

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

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03/20/2020 04:35 PM	Health Care Working Group	Mr. Todd McDougal	Please let Democrats handle this. Republicans have shown they do not care about North Carolina citizens. They barely care about anyone but themselves. It's time to put the adults in charge.
03/20/2020 04:37 PM	Health Care Working Group	Kristen Hill	We need a shelter in place NOW. Protect hourly workers and demand employers may employees when they have to work from home for shelter in place
03/20/2020 05:20 PM	Health Care Working Group	Dr Reuben Howden	We must follow the examples of other countries and States. Shelter in place is a crucial step in NC so COVID-19 does not spread as fast causing more ill-health and death. Please act quickly!
03/20/2020 05:23 PM	Health Care Working Group	Kevin Smith	This is a stark example of why our state desperately needs to expand Medicaid. We are unprepared, underfunded, and culturally incapable of responding appropriately to this and any future disaster. We need more robust and expansive social support systems during these trying times, and always. This is going to be the only way to improve the state's health so that we can more easily deal with emergency disruptions.
03/20/2020 06:07 PM	Health Care Working Group	DR Peter Farrell	Please keep Keith Kidwell as far away from this committee as possible. He will simply say I'll read my bible and all will be okay. Do whatever you can to increase the ability for testing in NC. The ass in the WH is trying to keep numbers low by not screening. This is criminal in that people will die because his ego puts low numbers above actually knowing what is happening.
03/20/2020 06:23 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group		State agencies need more funding for electronic capabilities - such as more advanced conference call options and more conference call lines to continue operations remotely. So many more people are using them than normal that it is causing issues.
03/20/2020 08:24 PM	Health Care Working Group	Tim Sookram	Expand Medicaid
03/21/2020 01:33 AM	Health Care Working Group	carter worthy	expand medicaid. it is so obviously the thing to do right now. please don't keep your head in the sand like the federal government has done. please.
03/21/2020 08:11 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Scerry Perry Whitlock	"Those who cannot remember the past, are condemned to repeat it." George Santayana "Memory itself is an internal rumor" https://youtu.be/1rHSu2oDZXE?t=1204 Time to get rid of modern day witch trials, the very reason for writing the BILL OF RIGHTS! Think of a witches coven as a cat house, fire as sanitation, and how VENEREAL DISEASE COULD WIPE OUT A COMMUNITY. Go home, spend time with your families. Think of this as a vacation you can't buy. Should anyone need compensation, maybe consider the grocery chain employees. Stop promoting sophistry by statistics, it only ends poorly. Witch/relationship trials ended forty years before the signing of the U.S. Constitution, modern 'courts' use the same excuse to rationalize ignoring the BILL OF RIGHTS.
03/21/2020 08:56 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr. Greg Jennings	Please authorize the NC Division of Water Resources to spend funding on previously approved projects to keep people working on solving water resource problems in the

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			state. Thank you from small business owners in the engineering and construction fields around the state.
03/21/2020 09:47 AM	Education Working Group	Ms A.P. Dillon	The U.S. Dept. of Education said on March 20 that they will accept waivers from states to forgo national standardized testing for the 2019-2020 school year. Given that NC schools may not convene again for this school year, will the legislature move to waive end of course and end of grade exams this year? If so, the A-F scoring of schools will have a problem, as those test scores inform the school's overall score. What will be done to compensate for that?
03/21/2020 10:55 AM	Health Care Working Group	Ellen Willis	I'm a very concerned as a autoimmune compromised senior citizen. We need to take seriously the lack of action by the Federal government and the poor response by our republican representatives in Washington. We need to know what the truth is about this pandemic. We need the support those who lost insurance due to the refusal of N.C. legislators to expand Medicaid. We must financially support the underemployed in N.C.!
03/21/2020 11:11 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Attorney Robert Mason	The NC elder law bar (in which I am very active) is very concerned about the impact on our clients of COVID-19 combined with current NC law. For example, wills and healthcare powers of attorney must be executed and witnessed in the physical presence of a notary. In the meantime, social interaction is limited, nursing homes and assisted living facilities are full of our clients, our clients are afraid to interact with us, and at the same time there is an understandable heightened concern for estate planning, executing Wills, POAs and HCPOAs, property transfers (deeds) – all sorts of things requiring witnesses and notaries. Notaries MUST be in the physical presence of the affiant under current law, as is the case with Will witnesses. Those sorts of transactions are now becoming difficult or impossible at a time when many are concerned with “getting their affairs in order.” Some states have enacted Electronic Will and Remote notarization statutes (Florida a prime example). There are also model acts along those lines. I'd be happy to discuss this further. Bob Mason Board Certified Specialist in Elder Law Fellow, American College of Trust and Estate Counsel 336-610-6000 ram@masonlawpc.com
03/21/2020 11:52 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	CLOSE IT DOWN Evyenia Dunlap	NC and neighboring states need to close down all non essential places NOW. Look at NYC. They made moves too late!
03/21/2020 12:48 PM	Health Care Working Group	Ms Dimple Shah	Please make a call to action for everyone to stay home!!! Without your leadership listening to experts, scientists, healthcare professionals we will see continued medical impact from this virus. A true quarantine (except for emergencies obviously) is what is absolutely needed to prevent further outbreak and deaths! People are still going out unnecessarily... take-out food is not necessary. We are grasping at straws to try to preserve our economy at the expense of preserving lives!! This is unconscionable and wrong on so many levels. PLEASE PROTECT NC LIVES!!!
03/21/2020 12:54 PM	Continuity of State	Ms. Aylett Colston	Dear Committee Members,

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	Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group		<p>Because of the risk to election staff and voters posed by the novel coronavirus, I ask that the NCGA consider amending § 163-166.9, "Curbside voting", to allow for any voter concerned about their health to utilize curbside voting for the 2020 election.</p> <p>Currently, curbside voting is limited to voters who "because of age or physical disability and physical barriers encountered at the voting place is unable to enter the voting enclosure to vote in person without physical assistance" (§ 163-166.9. (a)).</p> <p>I further ask that the NCGA work with the NC State Board of Elections to determine what changes and funding would be needed to ensure the health and safety of election staff. For example, developing additional procedures and purchasing equipment for curbside voting based on the advice of medical professionals.</p> <p>A review of the available research and modeling by infectious disease specialists indicate that the coronavirus pandemic will not be entirely over by November. Many poll workers are over 60, and thus at greater risk of serious complications should they contract coronavirus. If we act now, NC can have a successful election process in November.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>
03/21/2020 04:01 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Elaine Cohoon Miller	Please order sheltering in place. Make the brave, early, helpful decision, NOT the easy, too late, useless one.
03/21/2020 04:30 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mr Michael Eisenberg	<p>To: All Members of the North Carolina State Legislature From: Tuesdays With Tillis Legislative Action Team Date: March 19, 2020</p> <p>As North Carolinians, our Tuesdays with Tillis group has been gathering outside Senator Thom Tillis' Raleigh office for the past 163 consecutive Tuesdays to bring attention to the unmet needs of the people of North Carolina. This week, and for the duration of the COVID-19 crisis, we will practice social distancing and meet virtually online each week to continue our witness in this time of peril brought on by a global pandemic that now includes a growing number of cases in our State.</p> <p>Today, we are calling upon you, our elected State Senators and Representatives, to meet in an emergency special session to be convened immediately on a virtual basis. We call upon you to address the following issues which require an immediate and effective response to take care of the people you were elected to serve:</p> <p>1) Take all necessary action now to ensure that the 2020 elections take place as scheduled, with a</p>

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			<p>paper ballot provided to all registered voters with a pre-addressed postage-paid envelope, as Oregon has done successfully since 2000;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2) Expand Medicaid to all citizens who currently live without benefit of health care coverage. This alone would provide the State with \$4 billion in added economic growth; 3) Provide no-cost health insurance for all currently uninsured children living in the State; 4) Extend unemployment insurance to all workers; 5) Provide all workers with paid sick leave; 6) Provide a guaranteed minimum income to all North Carolinians for the duration of the pandemic; 7) Increase the State minimum wage to \$15 an hour; 8) Ensure that all children who receive free meals at school will continue to be fed; 9) Honor and extend the mandated 30-day moratorium on evictions, provide safe shelter for the homeless, and create a permanent plan for affordable housing throughout the State; and 10) Establish state-wide provisions for food and other necessities to be delivered to anyone who is in quarantine, including those who have tested positive for COVID-19. Emergency plans for our senior citizens also must be implemented. <p>All of these demands can be met with funds from the State's Rainy Day Fund. That day has come, and the needs are too great to be delayed until the date currently set for the re-convening of the General Assembly.</p> <p>We look forward to your immediate response.</p>
03/21/2020 04:36 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Miss Angela Bridgman	<p>We need to insure that economic measures are sufficient to sustain the most vulnerable, the minorities, and others society has chosen to cast off.</p> <p>Historically, help has come too little and too late for our most vulnerable....and is cut off before they are fully recovered. Historically, people in these categories, including elderly, disabled, black, immigrant, LGBT and others....have been the first thrown on the scrap heap in bad economic times...and the last rescued from that scrap heap when the good times come.</p> <p>My concern is far more people will die from the economic turmoil that follows this outbreak...when they lose their jobs, homes and cars - than will die from the virus itself. One thing that should immediately be done is to place a one-year moratorium on all rents, mortgages and car payments. NOBODY should lose everything they worked so hard to build because of a pandemic they could not see coming and could not prevent....and which the Federal government did too little to prevent.</p> <p>It would be a heck of a thing to survive COVID-19 - only to be killed by the economic fallout that will be the result of COVID-19.</p>

