020 07:22 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Cynthia Kangers	ReopenNC!!!
04/24/2020 07:30 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Anne Krishnan	We are still in the height of a pandemic. I cannot imagine returning to any semblance of re-opening right now. Please act responsibly for all the people of NC, not just the noisy few.
04/24/2020 07:34 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Lorna Lueck	Gov Cooper has overreacted his authority with extending stay at home. Nc is able to manage the cases without the restrictions. The damage being done is worse than what we are trying to accomplish.
04/24/2020 07:42 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Anthony Baldwin	It is imperative that NC reopens for business. Neither the Governor nor any office holder be paid a penny until every North Carolinian with a job can go back to work if they choose to do so. The threat of remaining CLOSED is far greater than the threat of reopening. Those in high risk categories should be allowed to stay home and have job protection for up to 180 days after their business reopens. NOBODY should force people out of their homes. NOBODY should force us to lose all we have worked for.
04/24/2020 07:42 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Allison Meder	The decision to keep small businesses closed is needlessly crushing our economy and North Carolina families. Grocery stores can remain open, yet retail stores and other business must remain closed. Why is Walmart trusted to enact safety policies but stores such as "Kohls" cannot? Please - families are suffering. Businesses will have to close up shop indefinitely. Please vote to reverse this unconstitutional order! Please TRUST North Carolinians to do their part to stay safe, as well as practice healthy habits for our fellow neighbors.
04/24/2020 07:42 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Patricia Martin	The state of North Carolina must open up now and restore the right to all businesses to operate freely and all churches to open their doors fully to all congregants. The governor is prevent people from exercising their rights to life, liberty, and happiness and preventing the free exercise of religion because congregants cannot gather for rites that require a pastor or priest to perform in community in the church. The governor is not fulfilling his oath of office because he is not serving the interests of the state; he is impoverishing both the state and its people. His actions have resulted in mass unemployment, business closures,

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			hunger, deprivation of medical care for everyone NOT suffering from COVID-19. His actions are not based on data and science, but rather on the direction of a certain political party. #reopennc
04/24/2020 07:43 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Carol Snow	What are you doing TODAY to open NC businesses?
04/24/2020 07:47 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Deanna Utt	Wake Forest Baptist Health announced they are furloughing staff today. Let the counties decide to open individually. We see you and we will vote accordingly.
04/24/2020 07:51 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Kari Holley	Please open the state parks, allow people to get out and enjoy the scenery the fresh air. People need to exercise healthy habits that they learned at the age of 2. Small business need business, you can still keep your distance you can still keep hand sanitizer available at business, but please let us travel. Let's boost the economy better than what it has ever been!!!
04/24/2020 07:59 AM	Economic Support Working Group		People receiving paychecks from the Government, when the Government shutdown small businesses, should not determine when to reopen.
04/24/2020 08:07 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Vanessa Young	Please reopen nc!!
04/24/2020 08:12 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Patricia Parker	I need to work! I have no money, no groceries, I'm sure my truck will be repossessed soon. I can't take this much longer.
04/24/2020 08:17 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Kellie Robinson	I cannot truly believe I have to explain to my teenage children how any of this continuation makes sense. How business will close, opportunities will continue to dissolve and people will lose everything. This is beyond any impact the virus potentially has... the facts are NOT being published.
04/24/2020 08:29 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Wes Springob	REOPEN NC, without restrictions NOW! Why did I have to protest before the republicans get involved? Leaders would be out front if they had true conviction, not merely an interest in getting elected. I am equally willing to not vote for Republicans that don't make a strong stand right now and instead attempt to ride a wave of discontent for the current lot in Nov.
04/24/2020 08:31 AM	Economic Support Working Group	NC is not made Luis Vega	North Carolinians have proven time and again that we can live and work under restrictive circumstances. However, we need to move forward and reengage our economy, our social structure, our daily lives, and our religious observances. Misuse of a pandemic for political purposes is irresponsible and childishly petulant. We must move out of our homes and back to our workplaces, shopping venues, and houses of worship. Otherwise we will either and return to a state similar to the great depression.
04/24/2020 08:32 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Rev. Karen Ziegler	If we reopen too soon, the economy will suffer even worse. I support Governor Cooper and want you to support him too.
04/24/2020 08:34 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Melinda Davis	Open NC up! These over-reaching orders will have generational consequences if our state can't compete with our surrounding states re-opening.
04/24/2020 08:38 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Angela Averette	It's time to open North Carolina! The goal was to protect our healthcare system and we have done that. Now it's time to move to protect our economy!
04/24/2020 08:46 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Kristin McCora	Reopen NC!!

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04/24/2020 08:48 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms. Shana Deitrick	REOPEN NC. This absurd form of control is killing the economy and its people. The curve was flattened, the peak has passed, there is ZERO reason to continue the restrictions. We will all be exposed to the virus at some point - if we haven't been already - we have to be. The people who will die, will die. Flattening the curve was never about saving lives. Those that will die from the virus will - this was about spreading out the cases to not overwhelm the system. But, the system is FURLOUGHING workers .... it's done it's job. We stayed home - for two months now. Let NC go back to work. You are single handedly destroying the state. THIS IS UNACCEPTABLE. Look at the data, not the fear.
04/24/2020 08:54 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Terese Jerose	What can the state do to ensure that the food our farmers are producing are not being destroyed but gets to feed people? Could this be addressed in a news briefing? On a side note, while a small business loan aid package from the fed sounds good, it does Not feed anyone directly. The fed should take note of how the U.K. is handling unemployment. This is an opportunity for the state to recalibrate
04/24/2020 08:58 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr David Andersen	<p>This isn't a question of money vs. lives: it's lives vs. lives.</p> <p>No one wants to see people die, of course: every death is someone's mom or dad, someone's grandparent or child.</p> <p>The virus is potentially deadly for anyone who gets infected; definitely serious, and we should be taking precautions.</p> <p>But it is no Ebola: it doesn't kill 40%, 50% of a population it hits. The number looks like it will be less than 1%. Again, no one wants to see anyone die of this virus, but is our response to it going to kill more people than the virus?</p> <p>What do I mean by that? How many people die of suicide, drug overdoses, alcohol abuse in a deep recession? How many seniors lose their life savings, wind up destitute? How many people wind up homeless? Hopeless? What about the increase in domestic violence; in crime overall? And if the results of this extended shutdown get as bad as many analysts predict—they're saying it could be the worst we've seen since the Great Depression—how many will starve to death, on the streets?</p> <p>This isn't a question of money vs. lives: it's lives vs. lives.</p> <p>Public policy is a horrible, terrible job and I'd never want to have it. The fact is, the job isn't to make the *best* decision: there is no The Best. The job is to look at all the possible paths forward—each of them involving some level of death and suffering—and to pick the least worst way forward.</p> <p>As a nation, we can't afford monochromatic decision making; decisions based only on the most immediate, scary threat, yet in state after state, county and city after county and city, that is what we're seeing, exclusively: practically none of the elected officials—our employees—are contemplating, let alone explaining, the entirety of causes and effects that must be weighed.</p> <p>The best that can be done? Choosing the least worst.</p>

