

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

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

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04/13/2020 03:04 PM	Health Care Working Group	Erika Eckelbarger	No Coronavirus vaccine! Under no circumstances will I get it. Not only will it be made with aborted fetal cells, but it will be a live virus vaccine (meaning it will shed). Finally, we don't know enough about the virus to be playing Frankenstein with a vaccine. It is absolutely reckless behavior, solely based out of fear.
04/13/2020 03:05 PM	Health Care Working Group	Aida Schwartz	I vehemently oppose the continued destruction of NC's economy by this unconstitutional lock down. I also oppose any plan to make a covid vaccine mandatory.
04/13/2020 03:07 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Pat Godfrey	We need for people that are at home to receive more support form our government
04/13/2020 03:07 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Kristin Harvey	I am writing to request that you reopen the state of North Carolina for business. We do not have a public health crisis here as in other states. The long term affects on the economy (particularly small business) are far more serious than a virus that has a 98% recovery rate in the U.S. with several successful forms of treatment. The rate of "Deaths from Despair" due to job loss, homicide, suicide, abuse, hunger, and poverty outpace those from Covid19. Furthermore, we have more than adequate hospital facilities to take care of Covid patients in addition to treatments at home for affected individuals. Please reopen our state ASAP and remove the restrictions on businesses immediately.
04/13/2020 03:08 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Kendra Norman	The scientific data being released does not support a continued shutdown of our state. A vast majority of NC hospitals are nowhere near capacity and many are furloughing their healthcare staff. Economic collapse and unemployment are destroying families. The U.S. Constitution was written to limit government power, not to limit the peoples' power. These lockdowns go against the U.S. Constitution, the Bill of Rights and the NC Constitution. Panic and Fear should NEVER dictate policy. At what point does the solution to the virus become worse than the virus itself? Reopen NC!
04/13/2020 03:10 PM	Health Care Working Group	Betsy Devarakonda	<p>Dear Reps:</p> <p>Our family does not consent to any mandatory vaccines for COVID or any other illness. Please uphold our constitutional rights and religious freedoms. You could make a much bigger impact in public health in our communities by mandating healthy eating standards. Have a banned ingredients list for schools. Start with the old earth fare banned ingredients as a baseline and improve from there.</p> <p>No medical mandates. Esp with something like a COVID vaccine that hasn't been through sufficient testing. Paul Offit himself said the quickest vaccine he has seen was 4 years and anything less is too fast to have sufficient testing. Not that this matters for me since I won't have any vaccine but you need to make these decisions correctly for the general public that just follows your directions.</p>
04/13/2020 03:12 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Aryn Schloemer	Precedence is being made as we speak. State of Emergency protocols and power struggles (state vs federal, governor vs assemble, citizens vs government) will be decided now and more importantly for the future. This unjustified economic shutdown, being held prisoners is unacceptable. We are not Italians. We are not Iranians. We are certainly not Chinese. Americans are a self-governing population, ready to take responsibility for our own actions. Our government, the CDC, the WHO, the fake news have all failed us. They have lied and have "handled" us during this crisis pursuing their personal agendas. The NC assembly MUST return our sovereignty and Constitutional rights, making clear this blatant

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04/13/2020 03:12 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Amelia Phipps	I desire medical freedom/no vaccine mandates and reopen NC no later than May 1
04/13/2020 03:17 PM	Health Care Working Group	Camille Jordan	I adamantly oppose making any vaccine mandatory that may be created for COVID-19. We will not have long term testing data available for many years and should NEVER require something to be injected into an individual against their will or as a requirement to participate in society!
04/13/2020 03:18 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Laura Simon	When this shutdown started, it was presented as a short-term effort to flatten the curve. I was willing to support a few weeks to help keep our hospitals from being overwhelmed. As the weeks have dragged on, restrictions have become more draconian and the timeline is continually extended. Meanwhile the numbers simply aren't there. Hospitals are empty, people are missing needed care, well-checks and screenings that could save lives. Mental health problems are skyrocketing, our valued small businesses are hanging on by a thread, and our children, who aren't statistically at risk, have lost all sense of normalcy. We flattened the curve, now let us get back to work and life. We have the right to assume the risk we feel comfortable with. The government has forgotten it serves us, and not the other way around. Those who need to self-isolate can continue to do so, but health is more than the absence of disease. Reopen the state and give us back our rights. We can and will do it safely.
04/13/2020 03:19 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Rev. Earl Roach	Let me encourage you to please get our great state up and working again as quickly as possible. I am a pastor and have church members who have been out of work for weeks now. They are grateful for federal assistance, but would rather trade that assistance for the ability to go back to their jobs, their companies. Thy don't want to become wards of the state. If they don't go back to work soon, they will have no job or business to return to. Then what? Why don't we turn them loose to work. Quit insulting their intelligence. They know what needs to be done and how to do it. The time has come to allow them to go back to work.
04/13/2020 03:20 PM	Health Care Working Group	Calista Vitale	My family is vehemently opposed to making any potential or future COVID vaccine mandatory. Medical freedom is necessary and allowing parents to make medical decisions for their children is tantamount. Where there is risk, they must be choice.
04/13/2020 03:20 PM	Health Care Working Group	Covid19 Ana Wall	I am opposed to mandatory vaccine mandates and I am requesting that NC be reopened by May 1st. Thank you.
04/13/2020 03:21 PM	Health Care Working Group	A Z	Medical freedom and NO vaccine or medical mandates
04/13/2020 03:21 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Camille Jordan	We need to prepare a plan to begin reopening the state starting May 1. While we cannot reopen all at once, we need to be lifting the stay at home order and getting healthy individuals back to work. Those at an increased risk should remain at home longer at their own discretion.
04/13/2020 03:22 PM	Health Care Working Group	Joseph Holyoak	We can self govern. If we're sick we will stay home. Give us a mask and turn the economy back on.