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			<p>Angela Bridgman Former candidate for NC Senate District 18</p>
03/21/2020 05:54 PM	Health Care Working Group	Mr. David Ambaras	Expand Medicaid immediately.
03/21/2020 07:31 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Timothy Sookram	Vote by mail needs to be allowed for everyone in the state. In October, mail-in ballots should be automatically sent out to all eligible voters.
03/22/2020 02:30 PM	Health Care Working Group	Jeff Horton	<p>From the North Carolina Senior Living Association Background Combined, adult care and family care homes serve over 28,000 of our state's most vulnerable citizens, many of them elderly with chronic medical conditions such as diabetes, heart disease, pulmonary disease, and others.</p> <p>Since the COVID-19 outbreak, the NC Senior Living Association has been vigilant with regards to informing both members and non-members of information that will assist providers in protecting their residents and staff including following CDC, CMS and NCDHHS guidelines for prevention and transmission of the virus. The NC Senior Living Association is playing a key role in collecting and reporting information to NCDHHS about real time challenges adult care homes and family care homes are facing during this national and state emergency. In turn, the NC Senior Living Association is reporting back to its members and other providers about actions NCDHHS and other state and federal authorities are taking to address concerns identified.</p> <p>Challenges that Adult Care and Family Care Homes are Facing</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Cashflow and funding – Especially for homes that receive public funding such as State/County Special Assistance (SA) and Medicaid, cashflow is becoming a serious issue. As a result of the budget impasse, homes have not received much needed temporary SA funds for nearly a year now and it is creating a significant financial strain on providers. In addition, stagnant Medicaid PCS reimbursement rates have made it difficult to find and retain qualified direct care staff that provide personal care, medication administration and other duties. 2. Staffing – as a result of child care centers and K-12 schools closing, many employees are calling out in order to stay home with their children. Although homes are doing their best to rearrange employee work schedules to accommodate these employees, the call outs are making it more difficult to maintain staffing levels needed to care for residents. 3. Identifying and purchasing Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) – We realize this is a worldwide problem; however, our providers are beginning to run out of PPE and their suppliers are telling them that hospitals have priority and therefore, cannot supply them with PPE. Without adequate supplies of PPE, providers are at a disadvantage when it comes to protecting their residents from the virus and also containing the virus in the event a resident within a home becomes infected. <p>Needed Assistance</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Retroactively fund the \$34/resident/month temporary State/County Special Assistance (SA) payments that have not occurred since June 30, 2019. Per H966, also fund the

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			<p>increase up to \$70/resident/month effective October 1, 2019 – June 30, 2021.</p> <p>2. Increase the Medicaid PCS rate from \$3.90/15 minute unit (\$15.60/hour) to \$4.50/15 minute unit (\$18.00/hour) so providers can pay competitive wages to hire and retain personal care aides and other direct care workers.</p> <p>3. Support efforts during the national and state emergencies to waive non-essential daycare regulations, connect parents in need of childcare with providers with empty slots, utilize public school facilities for daycare for children of healthcare and other frontline workers, and take other actions necessary to ensure an adequate supply of daycare resources.</p> <p>4. Support efforts by NCDHHS to identify and/or acquire stable supplies of PPE and prioritize adult care and family care homes to receive PPE as requested.</p> <p>If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at email: jeff@ncseniorliving.org or cell: (919) 614-2629.</p> <p>Jeff Horton, Executive Director</p>
03/22/2020 02:36 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Dr Magaretha Herman	<p>In some counties, eviction orders that were finalized before the emergency order to halt evictions was issued are still being carried out--can those be stopped? Some sheriffs are continuing to evict because they say the law requires them to do so. Please address this issue--we do not want families to be made homeless during this crisis.</p>
03/22/2020 06:10 PM	Health Care Working Group	Ms Deborah Tabert	<p>I am writing to ask that you take all necessary actions to ensure that healthcare providers have immediate access to personal protective equipment (PPE), ventilators and other lifesaving equipment necessary for our response to the COVID-19 pandemic.</p> <p>As a critical/progressive care nurse, I have the knowledge and expertise to save lives during this national health crisis. To do this, I must have the correct equipment to care for my patients and be safe in my work environment. In the absence of appropriate PPE, I put myself, my family and others at risk for exposure. Your urgent action is vital to provide the equipment I need to care for my patients, the people we both have pledged to serve.</p> <p>A significant number of your constituents infected with this virus will become critically ill and experience severe respiratory distress. Many will require mechanical ventilation, a machine that does the work of breathing for patients with damaged lungs. Emergency medications and equipment will also be needed to support the patients' heart and blood pressure while they fight the virus. In the absence of adequate access to ventilators and other life-saving equipment, patients who could be saved will die.</p> <p>We are counting on you to act now to give us the resources we need. Please partner with us to combat COVID-19. Without your support and action, our country faces a devastating loss of lives.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p> <p>Deborah Tabert BSN RN CCRN</p>
03/23/2020 02:15 AM	Health Care Working Group	Dr. Gina Navarrete	<p>Why is it that NC went into mitigation mode so quickly, without trying to do containment first? It seems NC is sending mixed messages to people. When we tell people not to congregate in groups of more than 250, then 50 (now 10 ppl) but we don't issue a shelter-</p>

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			<p>in-place order, we send ppl the wrong message. Mixed messages and confusions can also be avoided by communicating with constituents on a regular basis. In order for ppl not to experience significant fear, political leaders at the state and local level MUST over-communicate plans and potential plans. Communication is the only thing that will keep society calm and in place. We cannot afford societal breakdown because of fear.</p>
03/23/2020 02:16 AM	Health Care Working Group	Ahead of the curve Hali Waite	<p>We as a state must get ahead of the curve. If we do now what's is being done in NY, Washington state, and California; butild extra beds, source ventilators and PPEs, call out for retired Heath care professionals and final year students. We must expect that our hospitals will be overwhelmed and be ready to take on what they can by expanding services before we need them.</p>
03/23/2020 03:12 AM	Health Care Working Group	Alyson O'Laughlin	<p>Please order a Shelter in Place!?! We need PPE too.</p>
03/23/2020 05:17 AM	Health Care Working Group	Shut it down! Kim Jonas	<p>PLEASE institute a statewide shelter-in-place order. It's the only way the people will stay home and we can get through this faster and without more people getting sick. We owe it to our healthcare workers and the high risk community. Don't wait any longer - people are ready for it. Let's learn from other countries...</p>
03/23/2020 06:09 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Ms. Trish Cordero	<p>Please place into effect shelter in place. My neighbors do not listen and continue to have parties daily. I am sick with cancer and now waiting for results of my covid test. And all I did was check my mail.</p>
03/23/2020 07:59 AM	Education Working Group	Keith Baker	<p>As the father of a high school senior, wouldn't it make more sense to quarantine/shelter-in-place those who fall into risk categories rather than have a blanket order? The numbers are showing that many more show simple, flu-like symptoms (or no symptoms at all) vs. those who become gravely ill because of underlying health issues or advanced age. Herd immunity will be delayed the longer that businesses and schools are held hostage. Also, the tighter and more restrictive the guidelines are, the shorter time authorities will be able to contain the movements of people. Loosen the grip.</p>
03/23/2020 08:08 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Jonathan Page	<p>Dear Representatives: Please consider funding for infrastructure projects to boost local employment and address critical needs for better transportation, internet connectivity, and environmental protection in the state. Specifically, please authorize funding for the NC Division of Water Resources projects already approved to address water quality, infrastructure, and property protection. NC DWR has a backlog of projects that are ready to move forward with engineering and design phases.</p>
03/23/2020 08:17 AM	Economic Support Working Group	David Mcgillicuddy	<p>Anything sort of some sort of economic stimulus given to every North Carolinian regardless of income is an abject failure on your part. Do not use this time to enrich your friends or yourselves. I'm looking at you, REPUBLICANS. Whatever god you believe in is watching you.</p>
03/23/2020 08:18 AM	Health Care Working Group	Mrs. Rhiannon Fionn-Bowman	<p>Many people in the community are making face masks for donation. My thought is these masks should go to high-risk individuals -- like chemo patients, pregnant women, the immunocompromised, etc ... people who need some protection but not as much as front-line medical workers in an effort to free up the higher quality masks for medical workers. There is much guidance already available on how to make masks, and a lot of enthusiasm</p>