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04/24/2020 09:07 AM	Economic Support Working Group	#reopennc Bobbi	It is beyond time to open NC back up. This was always intended to flatten the curve and not overwhelm our hospitals. They are not overwhelmed, but all the people put out of work are. It is time to allow people to work safely. #reopennc
04/24/2020 09:10 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Ann Glacken	<p>I am a self-employed artist and art instructor. My income is derived from teaching art workshops across the state and from the sale of paintings, prints, and cards. Already half of the workshops I was scheduled to teach have been cancelled by the art school I teach at. It looks like the remainder of my workshops which are scheduled for July will be cancelled as well. Due to this shut down, my orders for prints and cards have ceased because the venues that sell them are closed. This leaves me with ZERO income from my business. Yet, I still have business related expenses that need to be paid. It has taken me years to build up my business. Last year was my best year. Now it has come crashing down to ZERO.</p> <p>Also, because the system for filing unemployment here in this state does not recognize the self-employed, my application keeps being rejected and I cannot get through to a live person to help me because the system is overloaded. So I have received no relief there as well. How can a state demand you stop working, yet not provide for you? This is totally unconstitutional.</p> <p>We need to reopen NC.</p>
04/24/2020 09:27 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Danielle Lynn	I will not be voting for Cooper. He is KILLING small Businesses each day the Lock down is in place.
04/24/2020 09:36 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Angie Rush	<p>Dear Members of the North Carolina General Assembly,</p> <p>Respectfully, we, the working class and small business owners of North Carolina, ask you that take into consideration the reopening of North Carolina. Many citizens believe that there should be no-phased roll out and we want the ability for ALL to go back to work. Please know that we are need to get back to work for our families and our economy. We want this to happen sooner rather than on the Governor's timeline. Please help us!</p>
04/24/2020 09:44 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Shari Tennant	<p>NC</p> <p>I am a Dental Hygienist in Cornelius and have been lain off due to this quarantine and luckily will have a job to go back to when the state reopens. Although I will have a job, the recovery of the dental industry will be slow due to the fear mongering that has happened by the media. However, my husband is a freelance live entertainment audio engineer and no telling when that industry will recover! We have 2 girls in college right now and will probably not be able to send them back next fall if the state doesn't reopen soon. Please do not extend the quarantine past April 30!!!</p>
04/24/2020 09:46 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Leah Sikes	Please, fight for our right as citizens to run our businesses and support our businesses as stated in our laws. We want N.C. reopened.
04/24/2020 10:18 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Janet Hunter	We want our rights back. The Governor's plan is unacceptable. Healthy people want to support their family. Help us, please.
04/24/2020 10:21 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Budget Blinds of North Wi MACK MOORE	ReOpen NC now

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04/24/2020 10:30 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Cathrine Thomas	Override that power hungry governors and reopen this state. Enough is enough! You're in your position because we put you there. Please do what we're asking and give us our lives back!
04/24/2020 10:58 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Ann Rataska	<p>"How Cowardice And Class Privilege Shift Support For Coronavirus Lockdowns All worthwhile activities always involve risk of death—to oneself and others. That is no excuse for assuming a fetal position and failing to live one's life. Jonathan Ashbach By Jonathan Ashbach April 23, 2020 "There is a moral core to the argument against draconian use of stay-at-home orders that has yet to be well articulated in the public sphere.</p> <p>Reactionary governmental responses to the spread of coronavirus have been catastrophic. We have inflicted job loss upon tens of millions of American workers. We have put a quarter of small businesses at risk of permanently shutting down. And we have inflicted untold mental distress upon hundreds of millions. All this in the last few weeks.</p> <p>Yet extreme response measures still hold an aura of moral superiority for many. There is a touch of the surreal in the oblivious manner with which many talking heads have savagely put down any resistance to intrusive measures with a simplistic, "This will save lives," or, "Our goal must be to minimize deaths."</p> <p>Point out the compounded economic and personal hardship that our response has inflicted, and in many quarters you will meet at best the dismissive retort that one can't measure lives against the economy and at worst with the accusation that you are a selfish &amp;^%\$# who values your freedom over others' wellbeing.</p> <p>The Moral Heart of the Resistance</p> <p>What is disheartening, on the other hand, is the intense poverty of moral vision that the response reveals. It takes for granted the moral irrelevance of work, study, human interaction, sightseeing, dating, going to the gym, attending sacred services, and all of the million and one things that the current restrictions have largely put on hold.</p> <p>It is not true that those who value the plethora of activities that make up human life are prioritizing selfishness over the real wellbeing of the nation. Exactly the contrary. Months of people's lives are slipping away forever. It is those who dismiss that who devalue the human.</p> <p>The jobs we have taken from tens of millions of our fellow citizens cannot simply be dismissed as amoral dollars and cents. They are sources of meaning and provision, arenas of excellence of profound moral worth—and especially valuable, one might add, to the less economically privileged, who are disproportionately suffering under our new rules.</p> <p>The hundreds of thousands of small businesses that we are driving into the ground are not simply abstract "companies." They represent the investment of the dreams and life</p>



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			work of millions of our fellow citizens. A class is not merely an instrument for increasing average worker productivity. It is a sacred activity—opening the mind to truth, crafting the character, unfolding the understanding.
			The personal, face-to-face human interactions that we have cut off at the source are the very stuff of meaningful life. To respond that all of these activities can be moved online would be to engage in an exercise in self-delusion."
04/24/2020 11:02 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr E J	No, it's time for you to give us comments. Re Open Now
04/24/2020 11:04 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr E J	We were told that we were shutting down our state to flatten the curve so that we do not overwhelm the healthcare system. I'm a statistician so I understand this to mean that the area under the curve remains the same but is spread over time. We understand that there is still no magic bullet and the NC citizens will get the virus. We also understand that it is simply not feasible to stay closed for the next 12-18 months. So, it seems that we HAVE to find a way to methodically open our state back up while ensuring we do not overwhelm the health care system. Now's the time. Please open up our economy!
04/24/2020 11:05 AM	Economic Support Working Group	beth barkovich	This is against our rights - making us all stay at home and lose revenue but your going to maybe allow NASCAR Race? come on - we know NASCAR is a contributor as is all big business. help your voters. allow us to go back to work and OPEN the state. and - did you agree to take a pay cut or NO pay and go on unemployment like you are making millions do? get real - the only this virus has done has shown how corrupt our political system is - nobody should be punished for less than .05% of the population like you are causing. Serious pain - but its ok - the ABC stores are open - another ridiculous ruling. we value alcohol more than life or someones livelihood to support their family? Open NC May 1. May 8th is not necessary.
04/24/2020 11:05 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Wendy Mayo	Please reopen NC now!!! Keep vulnerable populations home but let us get back to growing our businesses
04/24/2020 11:15 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Brian Knowles	We need to reopen NC now! My small business and many others I know are suffering irreparable damage. We are sacrificing the many for a few and that is not the answer.
04/24/2020 11:19 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr William Leatherwood	Get off your butts and get to work. NC does not have a king although cooper thinks he is. Tar and feathers are in your future.And you only have yourselves to blame.
04/24/2020 11:19 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Julia Deltano	How much longer are we expected to try to keep our businesses viable, put food on the table, and pay our rent or mortgage without income? We still have not received our PPP loan we applied for, SBA loan (although we got a 2000.00 of the SBA emergency advance - which doesn't come close to keeping our business afloat) no unemployment, or stimulus money. So we are just to sit back and wait another 2 months to work? We do not need to keep hiding.....there is not going to be anything left to come out of hiding for.
04/24/2020 11:26 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Dr. Abir mandal	Imprison herr cooper for violating our constitutional rights.
04/24/2020 11:33 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr. Vincent Giannetti	You need to lift this stay at home order and let business reopen. You are destroying this state's economy and it will take years for us to recover.
04/24/2020 11:34 AM	Economic Support	Mr. James Hildreth	Governor Cooper has violated his oath of office. He has also shown that he is