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04/13/2020 03:22 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Ms. Lauren Antanaitis	<p>It is time to re-open North Carolina. The goal of "flattening the curve" for COVID-19 has been satisfied. Indefinitely shelving our rights to work and freely assemble for a virus is not only unconstitutional, but will do more long-term harm to our state than the virus itself.</p> <p>NC citizens NEED to go back to work to provide for their families. Businesses - both big and small - have truly suffered due to this lockdown and they must be able to heal.</p> <p>The citizens of North Carolina CAN safely conduct business and resume public and private education, while utilizing common sense measures to ensure the health and safety of its citizens.</p>
04/13/2020 03:23 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Heather Lindberg	<p>To Whom it May Concern,</p> <p>The population of State of North Carolina is approximately 10.5 million. As of (April 8th, 2020), there are only 3562 confirmed cases of the Corona Virus, and 63 related deaths. (Although we also know, according to Dr. Deborah Birx that deaths of all kinds are coded COVID deaths even when it was not the cause of death, but only an accompanying co-factor).</p> <p>The Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation (which is the model used by the White House to make policy decisions) has projected 522 total COVID19 deaths for NC.</p> <p>The purpose of quarantine from the beginning has not been to reduce the morbidity and mortality rate, but rather to slow the spread to allow for the medical facilities to not be overwhelmed.</p> <p>In NC, IMHE estimates we will need 1315 beds at the estimated peak infection date. We have 7,125 beds available. There is no shortage. IMHE estimates we will need 250 ICU beds on the peak day. We have 560 beds available. There are more than double the amount of ICU beds needed. https://covid19.healthdata.org/united-states.../north-carolina</p> <p>However, keep in mind that the IMHE has so far grossly overestimated morbidity and mortality numbers in the US; The model projected that over 121,000 people would be hospitalized in the country on April 1st. The actual number was 31,142. (25.7%)"</p> <p>Sweden & Iceland are NOT on lockdown. Compare their COVID-19 mortality rates to neighboring countries on full lockdown. LITTLE difference! (Russia started 3/30)</p> <p>If we isolate the infected, and quarantine the vulnerable to protect them, rather than quarantining the entire healthy population. Would this not be a more reasonable approach?</p> <p>This would allow healthy Americans to get back to work and provide for their families. National assistance measures may not reach needy families quickly enough, and the outcomes of millions of people who are unemployed will result in thousands (if not hundreds of thousands) of Deaths of Despair.</p>

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			<p>Deaths of Despair following unemployment, (domestic violence, suicide, heart-attacks, alcoholism, etc). are well-documented outcomes that result directly from long-term unemployment.</p> <p>With even a 1% increase in unemployment, there can be as many as 60,000 Deaths of Despair in a population the size of the US.</p> <p>According to the US Bureau of Labor Statistics, the number of unemployed persons rose by 1.4 million to 7.1 million in March. https://www.bls.gov/news.release/pdf/empst.pdf</p> <p>In creating policies, we must consider the health of every American, and the long-term effects on individuals in our nation. If we are ONLY to look at health, then recognize that both chronic health and lives can be lost just as quickly when work and livelihoods are destroyed.</p> <p>The American Civil Liberties Union responded to a request for help as follows: "State and local officials should make efforts to ensure that any travel restrictions or prohibitions are no more restrictive than necessary. Additionally, any restriction on people's movement in the name of public health must be scientifically justified. A restriction that is overly broad, has no time limit, or otherwise unnecessarily restricts freedom of movement has greater potential to violate the Constitution."</p> <p>A blanket "Stay at Home Order" is not scientifically justified and it appears at this point that it does violate the US Constitution.</p> <p>We respectfully ask that you re-open North Carolina as soon as possible to prevent these unnecessary Deaths of Despair.</p>
04/13/2020 03:23 PM	Health Care Working Group	Mrs Donna Dreyer	<p>I find it amazing that people are buying into the media frenzy and hysteria, when the Swine flu and H1N1 that happened 10 years ago, was just as deadly and not a single business was closed and the disruption was minimal. The swine flu affected nearly 61 million people in the US and caused 12,469 deaths. The "regular" flu affected almost 80 million and killed 40,000 in 2010 and over 60,000 in 2018. Where was the panic then?</p> <p>Per our own Department of Health and Human Services, as of today we have 4,816 confirmed cases throughout 92 counties with only 313 of those needing to be hospitalized. That tells me there are a whole lot of people out there recovering nicely at home....where sick people should recover. Since when in the history of pandemics have we quarantined healthy people? https://www.ncdhhs.gov/divisions/public-health/covid19/covid-19-nc-case-count</p> <p>The elderly, frail, immunocompromised, and those with comorbidities, these are the ones who need to self quarantine...like they do every "flu" season or some even on a daily basis.</p> <p>"According to the North Carolina Healthcare Association, the financial toll on hospitals statewide is greater than \$1 billion per month, including \$800 million in missed revenues</p>