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			for making them, but little to no guidance on how to get them to medical centers, nursing homes, assisted living centers, etc. for sterilization and disbursement to patients. It would be great to have a place to mail them, or perhaps many places. I am already organizing volunteers in Charlotte and am happy to volunteer to help with disbursement as needed. Whether you accept my help or not, we definitely need guidance on getting masks to medical centers so we don't inadvertently contribute to their already overwhelming situation. Thank you for "listening" and for working on these issues.
03/23/2020 08:51 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Covid-19 Kylie Sheldon	LOCKDOWN! it's never going to get better unless we nip it in the bud
03/23/2020 09:26 AM	Health Care Working Group	Please, save lives! Karen Kovach	Please protect the lives of healthcare workers by mandating a minimum two week shelter-in-place! By staying home we can all prevent infections that will further overwhelm hospitals and medical staff who lack adequate supplies to protect themselves and their own families from infection. I am 39.5 weeks pregnant and will soon require service from a local hospital. I think of the midwives, nurses, doctors, cleaning and cooking staff who will be caring for me and so many others. Please do the right thing for your constituents and your country! We need you to save lives.
03/23/2020 09:58 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Executive Director Kenneth Lewis	The federal definition of small businesses is under 500 employees. I am worried about the small business that are owned and operated as family businesses. Small LLCs do not require or expect owners to pay into unemployment. These businesses are shut down by the government but must still pay rent and overhead. In addition they must take care of their families. I urge the committee to allow these people to collect unemployment with a copy of their last tax return and business license. It is their only opportunity to stay afloat. Thank you
03/23/2020 10:13 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mr Dave Parnell	VOTE BY MAIL. GET BUSY. ALSO, EMPHASIZE THE IMPORTANTANCE OF THE CENSUS. ONE WEEK TO SEND IT IN!!
03/23/2020 10:17 AM	Health Care Working Group	Shelter in place Jocelyn Chrisley	Please move forward asking Meck Co to shelter in place. I am immunosuppressed and live in the 28205 area code. I fear for my life and for the lives of my neighbors.
03/23/2020 11:00 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Dr. Kim Perry	Please, please put North Carolina on strict lockdown. We need to close non-essential businesses. We need the strictest ban for unnecessary travel. This map shows how little time we have. If we adopt measures demonstrated in and around Wuhan we can preserve our lives, our livelihoods in the future, and our healthcare system. Please look closely at this prediction and scroll all the way down where the various levels of control are applied to the predictions. Please do your job and keep us safe, our job now becomes to stop the spread. Dr. Kim Perry
03/23/2020 11:43 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Jonathan Page	As a small business owner, I am hopeful that the State of North Carolina will continue to allow businesses to operate while implementing social distance measures. As other states have shut down many of their day to day operations, it is apparent that the financial and economic impacts could be severe if that approach is implemented in NC. Please allow business to operate and people to work.

Please consider alternatives including protecting segments of the general population

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03/23/2020 12:24 PM	Health Care Working Group	Mr Marc Katz	<p>most at risk for COVID-19 while allowing others to work and care for those most at risk.</p> <p>We need suspension of the PA rules due to COVID response. PAs need the ability to work in different practice settings without the current requirements to be more rapidly deployed to health care needs</p>
03/23/2020 01:10 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Covid-19 Kristle ODell	<p>As a citizen of NC I am requesting the needs to have a statewide mandated shutdown. Close the borders of the state and inact this great need to keep our most at risk neighbors from the further spread of Covid-19. I am unsure of what the government is waiting for? It is only getting worse daily and more Americans are dying. Do what you can to stop this please. Work with our neighboring states to do the same. For the people!</p>
03/23/2020 01:19 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group		<p>Some input on voting and 2020 Elections..</p> <p>"The key recommendations fall into five categories: (1) polling place modification and preparation; (2) expanded early voting; (3) a universal vote-by-mail option; (4) voter registration modification and preparation, including expanded online registration; and (5) voter education and manipulation prevention. We recommend that each state government establish an election pandemic task force to determine how best to implement relevant policy recommendations in their state."</p> <p>Reference/Source....</p> <p>https://www.brennancenter.org/our-work/policy-solutions/how-protect-2020-vote-coronavirus</p>
03/23/2020 01:55 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mr. Jon Carr	<p>To: Legislators and Policy Leaders From: John Jessup, President/CEO, NC Propane Gas Association Re: Propane Industry is an Essential Service</p> <p>As you consider policy decisions as to what businesses may be permitted to continue to operate, the NC Propane Gas Association requests that you designate the propane industry as an essential service. Such a designation would be consistent with the Department of Homeland Security's Guidance on the Essential Critical Infrastructure Workforce regarding Energy (see below). The North Carolina retail propane operations and operations of those in the propane supply chain that make it possible for the propane industry to provide its services must REMAIN ESSENTIAL to the State of North Carolina. There are over 853,000 retail accounts in NC that rely on propane as a fuel source. Additionally, Propane support many critical areas during these difficult times. Deliveries and installation of propane for: Hot Water, Cooking, Generators, Fork Lifts, Nursing Homes, Agriculture Crop processing are just a few of the critical areas we support. Please know that hours of services waivers for vehicles and drivers transporting propane are also critical to the continued distribution of propane in anticipation of employee shortages due to contraction of COVID-19.</p> <p>Guidance on the Essential Critical Infrastructure Workforce - Natural and propane gas workers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Natural gas transmission and distribution pipelines, including compressor stations • Underground storage of natural gas • Natural gas processing plants, and those that deal with natural gas liquids

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) facilities • Natural gas security operations center, natural gas operations dispatch and control rooms/centers natural gas emergency response and customer emergencies, including natural gas leak calls • Drilling, production, processing, refining, and transporting natural gas for use as end-use fuels, feedstocks for chemical manufacturing, or use in electricity generation • Propane gas dispatch and control rooms and emergency response and customer emergencies, including propane leak calls • Propane gas service maintenance and restoration, including call centers • Processing, refining, and transporting natural liquids, including propane gas, for use as end-use fuels or feedstocks for chemical manufacturing • Propane gas storage, transmission, and distribution centers <p>John Jessup President/CEO North Carolina Propane Gas Association 5109 Hollyridge Drive Raleigh, NC 27612 P (919) 787-8485 F (919)781-7481</p>
03/23/2020 02:12 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Covid19 Marie Enriquez	I would like to see a shelter in place to protect our community. There is not going to get better if people don't stay in their houses. Please let's do something so we can protect our community and slow down the spread of the is virus. Thank you
03/23/2020 02:21 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms Kimberly Baum	I am adamantly against any provision for economic relief for corporations that is not regulated, not transparent and not conditioned on protecting workers, prohibiting buybacks and requiring criminal penalties for failure to comply. A \$500B slush fund distributed in secret without any oversight by Mnuchin is unacceptable. WE MUST PRIORITIZE WORKERS AND SMALL BUSINESS. Also, if cruise companies can fly under foreign flags to dodge taxes, then they are not eligible for bailouts.
03/23/2020 02:22 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr. J. Michael Haithcock	I am self-employed and have been for most of my adult life and this is the first time that I will not have an income. My income has completely stopped because of the coronavirus. Assistance is going to be needed ASAP, especially since the beginning of April is right around the corner when most people have their mortgages and rents do.
03/23/2020 02:26 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mrs Jessica Kawski	Can we please start the shelter in place? We want to get on with our lives and help save lives. It stinks feeling endlessly stuck in the house because others aren't following the request.
03/23/2020 02:30 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working	Mrs. Jeanette Intartaglio	We need there be a shelter in place order. Have people stay home for at least 2 weeks.

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03/23/2020 02:39 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Paulette KeffasChassin	Gov. Cooper must issue 'stay at home' directive. NOW!! My stupid neighbors are having guests over and NO ONE social distancing. Please!
03/23/2020 02:46 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Marilyn Pelino	<p>What do you plan to do to see that elderly and disabled people, who are being strongly ADVISED to stay home, can get meals, groceries and medications?? Those NEEDS seem to be being IGNORED in the planning process, Yet those people are the MOST Vulnerable to the Coronavirus.</p> <p>I Hope the Your administration DOES NOT consider the elderly to be DISPOSABLE, But there is NO MONEY in the Emergency Bill the U.S. Senate is working on to provide any food delivery services to the ELDERLY.</p> <p>The MEALS ON WHEELS service in my area has a 3 MONTH WAITING LIST. So, they are of no help in Delivering food to the elderly at this time.</p>
03/23/2020 02:49 PM	Health Care Working Group	Marilyn Pelino	<p>What do you plan to do to see that elderly and disabled people, who are being strongly ADVISED to stay home, can get meals, groceries and medications?? Those NEEDS seem to be being IGNORED in the planning process, Yet those people are the MOST Vulnerable to the Coronavirus.</p> <p>I Hope the Your administration DOES NOT consider the elderly to be DISPOSABLE, But there is NO MONEY in the Emergency Bill the U.S. Senate is working on to provide any food delivery services to the ELDERLY.</p> <p>The MEALS ON WHEELS service in my area has a 3 MONTH WAITING LIST. So, they are of no help in Delivering food to the elderly at this time. More funding might help this agency.</p>
03/23/2020 02:53 PM	Education Working Group	Mrs Jennifer De La Jara	Please call an emergency sessions to confirm how the State will be paying hourly public schools workers and to set the calendar planning on a return date of May 18th. Local school districts need to know how to pay their employees and we all need to know if you will be extending the school year. This also affects summer school/literacy programs which are uncertain right now if they will be open/run.
03/23/2020 02:57 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Erin Bowman	<p>Please requesting all businesses with the capability to do so have their employees work from home for the foreseeable future. With schools now closed through at least May 15, this would alleviate some of the stress on parents who would not have to figure out what to do with their children during the day.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>
03/23/2020 02:59 PM	Health Care Working Group	Ms Judith Brown	<p>Thank you for this opportunity to communicate.</p> <p>I am receiving requests from seniors and people with disabilities who are very frustrated with the 211 system and need assistance/advocacy; either with the evolving processes or</p>