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	Working Group		fundamentally incompetent when it comes to effective leadership. He has dramatically failed through his policies of "one size fits all" as it relates to counties and cities/towns. These policies are clearly killing the economy of North Carolina by the unequally applied demands. This is a clear violation of the 14th Amendment and must be overruled by you as elected officials.
04/24/2020 11:49 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Jack Marshfield	The NCGA needs to begin consideration on legislation that REMOVES or SEVERELY CONSTRAINS any Governor's power to shut down North Carolina during ANY KIND OF EMERGENCY. The legislation SHOULD INCLUDE language to the effect that under NO CONDITIONS may a declaration be made that make the RIGHTS of Citizen Non-Essential. Any such condition of the declaration makes the declaration void and of no effect.
04/24/2020 11:58 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Corey Gooden	Please have Governor Cooper read section 1 of the North Carolina Constitution. "Let us" work; only if it pleases the king, of course!
			Section 1. The equality and rights of persons. We hold it to be self-evident that all persons are created equal; that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights; that among these are life, liberty, the enjoyment of the fruits of their own labor, and the pursuit of happiness.
04/24/2020 12:02 PM	Economic Support Working Group		Governor Roy Cooper has committed the act of false imprisonment on the citizens of North Carolina. That is against the law, defined as follows: 'False imprisonment is an act punishable under criminal law. A person commits false imprisonment when he commits an act of restraint on another person which confines that person in a bounded area' (Cornell Law Legal Information Institute). Governor Cooper has ordered us to stay in our homes despite the fact that the Coronavirus has a low mortality rate. He has imprisoned North Carolinians in their homes, and restricted the economy to the ever-arbitrary "essential businesses". Those who are at risk are welcome stay at home and wear protective gear if they feel unsafe. However, herd immunity needs to be built up so the healthy individuals can maintain a strong economy for those who are staying at home.
04/24/2020 12:06 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Brea Estep	#reopennc
04/24/2020 12:19 PM	Economic Support Working Group	J Minchew	Governor Cooper is doing an excellent job. Lives matter more than money. Our state is well positioned to be able to handle the ongoing pandemic because of the measures that are in place. Do not let a vocal few grab your attention. We must protect our citizens
04/24/2020 12:22 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Erin Daniel	We need to work and support our families!!! Executive order is unconstitutional! Open now!
04/24/2020 12:26 PM	Economic Support Working Group	COVID Michael Baldwin	Representatives,  We need to open N.C. back up. We should recognize that is our major box stores can remain open and not spread this to customers or employees then our small businesses can as well. Provide cleaning protocols and guidance. This additional work should still be more economically friendly and achievable than leaving them shut down. Open N.C.
04/24/2020 12:43 PM	Economic Support Working Group	JP Trostle	This state is NOT ready to be reopened. This viral outbreak is NOT under control, and if you try and rush back to "normal" now, you will be right back where we were a month ago, and endanger thousands of citizen's lives.

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			Honestly — any attempt to force the economy open before Memorial Day will end in disaster.
			Do not be bullied or swayed by the astroturf tactics of the hysterical #ReopenNC. They are paid protestors and tiny fraction of the population — they do not speak for us!
04/24/2020 12:44 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Re Open NC Elisa Keefe	Please stand up to Governor Cooper and fight to Re-open North Carolina. Please don't be bullied by the fearmongers, but rather lean on rational thinking.
04/24/2020 12:51 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Jamie Gartman	This shut down is destroying the working poor and middle class. Tax revenues are in dire straights and this will have a very negative impact on education, social services, pensions and infra-structure. This authoritarian executive order is based on the whims of a Governor who is owned by the far left and DC elitist. It has nothing to do with science. Disgusting. Reopen now ! We will not be silenced.
04/24/2020 12:53 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Nancy Novack	<a href="https://thefederalist.com/2020/04/24/reopening-the-nation-is-now-necessary-to-save-lives/">https://thefederalist.com/2020/04/24/reopening-the-nation-is-now-necessary-to-save-lives/</a> this is an excellent explanation of what I think . . .
04/24/2020 12:59 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Carolina Cooper	Reopen NC now! The models were wrong. We flattened the curve. Our hospitals were not overwhelmed. The infection rate is higher than we ever knew despite the lockdowns and the fatality rate is much lower than we were told. All of this has been for nothing! It's time to reopen! Stop King Cooper NOW!
04/24/2020 01:02 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms. Shelley Day	I support a continued stay-at-home order until NC is able to meet the standards set forth by the President's own Covid-19 task force and Governor Cooper.
04/24/2020 01:04 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Dave Dickens	Please REOPENNC! People are suffering from loss of employment/income, and we need to get our economy back on. I see over 700,000 unemployment claims submitted, for <300 deaths. We need a more aggressive plan to get people working again, and Gov Cooper's plan is too slow.
04/24/2020 01:05 PM	Economic Support Working Group	MS Sharon Chilton-Moser	Reopen our state fully for business! The governor's stay at home order unfairly singles out certain businesses as "non essential" and restricts others in ways that have nothing to do with public health. The orders are unconstitutional. The orders originally referenced a goal of "flattening a curve" in order to avoid overwhelming health care facilities. The curve is dead flat and health care facilities are empty, laying off more people every day. This is a farce with an agenda.
04/24/2020 01:09 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Deniss Evans	Reopen Hair Salons. Salons are not one size fits all some are one chair one person at the time already. Go by cdc rules.
04/24/2020 01:21 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Kenni Setzer	Please reopen our economy. It is vital to our state's well being. Everyone who provides shelter and food for his/herself and/or his/her family is essential, no matter if they are a business owner or employee. Quarantine has always been deemed for the sick not the healthy. The reality is that like the flu this virus is not going away, we are going to live with this from now on. The sooner we all get back to work the better off we will be. Please put the citizens of North Carolina first instead of any political agenda.
04/24/2020 01:21 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Please ReOpen NC Erica Lee	Please reopen NC
04/24/2020 01:50 PM	Economic Support Working Group		NC needs to reopen. You are killing people by taking away their rights. We have rights guaranteed to us by the Constitution. You are in violation of those rights. You do not have

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			the right to lock Americans in their homes like criminals and force their economic destruction. OPEN THE STATE BACK UP!!
04/24/2020 01:57 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Dale Aiken	Small Business Owner - NC is now the 9th most populated state in the country. NC has the 20th most cases of Coronavirus cases in the country. Therefore the citizens of NC have done a great job of containing the virus and will continue to act responsibly when business are re-opened. NC Government is overreaching and infringing upon our constitutional rights under the existing stay at home executive orders in place. So it's time for NC residents be allowed to open their business while acting responsibly to protect their customers.
04/24/2020 02:04 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Lisa Micheels	This shut down is killing our economy! Immediate action needs to be taken to stop the bleeding. Now our state is in need of triage!
04/24/2020 02:14 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Nancy McMurray	The Covid-19 restrictions have killed the NC tourism industry. No vacation rentals equals death to thousands of small businesses that depend on vacationers to keep their business healthy. A definitive and sensible end date needs to be announced. We cannot wait for this virus to be eradicated in order to open for business.
04/24/2020 02:35 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Laura Lassiter	Hi, My name is Laura Lassiter. I am a disabled young woman living in North Carolina with family. I do not have a small business story but this is affecting me mentally and emotionally because I feel like my freedom to move and see people that I love responsibly is being taken away from me. I already have to rely on people To assist me with most of my life activities, and sometimes, many times the social distancing is not possible due to my physical safety needs. I feel that this is an unnecessary government overreach which quite frankly directly undermines the US constitution and the principals the country was founded on. Furthermore we the people are not stupid and should be allowed to make our own choices for our bodies and health. If all our rights are taken away this is not what I signed up for and do not feel that we as human beings should be told how to conduct ourselves BY THE STATE or anyone for that matter. Responsible and respectful socializing is VITAL to my mental, emotional and spiritual well-being and I'm sure many others will agree. our FREEDOM TO MOVE AND EXPRESS ourselves RESPONSIBLY CAN, and should NOT continue to be infringed upon. Please stand for the people Thank you! Laura Lassiter
04/24/2020 02:36 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Misti Smith	You are killing our businesses!!!! Reopen our state NOW!!!!!!  WE SHOULD AT LEAST BE IN PHASE 2. AT LEAST.
04/24/2020 02:40 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Candy Hess	For the love of all that is HOLY PLEASE open up the economy! The numbers do not bear out the suffering this is causing!
04/24/2020 02:48 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Please re-open our state Sarah Smith	Please reopen our state. Our families our suffering. Businesses are crumbling. People in need of ongoing medical care are being neglected. Many children are stuck at home inside without safe places to play, maybe without safe guardians or nutritious food. We need to reopen and get NC healthy again in ALL of the ways!!! 0.1% mortality for Covid does not merit this. PS-tell our governor to re-hang our American Flag!
04/24/2020 02:49 PM	Economic Support Working Group	mrs kim wilcenski	Get back to work so NC can get back to work! Where are you???