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			<p>from canceling or postponing elective surgeries like hip replacements, cataracts, tonsillectomies, etc." Healthcare workers acrossed our state are having shifts cancelled or are being furloughed!</p> <p>https://abc11.com/coronavirus-hospital-furlough-layoffs-unemployment/6081901/</p> <p>Also I do not support mandatory CV vaccines, or any mandated vaccines, and I will continue to stand up and fight for my right to protect my medical freedom!</p> <p>#reopenNC</p>
04/13/2020 03:25 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms Joy Ruhmann	<p>As has been done throughout the country, our state has over-reacted to COVID-19. If less reactionary, more deliberate, and more collaborative decisions had been made, so many of us would not have been hurt so very badly from this shut-down. My business, like so many others, has been ground to halt. It's critical that you as our representative find a way to manage this virus without shutting all business down. We are suppose to be a state of self-governing individuals and I believe I should be in the position to make decisions that impact my own health.</p>
04/13/2020 03:25 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Melissa Ziegler	<p>Small business owners need to open, your are putting thousands of families at risk of being bankrupt. Allow all business to open with the same guidelines for customer capacity. I am a small business owner who was in the process of opening a new business, have a signed lease in which I am bound to pay yet I cannot open my business as it is not considered essential. I will be out of business before my doors ever open. I do not qualify for unemployment as I have not received my first check from my business. Have been unemployed since a July 2019, my husband passed from pancreatic cancer and I sold our business to open a new business. I am running through all of my savings to keep a roof over my head, keep my child in college.</p> <p>Please, I understand the severity of this virus, but it cannot take over our lives on this level. This is not the first nor the last major health crisis, but we have to also worry about our economy. NC cannot support all of the out of work people but for a limited amount of time.</p> <p>Thank you for your time and concern, Melissa Ziegler</p>
04/13/2020 03:26 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Beth Simril	<p>It is time to open businesses back up. CDC has exaggerated the numbers and it is not hitting as hard as expected. People know how to wash their hands and take care of themselves. Small businesses are suffering and we need to open back up!!!!</p>
04/13/2020 03:26 PM	Health Care Working Group	Mrs Jennifer Ellis	<p>The Media has over exaggerated COVID 19. Yes, it exists and people are dying but lots die from flu and other illnesses. The stress of shutdown is killing the economy, EMTs are responding to an increase in overdose calls because many suffer from anxiety and depression. Being quarantined for so long increases depression and suicide. CDC models show we have hit peak, so it's about time to reopen NC. End of April is reasonable but dragging this out until summer even into May is absurd. Those in highest income are better adapted to survive than lower and middle incomes. Children who live in abusive homes whose only break refuge is school and there source of food that's not available at home. Have to examine Whole picture not just Money and Greed or let Money/Greed drive higher ups decisions! Appreciate you considering publics/ tax payers opinions!</p>
04/13/2020 03:30 PM	Health Care Working Group	Lora Lyons	<p>I suggest medical freedom/no vaccine mandates and to reopen NC no later than May 1st for Health Care and Economic Support. Thank you!</p>