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			<p>completing and navigating the new systems and forms. We have many who do not have internet at home and do not understand how to set up, receive and use online systems.</p> <p>They are also concerned about running out of money due to increased expenses and travel to get basic supplies. They may have food, hygiene and water requirements that will not work with store limits. As they are not set up to receive a stimulus check, many are running out of money and food stamps before the end of the month.</p> <p>People with disabilities do not feel they are being acknowledged or included with programs and resources for seniors with age stipulations.</p> <p>All government announcements should has ASL and captioned accommodations.</p> <p>Also, received concerns over whether they would receive fines and fees when all services are back to normal (if balances remain).</p> <p>And, lastly, can HOAs fine for non-compliance of grass cutting and other requirements during this time.</p> <p>Again, I appreciate whatever can be done to address these concerns.</p>
03/23/2020 02:59 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mr. Jon Carr	<p>To: Rep. John Bell, Rep. David Lewis and Rep. Darren Jackson, Chairs, Continuity of State Operations, House Select Committee on COVID-19</p> <p>From: Jon Carr, Lobbyist, NC Veterinary Medical Association</p> <p>Re: Veterinary Services as Essential Services</p> <p>As you consider further restrictions resulting from COVID-19, the NC Veterinary Medical Association (NCVMA) urges you to designate veterinary practices as "essential businesses" in NC to ensure continuation of veterinary medical care. NCVMA also requests that the General Assembly enact legislation defining essential businesses and consider restricting local governments' authority to enact ordinances or orders to close businesses that are designated as essential businesses. Medical services provided by veterinary teams are critical to animal and public health. Given the scope of medical services provided, it is vital they are considered as "essential businesses," in line with other healthcare providers, supermarkets, and pharmacies.</p> <p>The Department of Homeland Security's Guidance on the Essential Critical Infrastructure WorkForce includes the following categories of essential workers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Farm workers to include those employed in animal food, feed, and ingredient production, packaging, and distribution; manufacturing, packaging, and distribution of veterinary drugs; truck delivery and transport; farm and fishery labor needed to produce our food supply domestically • Animal agriculture workers to include those employed in veterinary health; manufacturing and distribution of animal medical materials, animal vaccines, animal drugs, feed ingredients, feed, and bedding, etc.; transportation of live animals, animal medical materials; transportation of deceased animals for disposal; raising of animals for food; animal production operations; slaughter and packing plants and associated

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			<p>regulatory and government workforce</p> <p>Essential services provided by veterinarians including the following services:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Frontline veterinary practitioners and staff are among the healthcare professionals who provide surveillance for diseases deemed reportable by state and federal governments, including zoonotic diseases, such as rabies, influenza and Lyme Disease. They are also responsible for issuing certificates of veterinary inspection that are required for the movement of animals between states and countries, including those entering the food supply.2. Veterinarians are an integral part of our nation's food and fiber industries. Veterinary care is critical to ensure that only healthy animals enter the food supply. While primarily housed on farms, food animals are also present in urban areas. Commissioner Troxler praised Homeland Security's position that agriculture is "critical infrastructure" during COVID-19. Troxler Release3. Veterinary practices provide medical and surgical care daily for critically ill and injured animals.4. Veterinarians provide care for service and therapy animals, supporting both animal and human welfare.5. Veterinarians (and shelter personnel) provide care for shelter animals housed in facilities across the state.6. Veterinarians also oversee the care of laboratory animals, which are critical to research that leads to the development of pharmaceuticals and biologics, including vaccines such as those currently being developed to combat COVID-19.7. Veterinarians care for rare, threatened, and endangered animals in zoos, aquaria, wildlife rehabilitation clinics, and wildlife facilities. Even if such entities need to be closed to the public for COVID-19 mitigation, veterinarians and animal care staff must continue to care for these animals.8. Veterinarians and our support staff are trusted professionals involved in disaster situations. While perhaps different from a statutory and regulatory perspective, the training, education, and experience of veterinarians and our staff in disasters are clearly transferable skills in whatever COVID-19 risk mitigation is deemed necessary. <p>Given COVID-19's pandemic status, the World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) and the World Veterinary Association (WVA) strongly advocate for veterinary services to be considered as "essential businesses." Click the following link to access the announcement: OIE and WVA Release [oie.int]</p> <p>Additionally, the American Veterinary Medical Association has contacted local, state, and Federal governments, advocating the same. You may read their letter here: AVMA Letter [ciclt.net]</p> <p>The NCVMA urges all authorities to similarly designate veterinary practices as essential businesses, and also to ensure their ability to obtain necessary medical supplies so that they may continue to ensure the health and well-being of animals and of the citizens of North Carolina.</p>

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			<p>Please feel free to contact me or to contact NCVMA's Executive Director, Claire Holley, should you have any questions or need any additional information. My cell phone is 919-270-2906. Claire Holley contact information: claire@ncvma.org; office -- 919-851-5850.</p> <p>On behalf of all veterinarians in NC, thank you for your consideration. Jon Carr</p>
03/23/2020 03:01 PM	Health Care Working Group	Ms Karen Flint	<p>Why aren't we getting testing kits from other countries, one's that give results in minutes rather than days? We seem to have gotten the worse of globalization and rejected the best of globalization. Others have been through this and set up protocols and developed tests-- why are we reinventing the wheel? Every day that these tests are delayed, that protocols are not put in place, means more people are dying.</p>
03/23/2020 03:06 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Erika Knorovsky-Pickering	<p>We need to shelter in place to stop the spread of this horrible virus.</p>
03/23/2020 03:10 PM	Health Care Working Group		<p>test</p>
			<p>Editor's Note: To proactively mitigate the spread of COVID-19, the Serious Eats staff is operating remotely for the foreseeable future. Here's how we're handling the resulting limitations.</p> <p>As the father of a young toddler, the son of two senior parents in the at-risk age group, and the chef/partner of a restaurant that up until recently employed a few dozen people and fed hundreds on any given night, knowing what is and isn't safe in the current environment is of the utmost importance to me, especially as it relates to food and dining.</p> <p>Like many densely populated metropolitan areas, the Bay Area is now on complete lockdown. All non-essential businesses are closed, gatherings of large groups of people are banned, and residents have been told to leave their houses only if necessary. Among the businesses still running—at least in limited capacity—are supermarkets and restaurants, the latter of which are solely allowed to operate as take-out and delivery venues. I expect more cities will follow suit in the coming days and weeks.</p> <p>Even so, plenty of folks—myself included—have been confused or curious about the safety of allowing restaurants to continue preparing and serving food. Is it actually safe? Should I reheat the food when I get it home? Is it better to support local businesses by ordering food, or am I only putting workers and delivery people at risk? And if I'm cooking my own food, what guidelines should I follow?</p> <p>To answer these questions, I referenced dozens of articles and scientific reports and enlisted the help of Ben Chapman, a food safety specialist from the North Carolina State University and cohost of Risky or Not and Food Safety Talk.</p> <p>Whether you managed to stock your fridge and pantry, or were left staring at empty supermarket shelves, there's good news: you can still eat safely, even from restaurants,</p>

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			<p>provided you follow a few basic guidelines.</p> <p>I'll start by going over what we know about the virus, followed by some basic rules to safely shop, cook, and order food.</p> <p>SARS-CoV-2 is the coronavirus that is causing the current outbreak of COVID-19, the name of the disease associated with it (not to be confused with SARS-CoV-1, the coronavirus that caused the original 2002 SARS outbreak). It's important to remember that while SARS-CoV-2 bears close similarities to other coronaviruses (such as SARS-CoV-1 or MERS), it is a novel virus, and new information is emerging minute by minute.</p> <p>Consequently, there's a lot we don't know. That said, there's also a lot that we do know with a good deal of confidence.</p> <p>[top]</p> <p>How does COVID-19 spread?</p> <p>Coronavirus is a respiratory virus, which means that it's spread primarily through the respiratory system. According to the Center for Disease Control (the CDC), the main transmission route is through person-to-person droplet infection—that is, the inhalation of aerosolized saliva or mucus carrying a viral load. (Viral load is the amount of virus particles in a given volume of liquid—higher viral loads equate with stronger chances of infection.) This is similar to previous coronaviruses, such as SARS-CoV-1 or MERS. Additionally, people are most contagious when they are symptomatic; coughing and sneezing spreads the virus around.</p>
03/23/2020 03:17 PM	Economic Support Working Group	MSG Virginia Frizzell	We need to get a shelter in place order this is the only way to combat this terrible virus.
03/23/2020 03:17 PM	Health Care Working Group	NCAPA Executive Director Emily Adams	<p>North Carolina should allow PAs to provide emergency medical treatment, without immediate physician supervision or direction, to patients within the affected areas of the state, provided that the treatment is within the scope of the PA's education, training and experience.</p> <p>Physician Assistants (PAs) are licensed medical professionals who diagnose illness, develop and manage treatment plans, prescribe medications, and can serve as a patient's principal healthcare provider. PAs are trained in the generalist medical model and able to work in every medical setting. PA training and experience positions PAs to be utilized in many areas of need during the current COVID crisis. Our current rules need to be relaxed or suspended to reduce administrative burdens to allow PAs to be more easily deployed across the health systems and throughout the state. PAs are licensed by the NC Medical Board and should be responsible for the care they provide.</p>
03/23/2020 03:30 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms. Yvette Townsend-Ingram	<p>Good afternoon,</p> <p>Despite the recommendation of extended unemployment benefits and the guidance to apply via the Employment Security website, that option is obsolete and severely overwhelmed. I applied for unemployment benefits at the end of February, before the pandemic was announced to NC. I was told to begin weekly certifications and I would begin receiving benefits 3/12/2020. I have yet to receive a payment. Employment Security is not available via the phone and there is no website options to get assistance. I am sure</p>