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04/24/2020 03:23 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr. James Norconk	Keeping this "Stay Home Stay Safe " order in place is killing this State. The resulting ramifications will to more harm then this disease ever will. On top of that our government has no right to pick winners an losers. This is America stop acting like it is not. Take a look at the Bill of Rights.
04/24/2020 03:28 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Courtney Sanford	Governor Cooper is abusing the office of governor by prohibiting businesses from operating. Please use your position to help the people of North Carolina whom you WORK FOR. Cooper's decisions are not based on evidence-- our hospitals have capacity, we know who is at risk. This has gone beyond health. He is using his office for political purposes only. We know the democrats will do anything to get rid of Trump. Even ruin their own state. He is clearly abusing power for political purposes. You must stop him. We will hold you accountable to your oath to work for the citizens. You are not there to abuse power for political purposes either. Do not let Cooper get away with this.
04/24/2020 03:30 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr. Joseph Paskiewicz	<p>It is time to Reopen NC! We will soon have ONE MILLION unemployed. Where is the state revenue going to come from? Lottery tickets? Alcohol sales? Small town North Carolina is dying! And for what? Life involves risk. Death is unavoidable. Even with the life saving measures enacted by state and federal government, the mortality rate for humans is still 100%. You are violating our constitutional rights by not overturning the governor's edict.</p> <p>Sec. 2. Sovereignty of the people. All political power is vested in and derived from the people; all government of right originates from the people, is founded upon their will only, and is instituted solely for the good of the whole.</p> <p>Sec. 5. Allegiance to the United States. Every citizen of this State owes paramount allegiance to the Constitution and government of the United States, and no law or ordinance of the State in contravention or subversion thereof can have any binding force.</p> <p>Sec. 7. Suspending laws. All power of suspending laws or the execution of laws by any authority, without the consent of the representatives of the people, is injurious to their rights and shall not be exercised.</p> <p>Sec. 12. Right of assembly and petition. The people have a right to assemble together to consult for their common good, to instruct their representatives, and to apply to the General Assembly for redress of grievances; but secret political societies are dangerous to the liberties of a free people and shall not be tolerated.</p> <p>Sec. 13. Religious liberty. All persons have a natural and inalienable right to worship Almighty God according to the dictates of their own consciences, and no human authority shall, in any case whatever, control or interfere with the rights of conscience.</p> <p>Sec. 18. Court shall be open. All courts shall be open; every person for an injury done him in his lands, goods, person, or reputation shall have remedy by due course of law; and right and justice shall be administered without favor, denial, or delay.</p> <p>Sec. 21. Inquiry into restraints on liberty. Every person restrained of his liberty is entitled to a remedy to inquire into the lawfulness thereof, and to remove the restraint if unlawful, and that remedy shall not be denied or delayed. The privilege of the writ of habeas corpus shall not be suspended.</p> <p>Sec. 38. Right to hunt, fish, and harvest wildlife. The right of the people to hunt, fish, and harvest wildlife is a valued part of the State's heritage and shall be forever preserved for the public good.</p> <p>You are literally violating our every right by allowing the governor to apply these lockdown</p>

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			measures to the citizens of this state. It is time for you to take action!
04/24/2020 03:32 PM	Economic Support Working Group	kristin Parham	I strongly ask you to reconsider the shutdown for NC. 1. why after 6 weeks do we still not have the numbers on who has recovered. 2. How can we consider the number of deaths to be true when hospitals are told to put COVID19 as death when they did not test for it. 3. Why are we in shutdown when only .08% of our population has tested positive and 98% will recover at home???
04/24/2020 03:36 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Tonya Geren	We need our economy opened immediately. We have slightly over 8,000 cases among almost 11,000,000 people.
04/24/2020 03:43 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Linda Bunyan	The shutdown of small businesses in NC is more harmful to quality of life than is this virus. We need to work, feed our families. End this overreach by the governor.
04/24/2020 03:43 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Michael Dunkelberger	The longer businesses are shut down, the more business will never open.. The shutdown is crushing NC economically.
04/24/2020 03:51 PM	Economic Support Working Group		REOPEN
04/24/2020 04:15 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Bethany Armistead	You aren't following your oath to uphold the constitution. Reopen NC.
04/24/2020 04:22 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Me. Daune Pitman	I fully expect those of you in the GA to strip Cooper of cresting executive orders. This has become a circus and you could stop it.
04/24/2020 04:24 PM	Economic Support Working Group	1958 Betty Bass	WE need our businesses open to prosper as they were. There has already been suicides happening and there will be more. COVID-19 is killing people maybe not as many as thought at first, but suicides, domestic violence, child abuse, more drug overdoses, breaking and entering homes as well as businesses that are not open. PLEASE OPEN OUR STATE BACK UP SO WE CAN LIVE OUR LIVES AND MAKE OUR ECONOMY GREAT AGAIN!!! It is our right to have our government to do what all of the citizens in the REOPEN NC Grassroots group is rallying for.
			PLEASE OPEN OUR STATE BACK UP!!!
04/24/2020 04:24 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Lori Oldham	The current Covid numbers do not warrant a total shutdown. Why treat our state like NY? It is not one size fits all. We can go to work and school and be cautious and stay healthy. Look at Sweden. They did it with out closing down. My house hold has not received ANY income since March 15th. Neither of us qualified for unemployment and my husband was turned down for a Small Business Loan. The economy is dying.
04/24/2020 04:37 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Sharon Barrow	Open up NC. Save jobs
04/24/2020 04:57 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Jennifer Robinson	We need to reopen businesses ASAP. Small businesses are dying. I know since our family has a small business. We don't qualify for unemployment. Also, we need medical services to reopen ASAP. This includes dentists, health screenings, therapy services and surgeries. People are suffering from pain and illness because we can't get the treatments we need. Focus the closures on hot spot areas like nursing homes. But those of us who can work need to return to work! We don't want government handouts. Our state can not afford a "one size fits all" solution. Thank you for listening.