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04/13/2020 03:30 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Christine Bonilla	Open up the NC economy. The Covid-19 numbers do not justify this violation of citizens rights.
04/13/2020 03:30 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Wiker	Please allow the businesses to open back up, the economic footprint will be much bigger then that of the virus. I can't even get in to see a dentist!
04/13/2020 03:31 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Open up NC Donna Hayes	I live in Yadkin county, we have 9 cases of Covid-19. I feel you need to look at each county, we need to open our businesses here and other rural communities throughout NC!
04/13/2020 03:32 PM	Health Care Working Group	Mrs Theresa Heath	The state needs to open up by May 1st 2020 & get people back to work!! Keeping everything shut down helps no one- especially small businesses. A lot of deaths aren't Covid 19 related.....
04/13/2020 03:33 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Terri Parker	It is time to reopen our businesses before many will go out of business. We are doing more harm than good especially with the low percentage chance of getting this virus. Quarantine only the sick and elderly and use social distancing. May 1st would be a great opening date. Thank you for considering this.
04/13/2020 03:34 PM	Health Care Working Group	Hojoon Song	This quarantine measure do not make sense at all in many different way. Immunologically, epidemiological and economical do not make sense with the number of supposedly confirmed coronavirus cases as well as supposedly confirmed coronavirus fatality rate. With PCR testing you will not be able to test for covid 19 instead of you are teztng for coronavirus what we used to call cold. When we are putting any respiratory death into coronavirus fatality without testing for covid 19 is not accurate and unscientific. To help fraction of the population, we are shutting down the entire century and NC economy. We risk doing things eveyrday in our life and this prevention that supposed to keep us safe do not make sense. This quarantine will cause more psychosomatic anxiety, depression, respiratory issues etc and cause more death in despair then coronavirus in the long run. Because of this quarantine, there will be second and third wave of pop up instances. When flu affects more people then coronavirus per year, this response was over the top and it will kill our economy and health of our state. Listen to health officials that are not agenda driven. This measure wont work and we need to get NC back to work.
04/13/2020 03:36 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms Nikki Wilson	<p>As a hair salon owner, this classification of non essential worker has been especially difficult. Not just because my livelihood has been completely removed but more so because in my industry, I have always been able to work no matter what. I pay for my own disability, health and accidental insurance. Historically speaking, every possible contingency was planned for. Never in a million years did I ever think the government could legally prevent me from earning a living in my chosen profession. I forgot what country I'm living in for a moment. So let me be clear. You may not prevent me from earning a living as a hairstylist in my country. This is America not China or Russia. So, step back from the fear and the drama, put on your thinking cap and fix this ridiculous situation. I need to get back to work and support my family NOW!</p> <p>While I can certainly appreciate concern and the need for a safe work environment, Taking away my ability to support my family is not the solution. Instead, please consider all those affected by the closures wearing a mask and face shield to work in along with heightened sanitation between each client. (All touchable surfaces sterilized and hand washing.) This seems much more effective and allows me to still support my family. So, I ask you</p>

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04/13/2020 03:37 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mary Price	to step up, and do the right thing for America and let me get back to work! The April 28, 2020 end of quarantine for the state of North Carolina does NOT need to be extended. Our state and communities need to get back to work for mental, emotional, and obvious financial reasons.
04/13/2020 03:37 PM	Health Care Working Group	Ms. Dorothy Rawleigh	Too many people in North Carolina are facing a pandemic with no health coverage. I urge you to cover the uninsured in our state by expanding Medicaid. Your action would bring in billions to our struggling health care systems and protect low-income North Carolina families from financial disaster. I also would like to urge you to ensure that children have the same protections during COVID-19 as everyone else. Merging the NC Health Choice program with Medicaid would cut red tape and make it easier to keep kids enrolled and get them the care they need. Thank you.
04/13/2020 03:37 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Ann Glacken	We need to open NC back up now. The devastation resulting from this virus is destroying too many families and small businesses.
04/13/2020 03:41 PM	Health Care Working Group	Open North Carolina Carol Thompson	It is time to reopen NC. Quarantine is not for healthy individuals, it is for the sick. Quarantine the elderly and at risk but the rest of us need to get back to making money and life. This is not freedom. Vaccine. Vaccine is what we keep hearing. Vaccines do not equal immunity. And vaccine/medical mandates are unAmerican and go against bodily autonomy. This shutdown is government overreach and unAmerican. OPEN NC!
04/13/2020 03:43 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms Betsy Clark	<p>Eight Reasons to End the Lockdowns Now Jonathan Geach, M.D.</p> <p>1. WE HAVE ALREADY FLATTENED THE CURVE We have gone from predictions of millions of deaths, to hundreds of thousands and now we are predicting about 60 thousand deaths. This is with the likely over reporting of death. Dr. Birx admitted the attribution of death to COVID-19 has been liberal (her word). If the death count were limited to deaths directly caused by COVID-19, it would likely be even lower than this.</p> <p>The most effective time for social distancing is early in a pandemic. Lockdowns also slow the development of herd immunity, which helps a society move past the virus.</p> <p>We can still practice good hand hygiene, wear masks in public, and continue social distancing for the elderly and high risk, while we develop protective herd immunity for those most at risk. By the time the lockdowns began, COVID-19 had already been seeded in the US for months, limiting the effectiveness of the lockdowns in the first place as the virus was already widespread.</p> <p>2. ECONOMIC COLLAPSE AND UNEMPLOYMENT ARE DESTROYING FAMILIES Each day the shutdown continues, we are losing approximately one million jobs, as evidenced by 16.5 million initial weekly jobless claims in three weeks (since March 26). Many of these lost jobs will never return. If the lockdowns continue through April (essentially, a best-case scenario), we'll be lucky if job losses are limited to 25 million. Many people see 6.6 million people as just a number, as Len Kieffer put it, it is the size of the state of Missouri. Twenty five million is almost the size of the state of Texas!</p>