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			there are so many others in the same predicament. Please provide relief and guidance regarding what families are to do for financial report.
03/23/2020 03:37 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Jan Lineberger	Please order shelter in place
03/23/2020 03:46 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Marc Friedland	Restaurants and other small businesses ordered closed need some relief from or help for rent payments on their building leases. Without government intervention, there is no way to delay or waive rent payments when a business is forced to close.
03/23/2020 03:50 PM	Health Care Working Group	Coronavirus Elizabeth Furtado	In order to stop the spread of the coronavirus here in NC we need to shut everything down. Except grocery stores, pharmacies of course but no essential people should not be out and about or else this will continue for months on end with limited medical resources. I'd rather be stuck at home for a month than a year.
03/23/2020 03:55 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mrs. Kellee Schmidt	Shut down this state and help stop the spread of COVID-19. I have a newborn and even though I am taking all the "requested" measures of action, many aren't. Do what is right, not what is easy.
03/23/2020 04:00 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Congresswoman Alma Adams	<p>I am writing you today in support of a special session of the North Carolina General Assembly to address the public health emergency caused by the COVID-19 novel coronavirus pandemic.</p> <p>I was honored to serve the people of North Carolina in the General Assembly for twenty years. I have no doubt that they are resilient, and that they will rise to the challenge that this public health emergency presents. However, in my nearly four decades of public service, North Carolina has never faced a challenge as great as it will face if this disease is not properly managed. President Trump has called on all political leaders to stop the partisanship and come together to confront the coronavirus pandemic. As you know, the coronavirus is a life or death crisis, not a partisan crisis.</p> <p>It is my responsibility and honor to lend my support to help citizens in North Carolina in times of individual and family crises and to continue to promote economic and social mobility within the 12th Congressional District and across our state. During this public health crisis, we must assist every resident in taking preventative measures. I will continue to work in Congress to support and pass legislation that will swiftly address this crisis and save lives in Mecklenburg County, North Carolina, and across the country.</p> <p>However, there is work that can be done at home in the Old North State. We already have identified hundreds of confirmed cases of the coronavirus in North Carolina. The threat is here and must be addressed faster than the usual speed of government. While Governor Cooper correctly declared a state of emergency, taken decisive action to limit the spread of the virus, and has acted swiftly to address the crisis, a special session of the North Carolina General Assembly could improve our public health resilience by:</p>

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suspending utility disconnections and reconnecting affected households: The Centers for Disease Control recommends hand-washing as the number-one preventative measure to take to stop the spread of disease. With the recognition that hygiene is a public health priority, now more than ever, The State of North Carolina should work with our public utilities to reconnect or restore water service for residents, and suspend disconnections for 90 days. This is not a unique idea. The City of Detroit has released a "Coronavirus COVID-19 Water Restart Plan" in which the State of Michigan pays their \$25 reactivation fee and resumes service at no fee to the customer. Mayor Keisha Lance Bottoms of Atlanta has halted disconnections for 60 days. Charlotte Mayor Vi Lyles and other mayors across the state have done the same. • Suspending foreclosures and evictions and/or mortgage and rent assistance: Due to the likely economic impacts of this virus, many families are expected to experience cash flow issues. They should not be forced to leave their houses, especially if they are self-quarantining. The State of North Carolina should work with lenders, landlords and local authorities suspend foreclosures and evictions for 90 days, as well as investigate ways to provide mortgage and rent assistance that is not subject to source of income discrimination. Already, Mecklenburg Sheriff Garry McFadden has said the Sheriff's department will no longer enforce eviction orders during this crisis, and the State Courts have effectively suspended foreclosures and evictions; however, these should not immediately resume when the crisis is over and residents are getting back on their feet. • Expanding Medicaid: Insuring as many people as possible is vital during a public health crisis. Citizens should not be afraid to seek medical attention if they can not afford it. However, while the Trump Administration has committed to removing barriers to testing, the costs of treatment still fall upon our citizens. The financial solvency of our private and public health infrastructure depends on this. The State of North Carolina should expand Medicaid for 90 days or permanently. • Providing emergency food and unemployment assistance: economic disruptions should not exacerbate the hunger crisis faced by hundreds of thousands of North Carolinians, including children and students. Already, over 100,000 North Carolinians have applied for unemployment insurance due to the coronavirus crisis. We must act sooner rather than later. <p>This is not an exhaustive list. There are good ideas from both parties to address this crisis. We have an abundance of tools and resources, but what we do not have is time to wait. Now is not the time for partisanship; now is the time for leadership. I hope you will seriously consider this request.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p> <p>Alma S. Adams, Ph.D. (NC-12) Member of Congress</p>
03/23/2020 04:14 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency)	Lisa Maloy	Please issue a shelter in place so we can get everyone on the same page!

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03/23/2020 04:31 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms. Brittany Stone	<p>As you are considering economic support plans for our state, I have three main things I would urge you to keep in mind: (1) nontraditional employment, (2) keeping the lights on at home, and (3) health insurance.</p> <p>Please do not forget 1099 workers, contract employees, and others who do not have traditional relationships with employers and/or whose income fluctuates. Means testing or thresholds to qualify for individual support, tax breaks for companies, and payroll tax cuts leave these workers out. For example, I am a "small business owner," but I am an independent consultant who relies on contracts with businesses. The potential clients in my pipeline are currently pumping the brakes on our project conversations due to economic uncertainty, yet I would not qualify for unemployment, the money I made in previous years would not accurately reflect my current financial situation, and support plans aimed at traditional employment arrangements would not reach me-- but the detriments to both my livelihood and my ability to provide for my family are just as real.</p> <p>Secondly, please keep in mind that while businesses are struggling and many workers are without their regular income, bills are still coming due-- rent and mortgage payments, utilities, mobile phones-- and other line items in the family budget are getting bigger with more people at home all day, including groceries and food delivery services. Yes, businesses need help; that is obvious. But the people of this state need direct and immediate help keeping the lights on at home.</p> <p>Lastly, I would ask that you also consider the impact that income loss - in whatever form - will have on people's access to health insurance. While it is never a good time to toy with people's health or ability to afford the care they need, now is certainly not the time.</p> <p>Thank you for the work you do on behalf of North Carolina's citizens.</p> <p>-Brittany</p>
03/23/2020 05:27 PM	Health Care Working Group	Sara Brinson	Please implement shelter in place as soon as possible to protect our citizens! Once the rate of infection slows, put something in place to keep the rate steady. For example, lift the shelter in place only for citizens with last name beginning with A, or something of that nature so we can keep the rate steady and make sure that all who are ill can get treatment.
03/23/2020 05:28 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Jessica Halligan	Shelter in place! 10k+ test are waiting for results. That's 10k possible cases. Shut this state down so people stop getting sick! Many other states have limited to 10 before it was even lowered to 50 here. This is going to be a pandemic in our backyard unless it's addressed properly.
03/23/2020 05:50 PM	Health Care Working Group	Karina Tedder	Please put in a shelter in place to prevent the further spread of covid!
03/23/2020 05:53 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Sarah Acuff	Dear NC Representatives,

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			<p>I urge you to respond to the recommendation put forth by the coalition NC United for Survival & Beyond and to place a moratorium on rent and mortgage payments for the foreseen future. You, yourself extended the tax filing date by saying "Taxpayers need relief during this difficult time." And in light of the most recent closures of schools til May 15th, it's time to heed this request by some of our state's community leaders. We must unburden those most at risk of housing insecurity to promote the measures the know that are necessary to curb the spread of COVID-19. We must support parents who are now tasked with schooling their children for seven more weeks. We need to lower the financial incentive for people to show up to work, where social distancing may be difficult, or protective measures less robust. This is a reasonable public health intervention if we are to contain the spread as soon as possible and alleviate the risk to our citizens and economy.</p> <p>Sincerely, Sarah Acuff</p>
03/23/2020 05:55 PM	Health Care Working Group	Karen Boardman, Esq.	<p>I am an estate planning attorney and a notary public. As you may imagine, many clients are preparing for the worst and want to get their estate planning documents in order. I am extraordinarily concerned about my ability to effectively serve my clients while keeping them, myself, and my staff safe during this pandemic. All healthcare powers of attorney and advance directives require 2 witnesses (who are not family members or healthcare providers) and notarization of the signatures of the signer and both witnesses. The current notarial regulations require in-person verification of signatures, which is risky during this time. Some states, like New York, have suspended the in-person requirement during the pandemic to protect everyone's safety. (See https://www.governor.ny.gov/news/no-2027-continuing-temporary-suspension-and-modification-laws-relating-disaster-emergency.) I would encourage our North Carolina legislature to consider similar protections for attorneys and notaries, at least temporarily. Thank you.</p>
03/23/2020 05:56 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Karen Boardman, Esq.	<p>I am an estate planning attorney and a notary public. As you may imagine, many clients are preparing for the worst and want to get their estate planning documents in order. I am extraordinarily concerned about my ability to effectively serve my clients while keeping them, myself, and my staff safe during this pandemic. All wills, healthcare powers of attorney, and advance directives require 2 witnesses (who are not family members or healthcare providers) and notarization of the signatures of the signer and both witnesses. All durable powers of attorney also require notarization. The current notarial regulations require in-person verification of signatures, which is risky during this time. Some states, like New York, have suspended the in-person requirement during the pandemic to protect everyone's safety. (See https://www.governor.ny.gov/news/no-2027-continuing-temporary-suspension-and-modification-laws-relating-disaster-emergency.) I would encourage our North Carolina legislature to consider similar protections for attorneys and notaries, at least temporarily. Thank you.</p>
03/23/2020 06:00 PM	Health Care Working Group	Ms Coreen Burke	<p>Please institute a shelter in place order for the safety of everyone! I live in Charlotte and people are not taking it seriously enough.</p>
03/23/2020 06:30 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms Kathi Robinson	<p>Subsidizing corporations at this time and offering an \$1,200 is just wrong. The corporations can post their CEOs millions, they should have at least a few months in reserve to Kerri their companies afloat. I suspect this is just pleasing greedy shareholders</p>