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04/24/2020 05:15 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms. Deborah Fillman	<p>My family and I listened attentively to Governor Cooper this week, and we sure did learn a LOT: ?We've learned that COVID-19 is being treated as the equivalent of airborne-Ebola by this Governor, unless you're name is Roy Cooper. Then it's perfectly safe to hold press conferences without wearing a mask, using the same microphone as several other people, breathing within ONE foot of it, when someone else has just exhaled droplets all over it -- someone who regularly interacts with hospital staff and administrators who themselves regularly interact with COVID-19 patients.</p> <p>We've also learned it's still too dangerous to get a haircut at a salon that meets state health code regulations, but not to get a haircut sitting at the state house, or in the Governor's mansion, but only if your name is Roy Cooper. The part we're unclear about is why? Is it because whoever cuts his hair has special 6 foot-long arms? Or do they have their own personal PPE to wear while standing so close to the Governor, and (gasp) TOUCHING HIS HEAD? ??I mean, we know (because Dr. Cohen told us) that having a negative test result doesn't really mean anything; all you have to do is interact with ONE PERSON who has COVID-19, even if they're asymptomatic, and BAM! You're a carrier who could "kill" someone else! ??But Governor Cooper interacts with dozens of other people ever day, who go home to OTHER people, and may even shop at the essential stores, like the ABC...They may even hug and kiss family members, who themselves interact with OTHER people, and so on. Is he magically-protected??</p> <p>Another cool thing we learned was there's something new called "COVID-Like Syndrome," which sounds suspiciously like "Whatever it takes to get more money from the Federal gov't, and inflate both the case and death count without having to actually do our jobs and get the tests we promised over a month ago, cuz the CDC said we could."</p> <p>In the same vein, we've learned restoration of our civil rights will depend on a "reduction" across 14 days of ALL numbers related to COVID-19, when the original goal was "flattening the curve" of *hospital admissions,* so hospitals could ramp UP to handle the flow of cases needing treatment in the hospital. When did the goal changed, and who changed it? More importantly: WHY was it changed from "flatten the curve" to "keep everyone safe" and "save lives"??</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Why does Dr. Cohen look so giddy all the time? Is this fun for her? Is she so sleep-deprived she's forgotten it's unseemly to be smiling and giggly while telling over 600,000 North Carolinians their hopes, dreams, livelihoods, health, retirements, and futures are "sacrifices" they have to make because of the threat of a virus that 98+% of *active cases* survive, and most people will never even know they have when they have it?</li> <li>2. What is "remote learning?" Is that what our kids are supposed to be doing? I thought it was flailing around online in a confused, disjointed, disorganized, exercise in torture.</li> <li>3. Why do the people of this state have to politely tolerate being called "non-essential" to this state's economy? No serious person who can do math really believes that. Surely the people who collect and spend tax monies must be cognizant of the amount of REVENUE they're losing every day we're locked down??Surely every member of the GA, Democrats as well as Republicans, understands budgets will have to be cut? Pretty soon, *government employees* will become aware of the consequences of this policy. Since many of them think it's appropriate to publicly and smugly scold members of #ReopenNC for wanting to provide for themselves, their families and employees, without handouts from government, or loans they'll have to repay, I can't say I'll feel too sorry for them.?</li> </ol>

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			It has been an enlightening week, that's for sure! ??Next week, the General Assembly returns to Raleigh, and I sincerely hope you will remember your oaths of office when you do. You didn't take an oath to protect us from a virus, of any kind, least of all one that is survivable by the VAST majority of the people who get it. ??Governor Cooper is destroying the lives of hundreds of thousands of North Carolinians. It's morally, ethically, and we believe, legally wrong. The time has come to reopen the state, and to put Roy Cooper in his proper place; as Governor, not KING.??Thank you for getting us back to work, and back to our lives by May 1st as originally planned. ??Sincerely, ?Deborah R Fillman
04/24/2020 05:19 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Franklin Dance	By May 1st NC needs to be opened back up. It is time for people to go back to work to support their families and to keep small businesses from closing for good. Failure to do so could result in families running out of money to fee their families. There are plenty of businesses that are opened that have not caused the virus to rapidly spread. Businesses will do what they need to do to keep their employees and customers as safe as possible. It is time to reopen NC
04/24/2020 05:21 PM	Economic Support Working Group	mrs chelsea le chatelier	end the shut down! let the people of nc go back to work! this isn't constitutional at all!
04/24/2020 05:59 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr. Todd Harr	Eliminate the designation "essential" for business types. All positions are essential, or they wouldn't exist. Citizens should maintain the right to work; even if only in a diminished capacity. A free people must be afforded the opportunity to take responsibility for their actions!
04/24/2020 06:06 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Gerardo Rivera	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.
04/24/2020 06:16 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Randy Novia	I am a furloughed worker getting paid for 1 day per week to cover benefits. Therefore I am ineligible for both state and federal funds due to my 1 day pay and maxing out the UI benefit. Can you please decouple the Federal Funds so that the eligibility is NOT dependent on the state eligibility? I will get about \$20 after taxes and benefits and that has me ineligible but also unable to feed my family? We are better than this as NC residents! Happy to discuss...
04/24/2020 06:21 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms Pat Smith	There is no law that grants ANY NC "Elected by the People" official to shut down commerce in this state! Especially when it is only selective commerce, while other businesses are open and thriving! This is authoritarianism, not constitutionalism!
04/24/2020 06:41 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Ed Stephenson	<p>Mr. Berger,</p> <p>I am emailing in regards to the service industry and entertainment workers. We are a large constituent.</p> <p>We will be voting this time and we will vote you out of office.</p> <p>At this point with the science and data so far it is clear there should be mitigation and isolation for vulnerable populations. Everyone under the age of 40 should not be isolated or kept out of the workforce. At risk groups should be isolated and treated with prophylactic use of hydroxychloroquine, Z-pac, and zinc.</p>

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			The service and entertainment worker have been directly impacted by your actions and they will vote you out of office.
04/24/2020 07:33 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Gilbert Jones	If we wait months to fully reopen NC, there will be nothing left to open. Cooper and Democrats are trying to make us all wards of the state. The legislature needs to immediately investigate whether all of the laws have been followed in issuing his executive order. The you need to file suit in federal court to protect the civil rights of North Carolinians. Cooper is a guy who thinks that Voter ID is unconstitutional but bankrupting North Carolina businesses and individuals is okay. Cooper needs to read a history book. There are transitions in power when the economy is in shambles and people can't get what they need to live. This is what brought Hitler and FDR to power. It can happen anywhere. It will soon happen here if we don't change course. Cooper needs to experience what North Carolinians are living. He needs to check everyday to see how much money he has left. He needs to go to Food Lion and see if they have any bread or ground beef today. He needs to wrestle for the toilet paper at Wal-Mart. He needs to explain to children why they can't go anywhere. He needs to sit at home 24 hours a day and watch some CNN puppet talk about what a great job the government is doing. He needs to leave the Executive Mansion and see what the world is like.
04/24/2020 07:37 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Kylie Crowley	Reopen NC!!  We cannot allow our state to crash when the death rate is incredibly low. The vulnerable should be able to stay home Just as much as the healthy should be able to work. We can children to feed. The money will run out. It is our Constitutional Right to work and live freely.
04/24/2020 07:40 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Jay Styron	I don't think the virus is a hoax but I do think we need to be planning how to open up the economy. Many people are willing to weight the risk in order to bring home a paycheck and pay their bills. Many of the people that have been protesting in NC do understand the risk and based on age and overall health, are willing to "normalize" their lives. I understand the flip-side - the people protesting may unintentionally spread the virus - but there is something to be said for exposure to a virus to help build antibodies. There is a great podcast - TWiV - that has been tracking a lot of the immunology and potential for vaccine development. Most researchers say a vaccine, at the best, would be a year out. We can't shut down for a year. And, per an immunologist from NIH (interview on TWiV), the vaccine will probably be more in line with the annual flu vaccine as coronaviruses tend to shift/ mutate and a "one size fits all, one shot and done" vaccine is highly unlikely. So, if this becomes an annual flu/COVID season we will have to learn to live in that environment. Continuing social distancing is fine, but we can't stay locked up month after month. Let's get NC back to work. The governor's extension of the stay at home order until May 8 was a gross miscarriage of his power.
04/24/2020 07:53 PM	Economic Support Working Group		Open NC!!!
04/24/2020 08:02 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr. Mike Messick	Please pass legislation to override the governors illegal, dangerous and economically catastrophic closure of our free state. It is beyond believable that he is being allowed to take this tyrannical action due to what amounts to no more than a seasonal flu.