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			<p>The 16.5 million jobs lost thus far are only counting people who have filed jobless claims that were processed through April 8, 2020; it's likely that the real number is quite a bit higher than this. In addition, there are millions of people not-technically-unemployed who have seen their incomes plummet. One example would be so-called gig workers, such as Uber and Lyft drivers. It's almost certain that realtors are suffering the same fate.</p> <p>3. WE HAVE NOT OVERBURDENED THE HEALTHCARE SYSTEM</p> <p>Although, the ER and ICU capacity has increased in many locations, overall healthcare system capacity has decreased dramatically, as all non-COVID and non-emergent care is being neglected. This has led to layoffs of healthcare workers and delays in care for countless patients, which will result in a range of negative consequences. Assuming the need for healthcare services has remained constant while availability of such services has plummeted, countless patients are not receiving the care they need in a timely manner.</p> <p>In medicine, timing is of the essence, so even receiving the same exact in the future comes at a price. Many important services are being delayed: blood donations, organ donations, screening colonoscopies, and many other elective procedures. It is very important to note that elective medical care is not useless medical care; rather, it's simply meaningful and necessary medical care that is scheduled in advance and not performed on an emergency basis.</p> <p>4. SUICIDE MAY KILL ALMOST AS MANY PEOPLE AS COVID-19 THIS YEAR</p> <p>In 2018, there were 48,344 recorded suicides. Economic ruin results in a wide range of health problems, suicide, mental health issues, loss of health insurance, reluctance to visit doctors in light of financial hardship, and increases in substance abuse. This is on top of the delay in non-COVID care.</p> <p>5. MORTALITY WAS OVERESTIMATED</p> <p>The IHME model, as well as Dr. Fauci have recently decreased the likely deaths from this pandemic to around 60,000 from earlier estimates of 1–2 million. The early reports of 3–4% case fatality rate (CFR) are likely misleading. The numbers miss those who are asymptomatic or recovered at home without seeking testing. What we really need to know is the infection mortality rate (IFR). Fortunately we have some good clues. Looking at the data from the Diamond Princess cruise ship, the infection fatality rate on the cruise ship was 1%. However, the average age of people on the cruise ship was much higher than the age of the average American. When you adjust for the differences in age between the cruise ship and America, you see that the IFR should be about 0.1%.</p> <p>There was a recent study out of Germany in the city of Gangelt where they tested 80% of the population, the IFR there was about 0.37%. The way we are testing now, we cannot know how many people have been infected with COVID-19 since we are missing those who had the disease and recovered. Antibody testing is needed to know the true number of people who have been infected. There is a good chance this number is well above 10 million, which drives the IFR down even further.</p> <p>6. CHILDREN ARE AT ALMOST NO RISK FROM THIS DISEASE</p> <p>The CDC estimates 37 to 187 children die every year, not from Covid-19, from the flu. This</p>

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04/13/2020 03:43 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Reopen NC Crystal Moore	Please find a way to reopen the state quickly. Mandatory masks, hand washing stations and social distancing should keep the spread low and people need to get back to work.
04/13/2020 03:43 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Wake up America Karmen Pendleton	I am begging you along with many other Americans to with hold our constitutional rights. Do not consider forced vaccinations in this state. We have a right to chose, please let the people make the choice when it comes to vaccinations.
04/13/2020 03:43 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Joann Boyle	Please reopen NC. Rural counties are struggling. We don't have the exposure as much as cities. This is imperative to remain sound. People are hurting. Reopen NC
04/13/2020 03:43 PM	Health Care Working Group	Select... Anita Keller	I am opposed to the lock down of my state. Let the high risk stay home. I'm one of those. It's my choice as to where and when I go anywhere. I will be vaccinated at any time against my will.
04/13/2020 03:44 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Marcie Blanchard	I do not support any extension on the 'stay at home' order. I also do not support limiting of what can be sold/purchased at stores. It is ruining the lives of more people than it is saving. I also DO NOT support a vaccine mandate. Vaccine mandates are against the constitution and our rights, as well as the Nuremberg Code. I DO NOT CONSENT.
04/13/2020 03:44 PM	Education Working	Mrs. Jill Watkins	#ReopenNC