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03/23/2020 06:33 PM	Health Care Working Group	Community Health Centers Brendan Riley	<p>without regard to those who have lost their jobs; were living in poverty before the pandemic; are stranded in isolation without the funds to feed their family and pay their rent/mortgage. It is criminal that they continue to put their wallets before their constituents!</p> <p>And eliminating the non-profits that receive Medicaid is about as low as they can get.</p> <p>As the membership association for North Carolina's 42 federally qualified health centers and lookalike organizations, the North Carolina Community Health Center Association thanks you for convening the Health Care Working Group and this House Select Committee. We submit the following legislative requests, as well as information about community health centers' experiences, promising practices, and challenges on the ground, as public comments for consideration by the Health Care Working Group.</p> <p>We humbly recommend the Working Group consider the following requests:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. An emergency state appropriation of at least \$10,250,000 to community health centers to ensure they remain fully operational and able to absorb the financial strain caused by this pandemic. An independent estimate suggests that nearly 1 in 3 NC health centers could exhaust their operating reserves due to this pandemic. 2. Increased availability of personal protective equipment and supplies across the state, if lawmakers can identify measures to address this. 3. Extension of health coverage to the uninsured in the coverage gap so that patients seek out care and so that community health centers are reimbursed for this care, especially as the uninsured population is likely to grow due to the economic impact of the outbreak and containment measures. <p>In response to the COVID-19 outbreak, our members have nimbly adapted their practices and operations in the following ways in order to promote appropriate access to timely care and mitigate the spread of the virus:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collaborated with health care partners in the community to conduct COVID-19 testing on-site or at drive-up sites; • Set up patient triage and screening stations at clinical entrances and in parking lots, established separate waiting rooms for sick and well patients, and reduced, rescheduled, or canceled all in-person well-care visits, annual physicals, and non-emergent dental care; • Migrated more and more services to be provided remotely via telephone and telemedicine, especially to those in high-risk categories; • Explored creative ways of providing ongoing care to existing patients that cannot be furnished in virtual settings, such as prescription medication mail/delivery programs; and • Introduced flexible staffing models, including repurposing staff otherwise allocated to suspended operations and allowing telework for nonessential personnel. <p>However, many of these operational changes and other circumstances of the pandemic create challenges for community health centers, which by statute and by mission will care for anyone regardless of ability to pay, including those who are uninsured, underinsured, and covered by Medicaid, Health Choice, and Medicare. Many of the challenges our member community health centers are experiencing are shared by other health care providers. These include the lack of available personal protective equipment (PPE), limited availability of COVID-19 testing kits, other medical supplies, cleaning materials, and other</p>

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			<p>difficulties. Many of these limitations are due to supply chain restrictions; if there are any creative actions the General Assembly can take to alleviate these shortages, we strongly recommend them.</p> <p>However, some of these shared challenges present a particularly potent strain on community health centers. While they rely on federal funding streams (70 percent of which is set to expire on May 22 absent congressional action), community health centers also depend heavily on reimbursements for patient care—largely through Medicaid, Medicare, and some commercial insurance—as a major source of revenue. Like other providers, health centers have had to suspend some service lines, like non-emergent dental, and move away from in-person visits for many routine and well-patient care services.</p> <p>While NC Medicaid recently announced positive developments to its telehealth policies, health centers need further action from Congress to be reimbursed adequately, if at all, for virtual care modalities like telephonic services and telemedicine video conferencing for their Medicare patients. Even then, because of historical policy obstacles to reimbursement for these modalities, many health centers are having to invest now in technology solutions and new workflows in a short period of time to make virtual care a reality. While we're encouraged to move high-risk patients out of the clinic and into virtual care settings, we still face policy obstacles to getting paid for that care.</p> <p>Currently, health centers are suffering significant financial strain, revenue reductions, and limited cash flow due to these factors. Many are wrestling with affording the costs of leave for their staff who may need to care for children at home due to school closures and lack of affordable childcare options. Others are exploring creative solutions to plan for maintaining capacity and even ramping up surge capacity, such as recruiting volunteer clinicians. As nonprofit or public entities, North Carolina's community health centers are particularly vulnerable to these pain points. However, some health centers are already considering staff furloughs or layoffs as they wrestle with sustaining operations under these circumstances.</p> <p>This pandemic exacerbates our existing challenge of having a large uninsured population. North Carolina community health centers cared for over 245,000 uninsured patients in 2018, many of whom fall into the coverage gap. We know that lack of health insurance coverage deters people from seeking out care due to cost concerns. We also know that a large and perhaps growing uninsured population will put a strain on the already strained primary care safety net. We hope that lawmakers continue to explore ways to close this coverage gap whether through a traditional Medicaid expansion or through another approach that provides affordable health coverage.</p> <p>In order to mitigate these harms and protect access to care for the nearly 600,000 North Carolinians who rely on community health centers, we ask the Health Care Working Group to recommend a state appropriation of at least \$10,250,000 for community health centers in support of their response to the novel coronavirus COVID-19 pandemic. This amount is based on an early estimate of the normal cost of caring for the uninsured over the next two months. It is a conservative estimate based on 2018 data for our uninsured population, which we expect could surge in the coming weeks and months. However, as</p>

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			<p>this pandemic develops, we realize this request may also be a fraction of the potential losses: one calculation estimates that NC health centers could lose \$35 million in revenue over only three months due to COVID-19, resulting in 974 lost jobs at health centers in the state and nearly one in three health centers exhausting their operating reserves.</p> <p>About the North Carolina Community Health Center Association The North Carolina Community Health Center Association (NCCHCA) was formed in 1978 by the leadership of community health centers, NCCHCA is comprised of membership from 40 health center grantees and 2 Look-Alike organizations. NCCHCA is singularly focused on the success of health centers. NCCHCA is the HRSA funded state Primary Care Association (PCA) and Health Center Controlled Network (HCCN). The non-profit, consumer-governed Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) we represent provide integrated medical, dental, pharmacy, behavioral health, and enabling services to over one-half million patients in North Carolina. FQHCs receive federal assistance for sliding-fee discounts to assure no one is denied access to care. NCCHCA represents FQHCs to state and federal officials and provides training and technical assistance on clinical, operational, financial, administrative, and governance issues.</p>
03/23/2020 08:35 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Stay at home Jennifer Hickey	Please close the state down so we can heal. It's getting worse and worse and no one cares. It's your job to stop this!
03/23/2020 09:37 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Ann Coppinger	We should consider a shelter in order for the safety of our residents people really arent taking this seriously at all
03/23/2020 10:05 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Shelter in place Michelle Roberts	Please order shelter in place this week! We have to do more to stop the spread of the corona virus!
03/23/2020 10:15 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Personal Rory Mcilmoil	Enforce a statewide suspension on all utility shut-offs and late payments, for every single utility of every type, for every customer.
03/23/2020 11:30 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Stay in place order PLEASE Charlee Burchfield	I need to be off work without loosing my job! I work in retail I'm gonna bring this crap home to my young babies!
03/23/2020 11:40 PM	Education Working Group	Rebecca Mullis	Please consider a Shelter in Place order to help slow the spread of Covid 19 in order to keep our healthcare system from collapsing.
03/23/2020 11:47 PM	Education Working Group	Ms Rohini Sivamanivedhachalam	Please order shelter in place and protect us
03/24/2020 12:01 AM	Continuity of State	COVID-19 Pam Medlin	Please, we implore you, order an immediate stay in place order and ENFORCE it for all

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	Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group		<p>counties in NC. Our lives are depending on the powers that be to make the right decision for ALL of us.</p> <p>Grocery stores and pharmacies should close except for curbside pickup. People can order online and pick up at the curb.</p> <p>People who cannot get online can order with a person on site then park and wait further away in the parking lot until the order is ready.</p> <p>Instacart or similar delivery services can be utilized for delivery for people who don't have private transportation. This will also enable people that are out of work to make a little money in the meantime. They can deliver the orders to the door and maintain 6+ feet distance (orders prepaid online or over the phone).</p> <p>By instituting curbside pickup/online ordering this also stops hoarding and allows people to get the products and food they need.</p> <p>Grocery stores are going to become the new hang out spot and this thing will continue to spread. Close them down except for pickup only.</p> <p>All to go food orders from restaurants, bars etc should also be stopped immediately.</p> <p>Please also close down all parks including playgrounds and hiking trails. People are flocking to WNC and crowding trails despite the bathrooms and visitor centers being closed.</p> <p>We MUST get serious with this so we can get this thing under control and eliminated sooner rather than later.</p> <p>Please, for all of our lives, institute a mandatory STAY AT HOME order. Thank you for your consideration and thank you for considering my suggestion on grocery stores, pharmacies and parks.</p>
03/24/2020 12:09 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mrs Robin Mann	Please call for a shelter in place immediately
03/24/2020 12:24 AM	Health Care Working Group	Rev. Mac Legerton	Some hospitals offer the COVID 19 test free of charge but are charging for the flu test that is necessary to take and fail prior to accessing the COVID 19 test. We need equitable access for all residents to both of these tests, not just the COVID 19 test. Otherwise, some will not be tested because they can't afford to pay for the flu test. I don't know how widespread this is but I assume it is more than most think, particularly in the poorer, rural counties.
03/24/2020 05:21 AM	Health Care Working Group	Carrie Merner	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Please get back into session. Change rules, work virtually and please get back to work. 2. Pull the Band-aids off and order us to stay home. My neighbors just had a sleepover, another a Corona party. Please! Order shelter in place.