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04/24/2020 08:20 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Patricia Rnay	While you p,iticiamns are relaxing fat, dumb, and happy, the poor souls who are trying to: make a living, the little people, are desperately struggling to keep,their businesses alive. What is wrong with you people ... the small businesses who need us the most are not getting our help. It's a disgrace. How do you think the hairdressers, the nail people, and small businesses are surviving? Really!
04/24/2020 08:27 PM	Economic Support Working Group	9806354491 Lane Huie	Reopen North Carolina now.
04/24/2020 08:36 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Gretchen M Woos	Not sure what the category above is representing, but I believe we need to open our state based on the area. Many towns do not represent the larger coyotes when it come to the COVID virus.
04/24/2020 08:39 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Nancy Goldstein	it is time to stop the bull crap and open the state.
04/24/2020 08:45 PM	Economic Support Working Group	9103997624 Rhonda Florian	<p>Open North Carolina now!</p> <p>Roy Cooper is decimating our businesses and families. He is turning North Carolina into a ravaged moonscape which never recover.</p> <p>How many families will become homeless? How many children will starve? How many businesses will become bankrupt? How many North Carolinians will commit suicide? How many will suffer from lack of needed healthcare? How many destroyed North Carolinians does it take to satisfy Roy Cooper's lust for power?</p> <p>Roy Cooper wants to crush North Carolina and keep its citizens cowering in fear so that he can seize control of our election through election fraud. He's kicking us when we're down so he can seize control of the upcoming election with mail in voting and ballot harvesting.</p> <p>Don't let this happen. Don't let Roy Cooper hold North Carolina hostage for another day. Don't let him steal our livelihoods and our future.</p>
04/24/2020 09:10 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms. Laura Haldane	Data on the NC HHS website today show 7 NC counties with 0 (zero) COVID-19 cases and ) 0 deaths. Another 20 counties have 10 or fewer cases--cumulative cases; most likely not all are active cases. Forty-two (42) counties have 0 deaths. Another 16 counties have had only 1 death. This is 58 of NC's 100 counties with 0 or 1 death. It is clear the entire state is not in the same situation as Mecklenburg and Duke. These counties should be allowed to enter phase one if they choose to do so. Counties with zero or extremely low COVID-19 activity should not have to wait for cases to decline in hot spots.
04/24/2020 09:32 PM	Economic Support Working Group	David Rollins	I was under the impression that our state constitution required any Executive orders to be approved by a type of committee that included the Lt. Governor and select members of the General Assembly. I am also under the impression that the Governor by-passed this protocol and is in violation of state constitutional law. Would like some understanding in this matter
04/24/2020 09:50 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Kimberley Hardy	CNN states In Cooper's interview on April 24th that Fox News and the President are egging on these protestors to Reopen. Trying to get his attention. The reporter states to Cooper " You acknowledge there are people hurting out there so What is your message to the protesters. " Cooper responds "I know you are frustrated, I know that people are tired at

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			<p>being home, I know that 725,000 North Carolinians have filed for unemployment insurance and many families are hanging by a thread, but we also know this is a life or death situation and we have to make the call about protecting lives first. We can do things to help the economy; we want to put those unemployment payments into the system, we want to get the stimulus money there, we have let a lot of other essential businesses continue to run, and that's important and hopefully it can get us through this period of time.</p> <p>But we have to listen to the scientist. And My 3 phase program will get us back to a new normal realizing that we're not going to be able to get rid of this until we get a vaccine. So we are going to have to learn to live in a different way, learn to make our economy work in a different way and we are going to have to do it through phases. Etc etc about school announcement today of remote learning. Then the CNN reporter states "let us know if we need to shine a light on anything that he made need for NC from the federal government." Please reign in our Governor and demand that he put us into phase 1 under the guidelines of the federal government and NOT his phase 3 plan. Plus remind him we do not need a 30 day supply of PPE and testing, he only needs the 14 day supply recommended by our federal government. He does not need to stockpile anything and he should get what he has been given by our federal government to the local counties immediately. We are not frustrated or tired of staying at home, we as responsible citizens have and will continue to protect others, help others and do what is necessary to fight this virus. But our curve is flat and actually we never spiked. It is time to put into motion today the phases of reopening North Carolina. This virus is not the "life and death" situation he is trying to make it out to be. Our death rate as of April 21 was 3.3%, yes one death is too many, but it is not to the extreme that Cooper is trying to imply. He continues to imply that we will have a "new" normal in our lives. He needs to stop saying this. We will have a "temporary" normal until this virus is either contained or eradicated. His comments put fear into the citizens.</p>
04/25/2020 08:04 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Kristin Terry	OPENNC, the numbers do NOT support continued isolation.
04/25/2020 08:39 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Aaron McClellan	The governor's plan is not acceptable!! We the people will take back our state!! I urge you to rethink the position of N.C. and #ReopenNC now!
04/25/2020 08:55 AM	Economic Support Working Group	REOPEN NC Jennifer Hall	DEATHS OF DESPAIR! Do these lives not matter to you? All the people calling the suicide hotline? All the domestic violence victims? All of the hungry children? All of the businesses that will not be able to reopen, which will lead to depression and possible more calls to the hotline and worse? THE CURE CAN NOT BE WORSE THAN THE VIRUS< but it is. You have already made sure of that. Do the right thing. Reign in your pride. Put the PEOPLE first and REOPEN NC.
04/25/2020 09:04 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Stay at home order So-shu Seitzler	Enough is enough. Weve done our part. The cure is becoming worse than the disease and the curve is flattened. We didnt do this so no one would get it. We did it to slow the spread and we have a right to work! To feed our families. To have a roof over our heads! Give us back our freedom to choose and to live and work!!
04/25/2020 10:31 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Jonathan Bianco	<p>Why are the citizens shut off from "closed door discussions" here in Meck County?</p> <p>the original plan to "flatten the curve" was in an effort not to overwhelm the hospitals, you have had and will have the necessary hospital beds in the state to handle a so-called</p>

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			<p>surge.</p> <p>plus Atrium health has set up tents to support that "surge" in the unlikely event that it does happen.</p> <p>So I ask, if the majority of hospitalizations are older adults 53% over the age of 50 with underlying conditions.</p> <p>Why are we under such a EO that there is a 96.7% rate of recovery?</p> <p>Why are businesses shut down? People required to collect unemployment? The list goes on.</p> <p>For a population of 10.5 million citizens and with 269 deaths (again all over 60 years older and underlying chronic health conditions) we should not succumb to this EO any longer and it is overstepping CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS as American citizens</p>
04/25/2020 10:34 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Colleen Combs	<p>Conduct zoom meetings with groups of businesses. Ask them to construct a plan for reopening safely. Safely doesn't mean no further infections but it does mean keeping icus from being overrun. Once a plan is developed for conducting, business safely, encourage them to reopen whether the gov likes it or not.</p> <p>Pursue legislation to restrain any additional mandatory stay at home orders, they're unconstitutional.</p> <p>Let people reopen if they want to, let people patronize when they want to.</p>
04/25/2020 11:26 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Jeffrey Schmidt	I urge the General Assembly to listen to medical and scientific experts when determining the proper path going forwards. COVID-19 is not a joke, and we are all going to need support from the state to maintain stay-at-home guidelines. This is an opportunity to make sure our state has robust safety nets for this and all future social crises.
04/25/2020 12:04 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Bob Bradley	I support a slow, data driven approach that protects lives over expedited opening for economic purposes. My small business is closed. NO finacial support available. Will not have any opportunity to revive it this year. Follow the plan and don't reopen early.
04/25/2020 01:01 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Keep NC Safe! Melissa Houck	If we reopen too soon, it will ultimately be worse for the economy, as the number of cases will spike. As long as the number of cases continues to increase, we should continue to stay home and self quarantine.
04/25/2020 03:56 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Regina Sullivan	Re open NC. THIS IS INFRINGING ON OUR CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS
04/25/2020 04:10 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Kathy Tew	There is no logical reason for Governor Cooper to extend or even continue his stay at home order. By his own admission we have flattened the curve and our hospitals have NOT been overrun, spring is upon us and according to DHS and John Hopkins University the virus is very sensitive to heat, sunlight and humidity which we have plenty of in NC. By closing down NC the governor has put 500,00 people out of work and closed (maybe permanently) many small businesses, he has said that we the people are not capable of taking care of ourselves, that our civil liberties do not matter. It is imperative that the