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04/13/2020 03:44 PM	Economic Support Working Group	lisa markow	you are suffocating your citizens. the state will not recover from this police state.
04/13/2020 03:47 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Re-open NC Karmen Pendleton	I oppose the continued destruction of NC's economy by this unconstitutional lock down. I also oppose any plan to make a covid vaccine mandatory. Please listen to the people of this state. Hear our cries. We should NOT be forced to be under lock-down or vaccinate unwillingly.
04/13/2020 03:48 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr. Michael Brooks	<p>Please open NC back up!</p> <p>The figures below show how we as a society are so easily persuaded to live in fear based on what the media says. While I don't like seeing anyone die from Covid, car accidents, the flu, drugs, heart attacks, cancer, etc.. statically one in one people die at some point!</p> <p>The numbers below are based on WorldOmers 4/13/2020</p> <p>Current USA population: 331,002,651 Current Covid Deaths 22,161 Right now, based on the US population, your chances and my chances of dying from Covid in the USA are 0.0000695%</p> <p>Current USA population 331,002,651 Most current auto related deaths figures USA 38,800: (we still drive our cars daily) Right now, based on the US population, your chances and my chances of dying in a car accident in the USA are 0.00011722%</p> <p>**If 2,500,000 Americans were to die from Covid with us doing nothing (like many medical professionals predict), our chances of dying would be 0.00755281% (Not even a 1% chance)</p> <p>Let these numbers sink in and realize that while any death is tragic in any circumstance, the Covid virus, even using the worst case scenario with nothing be done, is not as bad as the media is making it out to be!</p>
04/13/2020 03:50 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Reopen NC - it's a virus! Christina Gates	This is a virus, just like any virus for example the Flu, you can die from it! We are still in flu season. You wouldn't shut everything down if it ws labeled flu type c. Coronavirus has been around. Back in December everyone was sick thin6they had the flu, fot tested and was told it's just a virus, let it run its course! This is destroying our economy. We should all be washing our hands anyway. People are dying from underlying elements and they get covid19 and they says thats what killed them, not their illness. This has got to end. Other countries are opening back up and are seeing a decrease. Please. This is so drastic and hurting families more than the virus.
04/13/2020 03:50 PM	Health Care Working Group	Mrs Kendra Norman	My family will vehemently oppose any plan to make a Covid-19 vaccine mandatory. Mandating ANY vaccines strips us of our RELIGIOUS RIGHTS and removes our right to bodily autonomy. Panic and Fear should never dictate policy. As elected officials, we

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			expect you to PROTECT religious rights, PROTECT medical freedom and PROTECT our Constitutional Rights.
04/13/2020 03:51 PM	Health Care Working Group	Forced vaccinations Karmen Pendleton	I oppose any plan to make a covid vaccine mandatory. I also oppose forced vaccinations of any kind. Please listen to the people in this great state and do NOT approve this.
04/13/2020 03:51 PM	Education Working Group	Please Reopen Diana Hammill	Thank you for accepting comments. I am curious why restrictions are not a choice or topic being discussed. It is imperative that we open up North Carolina again. I am disappointed that the human population cannot be trusted to do what is best for themselves. You have broken our constitutional rights to life, liberty, and happiness. Lines have been crossed and trust has been broken. You must lift these restrictions!! The cure is officially worse than the virus.
04/13/2020 03:52 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Elmer Dymott	It's time to get the state of North Carolina back to work. We cannot continue this lockdown. By allowing this to go on our politicians namely our governor he's destroying the lives of the people of North Carolina. Is that really what we elected him to do?
04/13/2020 03:55 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mr. Reid Love	I feel the current restrictions on the public should NOT be abandoned until our state healthcare officials are confident relaxing those restrictions will not risk a resurgence of COVID-19. I know there are groups such as Reopen NC that are trying to exert pressure to remove the restrictions but a mistake at this stage of the game may well make all the sacrifice made so far meaningless, especially if we have to bring back restrictions. We owe it to our healthcare workers, transportation workers, grocery store workers, and vulnerable sectors of NC citizens to stay the course until health experts tell us it is safe to proceed.
04/13/2020 03:56 PM	Health Care Working Group	Mrs. Allison Edwards	I vehemently oppose any plan to make a COVID vaccine mandatory. Doing so would be unconstitutional. I also oppose the continued destruction of NC's economy due to the current lockdown. Reopen NC by May 1!
04/13/2020 03:56 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mr Mario Lomuscio	Religious services must be deemed essential immediately. If ABC liquor sales and elective procedures at abortion clinics are considered essential, then so too must our constitutionally protected right to freedom of religion. There is no more essential right than the religious freedom upon which our nation was founded. NC should immediately move to lift ALL state mandated restrictions on Church services of ALL faiths. The good people of NC are cautious and smart. We the People know best how to protect ourselves and do not require government oversight when it comes to essential liberty.
04/13/2020 03:57 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Allison Edwards	I oppose the continued destruction of NC's economy due to the current lockdown. Reopen NC by May 1!
04/13/2020 03:58 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Tina Richardson	We need to get back to real life. Open up business just not mass gatherings at this time.
04/13/2020 03:59 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mrs Christie Jones	This shut down is ridiculous. We don't shut down for other disease like the flu. Lots of people die from it yearly too. CoVid19 has a 3% death rate. Those vulnerable should stay home, not the entire state which depends on income to provide for their families and employees. Please reopen ASAP!
04/13/2020 03:59 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Donna AHLERS	NC businesses have every right to and need to get back to work. Everyone wants the same thing, to be productive, avoid illness, and provide for their families and communities. Everyone is informed and intelligent enough to know how to protect themselves, and the