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			My children have asthma and compromised immune systems.
03/24/2020 05:52 AM	Health Care Working Group	Shelter in place Kelly B	Can we please get an order for a shelter in place. We need to end this madness of Covid 19. Schools are closed. Please, let's end this already
03/24/2020 06:34 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Work Closures Da-Nay Macklin	Close all non-essential businesses and have employers pay employees that clearly have the means like my husbands company MacLellan.
03/24/2020 07:12 AM	Health Care Working Group	Chris Hamilton	PASS MEDICAID EXPANSION
03/24/2020 07:28 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Aleena	I am asking that you please consider a shelter in place. I still see people in big groups and going out with close interaction. We know this is not good for the community and the spread of this virus. The only thing that will help is a shelter in place. With a newborn at home, a toddler and a school age child, it's worrisome when my husband leaves for work (construction) and his job has a lot of people on site. Overall, this is not going to get better unless we are ordered to shelter and stay home.
03/24/2020 08:02 AM	Health Care Working Group	Ms Margaret Pokorney	Please order shelter in place. I'm willing to continue doing tis, but too many of our citizens are still getting too close to others.
03/24/2020 08:39 AM	Health Care Working Group	Mrs. Cathy Click	As a parent of 3 teens and the daughter of an elderly mother, I strongly encourage you to issue a shelter in place order. We have to get the virus under control. The only way to do this is to make sure that everyone is off the streets. Will I like it, no. But, this is what needs to happen.
03/24/2020 08:44 AM	Education Working Group	Covid-19 shelter in place Robin Mitchelll	Please put in a shelter in place mandate!
03/24/2020 08:54 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mrs Christine Grant	Please can we order shelter in place. There are so many people not taking this seriously. We need this to save our community. Thank you for your time.
03/24/2020 09:08 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Shelter in place Milady Meadows	Please implement and enforce a shelter in place. People in my community (28277) are not listening! Neighborhood children are playing together in large groups, people are having visitors and bbqs, it's not under control. My daughter and I are sheltering in place but I fear for the worst if others dont start listening.
03/24/2020 09:10 AM	Health Care Working Group	Ms Melissa Robinson	Please request a shelter in place order from the governor. The majority of people are not listening to his past orders, causing many to be at risk.
03/24/2020 09:12 AM	Health Care Working Group	Ms. Lori Giang	NC MedAssist is a safety net organization for low-income and uninsured North Carolina residents. We serve nearly 20,000 patients a year with prescription medication and close to 40,000 with over-the-counter medication and first aid supplies. NC MedAssist's patients are among the highest-risk for COVID-19, given their underlying health conditions and limited access to resources. The organization currently works with more than 100 clinic partners across North Carolina. We are funded through individual and private donations. During this time of crisis, NC MedAssist has identified the following critical needs to be able to continue providing life-saving medication to the most vulnerable population. We respectfully request \$1,672,000 million in funding to continue these critical services. - Due to the budget impasse we lost \$1.1 million in funding. In effort to bridge the budget

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			<p>deficit we had to cut 8 FT staff positions and remove medication from the formulary.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Additional funding for prescription medication: due to projected job lay-offs we anticipate an increase patient enrollment and prescriptions dispensed. - Due to the increase in patient enrollment and prescription dispensed, we will need to hire staff which include social workers, pharmacists, pharmacy techs as well as the administrative assistants that we previously employed. We may also need to hire temporary associates to help fill the void our volunteers have left due to the CDC's guidelines. - 25% of our budget is raised through fundraising events such as annual luncheons and a 5k. These events are vital to remain operational at full capacity throughout the duration of this public health crisis. Due to the CDC's current recommendations, we have had to cancel four fundraising events which equate to a loss of over \$542,000. - We are a mail order pharmacy that sends prescriptions free of charge to individuals across the state. Due to anticipated increase in patients and prescriptions, we expected our pharmacy postage and supply cost to increase by \$30,000. <p>More than 500,000 NC residents live without health insurance and have limited income. With chronic illnesses like diabetes, high blood pressure, asthma and heart disease, which are highly prevalent in our state, our patients can't go without the essential medications they receive from us. With COVID-19, affecting our ability to raise awareness and funds in person, we are relying on the government to help us meet this need.</p>
03/24/2020 09:13 AM	Health Care Working Group	Mrs. Jessica Guptill	<p>We need a shelter in place. I see people out at the park, kids having massive playdates, teens gathering in big groups in my neighborhood, kids playing on our playground. People are not taking this seriously. Please do your best to make them take this seriously.</p>
03/24/2020 09:17 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mrs. Susanne Muenow	<p>I would like to submit a request for a shelter in place order. Let Spain, Italy and China teach us lessons in that we need to act fast and we need to act drastically. Stopping the spread of this virus early on, we can save the lives of thousands of NC residents. The sooner we act, the sooner the restrictions can be lifted. While schools are already out, this is the best time to also restrict movement in general. Please save our state. Encouragements are not enough. We need a formal order.</p>
03/24/2020 09:21 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Wendy	<p>Dear Representatives: Please consider funding for constructing trail and greenway construction projects to boost local employment and address critical needs for better alternative transportation, healthy outdoor activity, and environmental protection in the state. Please authorize funding for NC Division of Water Resources, Parks and Recreation Trust Fund, and Recreational Trails Program projects to address trail and greenway construction, water quality, infrastructure, and property acquisition.</p>
03/24/2020 09:26 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Shelter in place Michelle Sellers	<p>Please institute a shelter in place and quarantine mandates for visitors to our area coming from places like nyc. Too many people are having people over, gathering in close proximity and not taking this seriously. There needs to be consequences for not following mandates. All of us who have been staying away from others will be for not if these selfish people keep going on as normal.</p>
03/24/2020 09:29 AM	Health Care Working Group	Mr. Matthew Sohner	<p>PLEASE enact a shelter in place order IMMEDIATELY. I live in Charlotte, and while many of my neighbors are trying to do the right thing, a lot of people are still going out, still congregating, still crowding into grocery and hardware stores. The cashiers in these stores are not being given PPE, sanitizer, or disinfectant to clean their stations between transactions, and the design of these stores does not adequately facilitate social</p>

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			<p>distancing requirements. I am very concerned that, unless guidance is issued to these businesses that mandates only a few customers in the store at one time, and forces all others to wait outside either 6' apart or in their vehicles, these stores will become vectors of infection, which will further burden the community by forcing these businesses to temporarily close.</p> <p>I work for a business that would be negatively impacted by a shelter in place order, but you cannot place the economic concern above the public health priority right now. We will weather the storm in terms of economy, but we CANNOT allow our healthcare systems to become overwhelmed. It is easy for you or I to sit on the sidelines in our homes and committee chambers and talk about numbers and statistics in the abstract, but remember for every day we do not act, doctors and nurses on the front lines will be having to make very real choices about which people receive care and which ones they have to let die if we don't flatten the curve. Those are flesh and blood people. They could be you or I if we don't take the necessary action to protect our fellow citizens. Please enact a shelter in place order for the good of our state.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>
03/24/2020 09:54 AM	Education Working Group	Janet Jennings	<p>Dear Representatives: Please consider funding measures to protect and compensate school teachers, staff, and administrators so that children can return to a supportive and thriving public school system. Our children deserve the best learning experiences possible in order to build a better future for our state and world.</p> <p>Also please pass the budget, including teacher pay for masters degrees!</p> <p>Thank you!</p>
03/24/2020 09:56 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr. Kieran Roe	<p>Dear Representatives: Please consider funding for infrastructure projects to boost local employment and address critical needs for better transportation, internet connectivity, and environmental protection in the state. In particular, please authorize funding for NC Division of Water Resources and NC Clean Water Management Trust Fund projects to address water quality, infrastructure, and property protection.</p>
03/24/2020 09:56 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Janet Jennings	<p>Dear Representatives: Please consider funding for infrastructure projects to boost local employment and address critical needs for better transportation, internet connectivity, and environmental protection in the state. In particular, please authorize funding for NC Division of Water Resources projects to address water quality, infrastructure, and property protection.</p> <p>Thank you for your hard work in this trying time.</p>
03/24/2020 10:14 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	NCDALegislative Director Laura Kilian	<p>Background: NCD&CS has learned that grocery stores are in critical need of hand soap and sanitary supplies for their employees. Their employees need to wash their hands frequently when they are preparing foods. The companies they source the hand soap from are being cleaned out by the healthcare industry. So we are searching for other avenues. DPS Correctional enterprises makes this product, and can make more. We are working with local distilleries to make hand sanitizers, however that is for more of a local supply-hand soap is more difficult to make.</p> <p>Problem to solve: Increasing the product supply in the supply chain. G.S.148-132 which</p>