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			governor opens NC now, not months from now. At this point in time I am more fearful of a government taking my rights and liberties and the ensuing economic catastrophe than a virus.
04/25/2020 05:26 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr E J	How about have the governor open the state instead of taking a trip to tampa?
04/25/2020 05:46 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Laura Lassiter	The government was founded for the people by the people! Not because we can't govern ourselves, as Moses said "let my people go!" Cooper's out in November! Forest for governor!
04/25/2020 05:51 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Nancy Goldstein	check out this website from the CDC... it has 0 ZERO deaths in NC from the covid virus!! What the heck are we doing to our state by keeping it closed?? Y'all!!!  ????????????????!!!!  Right from the horse's mouth via the CDC site with it being updated for April 24th, 2020 - there has ONLY BEEN 24,555 deaths from COVID as the PRIMARY CAUSE for the ENTIRE NATION!  North Carolina has ZERO deaths with COVID as PRIMARY CAUSE as of April 24th, 2020! So there is ABSOLUTELY NO REASON to continue this shutdown of our economy in NC! As well as the majority of the States! <a href="https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/nvss/vsrr/covid19/index.htm?fbclid=IwAR0LgpDKHpWSz0ftmQ6BfZfZApVyvtIYNE9hZ0xDELehqr6gfcsvfz0Oeiw">https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/nvss/vsrr/covid19/index.htm?fbclid=IwAR0LgpDKHpWSz0ftmQ6BfZfZApVyvtIYNE9hZ0xDELehqr6gfcsvfz0Oeiw</a>
04/25/2020 11:14 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr. William Johnson	Reopen North Carolina! This has gone far too long! People are suffering economically for no reason other than the tyrant in Raleigh! Open this state for business now!!
04/26/2020 03:49 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Jennifer Nagy	Open North Carolina!!!
04/26/2020 03:50 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Thomas Nagy	Reopen our state now!!
04/26/2020 07:30 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms Deborah Fillman	I will not wear a mask. A mask only protects others from me. I am not sick, and unless and until you can show me conclusive, peer-reviewed, apolitical science that proves the virus can be passed from me to someone else asymptotically just by breathing the same air as someone else, I will not subjugate myself to the irrational fear of others. You aren't wearing masks. The Governor and his team of flying monkeys aren't wearing masks. The mask is a breeding ground for bacteria itself. The mask makes it harder to breath. The mask is a symbol of the oppression of this government. The mask is a sign of fear and shame. Cultures where people have no freedoms wear masks. Summer is coming, and masks are HOT. Masks worn outside especially are absurd; they defy reason and common sense.

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			<p>A mask worn in close contact in an enclosed room only makes sense if you are symptomatic, and if you are, I'm told, you're in so much discomfort, you don't want to go out.</p> <p>A mask hurts business. I will not go to a business where I'm forced to wear a mask. Many others won't either.</p> <p>A mask discriminated against those who can't find, afford, or make them, and whatever they can come up with as face covering isn't a mask, it's a disguise.</p> <p>If we did not catch this virus all these weeks from the unmasked, even at peak, a mask isn't going to change anything</p> <p>Requiring a business owner to wear masks and force others to wear masks creates a cost burden and deprived them of their freedom to choose.</p> <p>We are free people.</p> <p>We make our own decisions about risk every day.</p> <p>I've made mine.</p> <p>I will not wear the mask of submission,</p> <p>Deborah R Fillman</p>
04/26/2020 08:02 AM	Economic Support Working Group	mr joseph coffini	<p>While recognizing the health concerns I believe the economic impact will be quite devastating and long lasting the further this "shutdown" continues.</p> <p>It is hard not to see politics driving many decisions. When does Raleigh act like leaders. The health care professionals are going above and beyond, the people are doing their part, in my view the politicians are the weak link in this crisis. Do not destroy a vibrant economy.</p>
04/26/2020 10:52 AM	Economic Support Working Group	CEO Pam Boney	<p>We need a workshare program in NC again right now. Please advise if this is being considered to help companies retain workers?</p>
04/26/2020 11:03 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Jennifer De La Jara	<p>Thank you for keeping the stay at home order in place and restaurants closed for now. I own a small restaurant, and while I have zero income right now, having the restrictions in place give me some protections to debtors and provide unemployment relief to my employees. If we were to open now, our sales would be 10% of what they were because of the location of our restaurant which usually only serves breakfast and lunch to uptown workers in downtown Charlotte. Those businesses above us will be allowing their employees to work from home for longer, and with no foot traffic in uptown Charlotte, I would not be able to generate enough sales to stay open and would have no safety net. Thank you for taking all small business owners into consideration. This protects me and protects my employees right now.</p>
04/26/2020 01:27 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Joshua Garloch	<p>Hello,</p> <p>To introduce myself, my name is Josh Garloch. I have been a resident of North Carolina most of my life and currently reside in Raleigh. I grew up in Wilson and attending East Carolina University for my bachelor's and Master's in Public Health. I currently work at Syneos Health in Morrisville where I work within Project Management in Clinical Research. I'm writing you today, not to advocate for a complete reopening of the state, but that our leaders "do better". We cannot afford to "shelter in place" for much longer. Not only will the economic factors be an insurmountable deficit for our state to overcome, but the long term effects to mental health, pre-existing health conditions (fear of seeking care), education and livelihoods may not be repairable. In NC, we've reached 299 deaths, but</p>

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			<p>what if I you were also told ~50% of those deaths were in nursing/residential living facilities? You would think more attention, detail, resources and policy would be applied to this subset of the population.</p> <p>Of the 299 deaths, only 45 have been under the age of 65 meaning a whopping 85% of deaths have been for those over 65. This information should also be detailed in these news briefings given by our state leaders, Governor Roy Cooper and Dr. Mandy Cohen. NC DHHS has not made pre-existing health conditions available to the public but in NY, 94% of deaths had a pre-existing condition, with over half presenting with hypertension. Hypertension is a disease that typically does not present by itself but rather presents with another condition, e.g. obesity,diabetes. Median age of deaths in NY is 63, which is in line with our numbers. We have a very clear, defined patient population that is being treated for all intents in purposes the same as John Q. public. These should be the focus of care, treatment and policy. There is no guarantee of treat mentor vaccine on the horizon. We are inevitably delaying a re-opening of the state while creating more damage in the long term, then good in the short term. This is not only wrong but irresponsible on innumerable levels. Our state is estimated to lose 25-40 billion dollars in GDP over the course of our stay at home order, a deficit I worry we will never climb back from. Towns and business who will never be made whole again to no fault of their own. This shelter in place order is not a sustainable practice and was never meant to act as one. The data supports a better set of policies and a more expedited re-opening of the state, even on a phased approached.</p> <p>I am humbly asking for your assistance for the state to consider not black and white numbers, but the longer terms societal factors as well as the populations most at risk against the greater good of the public. Over 700k North Carolinian's are out of a job by no fault of their own. I believe this issue has unnecessarily become a political issue that we see playing out before us with each side surrounding themselves with experts who align themselves with those who think the same as opposed to a holistic approach, which also does the entire state a disservice and should be addressed immediately with the Governors office/team being held responsible to report to a higher committee. I also believe that our elected officials are doing their constituents on both sides a disservice by not engaging directly. We do not have to choose between public health and economic considerations, the two must be factored equally as they are co-dependent on each other.</p> <p>I am very willing and open to to engage in further discussion/dialogue should the opportunity be there.</p> <p>For city, state and country,  Joshua R. Garloch  5408 Pine Top Circle  Raleigh, NC 27612  Garlochj08@gmail.com  252.373.1255</p>
04/26/2020 07:35 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Laura Lassiter	Stand for the constitution and reopen NC NOW! Power to the people, COOPER OUT IN NOVEMBER!