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			vulnerable. The "at risk " population should continue to stay in place for safety, and all who are sick or become sick should be quarantined. There will never be 0 deaths nor 0 cases of this virus or any other. Forcing shutdown only breeds more fear and anxiety in people and usurps individuals' liberty and responsibility to conduct personal behavior and business. We are citizens who care about our future health...the health of our families, our neighbors, and our economy. We want robust health and robust economy and the freedom to enjoy both. Our government officials are elected to represent the will of the people. It's the people of NC who drive the economy, not the governor.
04/13/2020 04:00 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Andrea Bailey	Reopen NC! A financial depression is more of a concern to my family
04/13/2020 04:00 PM	Health Care Working Group	Chelsea Ashlock	My family is adamantly opposed to mandatory vaccinations, even in light of the covid 19 epidemic and the possibility of a vaccine for it. While I am not fundamentally against all vaccines, I absolutely do not want to see the rights of citizens taken away or limited in anyway. The government must allow individuals the freedom to choose what goes into one's own body and must allow parents to do what they believe is best for their children. There is no such thing as a vaccine without risk and where there is risk there must be choice!
04/13/2020 04:01 PM	Health Care Working Group	Elissa Fuchs	The IMHE Models are wrong (garbage in, garbage out). Americans who have Covid-19 antibodies can return to work as well as low risk individuals. All businesses can adapt to medical techniques (social distance-handwashing etc) and open. The majority of people recover and do not need taxpayer funds. 3 thousand Americans die every month with the flu. Covid 19 is a serious flu that can be managed without lockdown. Without businesses there is no economy--you can't print money forever and waiting 18 months for a vaccine is forever. We can secure our votes by voting via the IRS website using our unique Social Security number. Anyone without a computer can vote using the IRS phone #. Polling places are so yesterday.
04/13/2020 04:01 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ashleigh Dippolito	Please reopen N.C. on May 1. Statistics show the "cure" for Covid-19 has been worse than the illness itself. People need to get back to work and children need to get back to school. This "new normal" is anything but normal and we are all paying dearly for it. It does not make economic sense or health sense to continue to keep the state closed. There have been 20 pandemics in the world according to the CDC. Covid-19 is THE ONLY one we have shut down life for. Please use common sense in your decision to move forward.
04/13/2020 04:02 PM	Health Care Working Group	Mrs Tianne Baker	I am a registered voter living in southeast NC. Please reopen our state for all business, education and recreation by April 30th.
04/13/2020 04:02 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Hillary Whitt	Let this state get back to work and to school on May 1st! No Vaccine Mandate!
04/13/2020 04:02 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Colleen Lamprecht	Very concerned that the cure is worse than the cause. There are so many other health issues besides covid 19, and there are many many more economic concerns. People that never dreamed they would not be able to support their business are effected. Please open back up our state. We are not New York. The models have been wrong yet we as a country are still letting them dictate our response.

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04/13/2020 04:02 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Eva Morin	We need to go back to everyday life. People are losing what they worked for their whole lives, our mental health is on the line here! Our kids need stability and not to be instilled with fear and complacency. This is enough!!!
04/13/2020 04:03 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Caryn Scoggins	Reopen NC no later than May 1st. The number of businesses that will never reopen will cripple the state tax and employment base.
04/13/2020 04:05 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Angelina Corroo	It is my opinion that we need to lift the stay at home order so that people can go back to work. Or modifications can be made to quarantine the most vulnerable people. The long term effects the stay at home order will have on our economy will be far more devastating than the effects of COVID-19.
04/13/2020 04:05 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Jill Ezzell	We need a phased in reopening of the economy with the young and healthy getting back to work while still helping the immunocompromised, elderly and those with comorbidities that would make them more susceptible to illness.
04/13/2020 04:06 PM	Economic Support Working Group	responsibility Jennifer Grinwis	I own small businesses in Guilford, Forsyth, and Yadkin counties. I implore you to start processes of reopening business in NC. We can do this without recklessness toward public health. I feel a great responsibility to me employees and customers alike. Hear my voice.
04/13/2020 04:06 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Mary Howe	I believe that the projections of health impact of the Covid-19 virus do not warrant the forced shutdown of our state. Certainly, vulnerable population should take precautions just as they would during the flu season. However, the chances of the general population having serious health consequences as a result of this virus are extremely small. The "cure" is quickly becoming more problematic than the disease itself. You are on the brink of a disaster if you do not open our state back up as quickly as possible.
04/13/2020 04:07 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Classical Conversations Robert Bortins	<p>As CEO of a company that employs around 70 people in North Carolina, I am very concerned with the state picking and choosing who can have a livelihood and who can not. Even though we are considered essential, and continue to operate, the main issue I see is that we don't know when the state will resume our rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. I agree, that a short ban to "slow the spread" is warranted and within reason of the state, I believe we have gone past that stage and need a reasonable and measured opening. Everyone is aware, and it is the people's responsibility to maintain their health. I believe anyone who wants to should be allowed to open, effectively no later than May 1st and that those who can not work, or have underlying health conditions be protected.</p> <p>It is clear the damage to the lives of the citizen of North Carolina's economic shutdown is more deadly than the virus itself. Initial data, which was extremely limited and provided by a communist regime has not panned out as accurate. It is clear by the headlines that the media is using language, while factual is extremely misleading, such as comparing the USA to Italy. Italy is a fraction of the size, a much older population, and has socialized medicine, making it much more susceptible to this virus.</p> <p>We need a plan to open up NC quickly and measurably. The cure can't be worse than the disease and so far it is proving to be.</p>
04/13/2020 04:07 PM	Economic Support Working Group		What is wrong with using common sense and quarantining the sick, not the healthy? Why not let everyone get back to work and life, while you find a place for those that are sick to convalesce with restrictions for them? Other than that, I believe we can behave like adults and take care of ourselves.