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			<p>says that CE statutorily may only sell its products to state or local government entities, 501c3 non-profits or state employees. The Governor cannot waive a statute through executive order.</p> <p>Potential solution: Allowing government entities like Correctional Enterprises, to sell directly to private industry during a state of emergency (which would take effect when the Governor declares a state of Emergency). Thank you for your consideration.</p>
03/24/2020 10:32 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms. Hayley Osborne	Please issue a shelter in place, people ARE NOT listening and are going out like nothing is wrong. Please make them stay home so we can recover as a community.
03/24/2020 10:34 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Ms. hayley osborne	for the safety of North Carolina please lock it down!
03/24/2020 10:42 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Owner Rob Fischer	<p>Dear House Select Committee on COVID-19,</p> <p>Please ensure that CPR Cell Phone Repair is included on the Essential Businesses listing under Communications and Information Technology. We are a technology repair company and we repair critical devices such as cell phones, drones and computers – in need of by law enforcement, medical teams, first responders, fire-fighters, etc.</p> <p>Our business name is CPR Cell Phone Repair (corporate name Repair Right Fix Fast Inc.). We believe this is important because communications is critical during this time, and we do a lot of work for our local police and sheriff departments on a regular basis, keeping their electronics working. Also with everyone who is now working from home, they will not have access to their corporate IT departments and likely will need our services. In addition, students are now required to remotely work from home, so they will also have needs that require our services.</p> <p>Thank you for your consideration,</p> <p>Rob Fischer Owner CPR Cell Phone Repair Wilmington and Jacksonville NC 910-367-0376</p>
03/24/2020 10:51 AM	Health Care Working Group	Ms Kate Torrey	In light of COVID-19, the state must move immediately to do several things: take care of the uninsured--not just when they are desperately ill and require hospitalization but much earlier, getting medical attention for early, sub-coronavirus, conditions; roll back the cuts to unemployment compensation of a decade ago so that workers who are laid off due to the virus can keep body and soul together; and significantly broaden the use of telemedicine (including for medical abortions--these are NOT discretionary procedures).
03/24/2020 11:09 AM	Education Working Group	Ms Andria Sullivan	Please enact a shelter in place
03/24/2020 11:13 AM	Economic Support	Sheryl McGavin	I am self employed, an LLC with no employees, licensed professional service provider. No

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	Working Group		products to sell, no way to provide services remotely. I will have no source of income, yet do not qualify for unemployment (because I am self-employed) and although I have submitted an application for the SBA Disaster Loan it is obvious by the form that it is not designed for my situation so I am not sure if it will help. I applied for the loan reluctantly. A loan that I have to pay back with interest, or delayed taxes that accumulate interest, just makes the financial hole I will be in deeper. This lost income is not recoverable. I do have an IRA but to draw on that would incur penalties and of course, affect my financial resources for retirement. I turn 60 this year and will not have time to recover those funds. When I am able to work again, my expenses will increase because of the increased debt with interest, but my ability to increase prices or work more hours to try to make more money will be limited because of the economic loss everyone will be experiencing. Something needs to be done to assist the self employed during this crisis. Please include people like me in your discussions and plans. Thank you.
03/24/2020 11:32 AM	Health Care Working Group	Dr. Elaine McCoy	Please keep me informed of State progress in securing and supporting resources for medical responders to our State's SARS-CoV-2 crisis [CoVid-19]
03/24/2020 11:35 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Stay at home order Effie Fotopoulous	A stay at home order / lockdown for North Carolina needs to be implemented as soon as possible. Cases of COVID19 are rising daily and no one is abiding by the suggestion of quarantining and social distancing. Don't wait until this crisis gets worse in week, action needs to be taken NOW, in order to protect everyone.
03/24/2020 12:10 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Megan Mims	Our state needs to move to a mandatory shelter in place. The nations numbers will not decrease unless we take this measure!
03/24/2020 12:13 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Shelter in place Jeffrey Grant	Please order Shelter in place. There are still a lot of people not taking this seriously and it's prolonging an already difficult situation.
03/24/2020 12:35 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Domestic Flights Lyn Corrigan	As a flight crew, all of us are at risk because all passengers are potential carriers. But with much concern people are flying less and we are operating ghost planes with less than 8 passengers per flight. All international flights are mostly canceled so why not cancel all domestic flights except for emergencies and chartered flights. Stop all domestic flights.
03/24/2020 12:45 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Shelter in place Megan Belk	We need a shelter in place. There are businesses considered "essential" to stay open that are NOT essential. Salons having to close, but car dealerships allowed to remain open. There are just as many appointments and customers going to the dealerships right now as any other time. The customers and managers over these dealerships are not taking this pandemic seriously, and are putting every employee at risk, as well as the family members of those employees!
03/24/2020 01:03 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr. John McDonald	Please consider suspending requirements for NC automobile safety and emissions inspections. For example, I need to have an inspection done by the end of this month to be able to pay my registration fees and property tax, but how am I supposed to safely get the car inspected? I have no problem paying the renewal fees, but I don't think that getting a car inspected should be a priority right now. Delay the inspections until this crisis has passed. In no way should any of us face a fine for not getting our cars inspected by the deadline.

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03/24/2020 01:12 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Dr. Michael McElreath	For too many years, we have not been serious about ensuring easy, equal access to the polls at election time. The removal of pre-clearance requirements from the Voting Rights Act was premised on the belief that states were no longer interested in playing games with registration, polling places, IDs, etc. in order to discriminate against voters on the basis of race, and yet federal courts have repeatedly seen the changes enacted since that change as targeting the franchise of African Americans. In a time of crisis, where we are all feeling vulnerable, I implore you to find the better angels of nature and act in the fairest way possible to all North Carolinians. Make voting by mail easy and barrier free for all eligible voters. Thank you.
03/24/2020 01:12 PM	Health Care Working Group	Mrd Alisa Musanovic	We need shelter in place immediately! As healthcare worker I am concerned with amount of people still gathering at parks, churches or workplace. Please Order shelter in place so we can prevent a complete chaos. Thanks Alisa
03/24/2020 01:13 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mrs. Erin Ewart	Please issue a shelter in place NOW. The sooner we do, the flatter the curve. Please do not prioritize money over human lives. We beg you. The hospitals beg you. PLEASE. My husband is still having to go out and work at his car dealership in this and we want him to be able to stay safe at home instead of risking infecting me and our children.
03/24/2020 01:19 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Amber Oles	Please put shelter in place
03/24/2020 01:37 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mrs Sara Cress	I am an administrator in the childcare industry in Charlotte. We need a shelter in place order now to prevent this from taking over our city's health and long term economy. Let us serve either essential worker's children and require those that CAN work from home to STAY home. Let's end this sooner rather than later!
03/24/2020 01:41 PM	Health Care Working Group	Dr Peter Farrell	allow voting by mail. There are few downsides because every vote can be checked and rechecked until validated. Just don't let any republicans anywhere near the process because their acknowledged goal is to suppress votes. They would throw out the mail from democrats. If we can go to systems that can register votes in milliseconds but require dangerous physical contact we can certainly go to a slower methods that has no health risks. The GOP is immoral keep them out of it.
03/24/2020 01:51 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Virus Honey Greeve	Request for Shelter in place to prevent further outbreaks
03/24/2020 01:53 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Rev. Mac Legerton	Urge Congress and the White House not to ease any restrictions on preventing the virus until it peaks in every state. President Trump stated today that he wants to have the economy back running by Easter. The virus will not even have peaked in North Carolina or most other states by then - and hopefully not. If it has peaked by then, it will have meant that our health care systems have been totally overwhelmed. The purpose of restrictions are to prevent and slow the virus from spreading. Removing any preventive restrictions until the virus subsides will just unleash it. We need to strengthen restriction in NC now and send everyone home. That's the only way we are going to protect the lives of our

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			<p>people of North Carolina. All of these mitigation efforts will not work. The best, most read article in the world, explaining this is: https://medium.com/@tomaspueyo/coronavirus-the-hammer-and-the-dance-be9337092b56 This is the second in a series. Here's the first: https://medium.com/@tomaspueyo/coronavirus-act-today-or-people-will-die-f4d3d9cd99ca The longer we wait to move toward total "shelter in place", the more the economy will be harmed in the long run. We need a "long run" marathon view or we will lose thousands and thousands more lives in our beloved state. This will not end soon. Place politics aside and save our lives.</p>
03/24/2020 02:04 PM	Education Working Group	Miss Milissa Freer	Our small daycare is still operating so people can work from home. This is putting us at risk and our families we go home to for no reason. This is not essential! These parents could still work from home but insist its easier to get work done without their children there. Non-essential daycares like ours worth less than 30 children attending should be ordered to close.
03/24/2020 02:06 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Shelter in place please! Julle Youde	<p>Please issue a shelter in place order, it's a waste of time for schools to be closed without a shelter in place. Some people are doing the right thing and staying home, but so many aren't. Make it mandatory so we can all return to regular life sooner! For those of us that are listening to recommendations have been home for 8-9 days now. And others are still living life as normal....make everyone stay home so we all stay healthy and those that are following the rules aren't stuck inside for months because of others irresponsibility! Safety and health above all else!!!</p>
03/24/2020 02:11 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Shelter in Place Carolynn Bonner	Please issue a shelter in place!!!
03/24/2020 02:22 PM	Health Care Working Group	Mrs. Rebecca Fox	We need a shelter in place order, people are not taking this seriously. I am a Nurse Practitioner working with at risk oncology patients and while we are doing everything in our power to protect them I'm appalled by the amount of people I see not taking this seriously or being flippant about social distancing.
03/24/2020 02:33 PM	Health Care Working Group	Ms. Paula Wolf	Expand Medicaid.
03/24/2020 02:40 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Please shutdown Kecia Purser	Please shutdown NC to stop the spread of Covid19