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04/26/2020 10:13 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Misty Franklin	Open up NC End the shut down! Let us work! Stop destroying all our family has built for generations! Numbers don't warrant taking our freedoms!
04/26/2020 10:15 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms Ariel Wyatt	End the shut down! We want to go back to school! We learned in History class about our Constitution. The current governor's orders are unconstitutional.
04/26/2020 10:17 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms Claudia Chandler	Open up NC!! We will remember in November and beyond.
04/27/2020 08:17 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Andrew Cox	Tell people to cut their own hair and stay at home until it is safe. Re-opening NC too soon will waste all the efforts we have spent so far.
04/27/2020 08:55 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Jill Painter	I support the current shutdown as the Governor has enacted it. I encourage our state government to support the unemployed, small businesses, and state employees in any and every way possible.
04/27/2020 09:18 AM	Economic Support Working Group	reopen NC	There is so much evidence that sheltering in place the most vulnerable instead of everyone results in the same covid19 spread. So let's do the scientific and right thing moving forward and save NC economy.
04/27/2020 09:25 AM	Economic Support Working Group	prof virgil steven	I write to voice my strong opinion that our state should open slowly over the next several weeks, maintain social distancing .
04/27/2020 09:34 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Sam Gore	I am a lifelong North Carolinian, having been born here, raised here, attended UNC Chapel Hill and when given the choice of what state to live in by my employer (Disney/ESPN), I chose to remain here and travel to work from my home in Wilmington. It breaks my heart, but my family and I will be moving from NC to probably Florida as soon as the country begins to open back up. I can no longer live in a state governed by a governor (that I voted for) who doesn't believe the citizens of this state are mature and intelligent enough to make responsible choices in protecting themselves and others from COVID-19. My belief is that the government should protect the fundamental rights of its citizens listed in the Constitution, NOT regulate them. The economic and emotional damage forced onto this state's citizens, and the refusal to reopen our state's economy, have left me ready to move from this state for the first time in my 53 year life. I'm ready to get to a state where the governor believes in their citizens, not speaks down to them and treats them like children
04/27/2020 11:49 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Susan B. and Robert D. McClanahan	<p>Dear Members of the NC General Assembly,</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Please support Governor Cooper's slow and sensible reopening plan that has been devised with the help of dedicated DHHS health care professionals in North Carolina.</li> <li>2. Please make it possible for North Carolinians to vote by mail in the November 2020 election so that our people do not have to choose between voting and staying well.</li> </ol> <p>We know that your public comment site has been flooded with comments from people affiliated with ReOpenNC. While we are sorry that businesses in North Carolina are suffering, and we sympathize with their plight, we have to tell you that they do not represent us and the 8,985 North Carolina families who have loved ones who are sick with</p>

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			<p>COVID-19.</p> <p>We have a loved one who has COVID-19, and we are convinced that if ReOpen protestors knew the realities of this disease, they would NEVER be out demonstrating for a speedy reopening of NC. This group was begun on Facebook by paid organizers who were funded by a group of conservative billionaires who have been affiliated with the Koch Brothers and big corporations since the 1970's. [1]. ReOpen NC obviously has deep pocket support, because they were able to hire lawyers to threaten the Cooper administration. [2]. (See the quotes below for specifics.)</p> <p>Our loved one was a very healthy 30-something who has struggled to recover from COVID-19 for more than forty days now. People with COVID-19 often have relapses. While our loved one is doing better, we know from personal experience that NONE of the ReOpen NC people would want to have any of their loved ones sick with the coronavirus.</p> <p>Because COVID-19 is a brand new disease, we do not yet know how long impacted people will be sick with it. One Washington Post article suggests that even "Young and middle-aged people, barely sick with covid-19, are dying from strokes: Doctors sound alarm about patients in their 30s and 40s left debilitated or dead. Some didn't even know they were infected." [3]. With so much uncertainty, NC needs to err on the side of caution when reopening NC.</p> <p>Please make it possible for North Carolinians to vote by mail in the November 2020 election so that our people do not have to choose between voting and staying well.</p> <p>After their April 7th election fiasco, Milwaukee has had at least seven people come down with the coronavirus after people had to stand in line for hours to vote. [4].</p> <p>Thank you for any help that you can provide!</p> <p>[1]. "The outside effort from conservative groups is expected to be led by Stephen Moore, a conservative at the Heritage Foundation who is close with White House economic officials; Jenny Beth Martin, co-founder of the Tea Party Patriots; Adam Brandon, president of FreedomWorks, a conservative advocacy organization; and Lisa Nelson, chief executive of the American Legislative Exchange Council, a conservative organization with ties to the Koch brothers, according to the three people, who were granted anonymity to reveal details of an effort that had not been publicly revealed."</p> <p>Quoted from: White House aides, outside groups launch effort to reopen economy, but Mnuchin says decisions poses risks: Conservative groups mobilize to push Trump to reopen economy amid pandemic. White House reviews list of 100 business executives who could advise Trump on decision, which president says he will make soon, by Jeff Stein and Robert Costa, The Washington Post, posted April 13, 2020.</p> <p>[2]. "If your offices do not provide reasonable assurance and objective standards that preserve my clients' constitutional rights," Biller wrote, "we will have no choice but to seek</p>

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			<p>emergency legal relief in advance of Tuesday's planned protest."</p> <p>Quoted from: 'Shutdown is tyranny'. Approximately 1000 march to demand Cooper reopen NC economy, by Joe Fisher and Cullen Browder, WRAL, Raleigh, NC, posted April 21, 2020; updated April 22. <a href="https://www.wral.com/coronavirus/shutdown-is-tyranny-approximately-1000-march-to-demand-cooper-reopen-nc-economy/19064821/?eType=EmailBlastContent&amp;eld=d3a8e8cc-61e9-485b-9a70-4551a70bcf41">https://www.wral.com/coronavirus/shutdown-is-tyranny-approximately-1000-march-to-demand-cooper-reopen-nc-economy/19064821/?eType=EmailBlastContent&amp;eld=d3a8e8cc-61e9-485b-9a70-4551a70bcf41</a></p> <p>[3]. "Young and middle-aged people, barely sick with covid-19, are dying from strokes: Doctors sound alarm about patients in their 30s and 40s left debilitated or dead. Some didn't even know they were infected." by Ariana Eunjung Cha, The Washington Post, posted April 25, 2020. <a href="https://www.washingtonpost.com/health/2020/04/24/strokes-coronavirus-young-patients/?utm_campaign=wp_post_most&amp;utm_medium=email&amp;utm_source=newsletter&amp;wpisrc=nl_most">https://www.washingtonpost.com/health/2020/04/24/strokes-coronavirus-young-patients/?utm_campaign=wp_post_most&amp;utm_medium=email&amp;utm_source=newsletter&amp;wpisrc=nl_most</a>)</p> <p>[4]. At least 7 new coronavirus cases appear to be related to Wisconsin's election, Milwaukee health commissioner says, by Alison Dirr, The Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, Wisconsin, posted April 21, 2020. <a href="https://www.jsonline.com/story/news/local/milwaukee/2020/04/20/coronavirus-milwaukee-7-new-cases-may-tied-april-7-election/5168669002/">https://www.jsonline.com/story/news/local/milwaukee/2020/04/20/coronavirus-milwaukee-7-new-cases-may-tied-april-7-election/5168669002/</a></p>
04/27/2020 02:01 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr. Roger Greene	I would encourage our legislators to support our Governor in using a science based plan for navigating the CVOD-19 crisis. Thank you.
04/27/2020 02:12 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms Andrea Watson	<p>Expand Medicaid.</p> <p>Boost spending on public health.</p> <p>Make unemployment insurance real insurance.</p> <p>Help small businesses.</p> <p>Step up the expansion of rural broadband.</p>