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04/13/2020 04:09 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms. Nancy Key	Please reopen our state. I feel the current restriction are an infringement on my constitutional rights.
04/13/2020 04:09 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Jerri Banner	It is important that our State plan immediately for a Reopen with protective measures and guidelines in place. While I do understand the reason for the Stay At Home order being issued 2 weeks ago - it is unrealistic to think we can continue to live this way. As many people or more are suffering from isolation depression, lack of support for their family and basic needs.
04/13/2020 04:11 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Loren Hoke	I feel as if this shutdown is hurting our economy and that we may never recover if we do not open soon. This is infringing on our freedom. Please open the state back up May 1st.
04/13/2020 04:11 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Resident Zach Berry	Please open the state back up. I work in a service department and help fulfill needs of customers cars that work in the health field. But with that being said I still have to look professional I need a hair cut. We also have to buy things that some don't think are essential but are to us and to help us operate.
04/13/2020 04:11 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Reopen NC Sarah Boyle	NC small business owners and workers need to get back to work!
04/13/2020 04:12 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Valerie Nichols	We need to support small business that may not last another 30 days
04/13/2020 04:14 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Samuel Jones	The shelter-in-place order needs to be lifted. Too many of the citizens of NC are being seriously harmed due to the lack of economic activity. The state needs to continue to offer guidance on reducing the chance of contracting COVID-19, but it needs to let the citizens be free. Those with underlying health issues should be extremely cautious and maintain safe distances from others, but the state's "one size fits all" approach causes more harm than it prevents and, in my opinion, unnecessarily infringes on the rights of citizens.
04/13/2020 04:16 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr steve maillard	I have owned a Restaurant in Downtown Wilmington NC. For the last 21 years. I am weeks away from going bankrupt and closing down my Business. I have already lost the second busiest month of year (april) and if not up and running by middle of May will be done. Please stop the madness. Let us reopen sensibly i.e. Limited capacity, etc and lets save this economy. I did not spend most of my Adult life fighting for our rights and safety to put my head in the sand and hide !
04/13/2020 04:18 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Gary Ernst	It is time to re-enable the community to operate in a normal capacity. The economic impact is already proving to be far greater than the "pandemic" itself.
04/13/2020 04:19 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Reopen NC Kevin Hall	Please commit to quickly reopening NC while refining the orders to nursing homes and large concerts etc. Governor Cooper has and continues to show no regard for our Constitutional rights and liberties and local uneducated county commissioners are way overstepping their authority.
04/13/2020 04:19 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Tamra Moger	For the benefit of our economy we need to begin opening businesses (especially small businesses) while continuing to follow safe health practices.
04/13/2020 04:20 PM	Health Care Working Group	Mr. Douglas Sligh	I hope the legislature will do two things: 1- Place public safety above all other criteria when making decisions about the state's response to the COVID-19 pandemic; 2- Do everything possible to make sure our citizens who are most at risk financially are protected from ruin if they continue out of work for extended weeks.

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04/13/2020 04:21 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Business owner Mark Metzger	The government cannot and should not force its citizenry to stop economic activity. All adverse effects from this would be the responsibility of the government. Since, we the people, know full well that you're not going to feed our kids, we have very limited tolerance for this kind of thing. Freedom means the freedom to choose what risks to take and not to take. We are aware of and have adequately researched the Coronavirus. It should be our decision, not yours whether to go to work, frequent restaurants, etc.
04/13/2020 04:21 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Juliana Park	I understand the responsibility of keeping the spread of COVID 19! Eventually the curve will be flattened and we're going to have a hurting economy even after COVID 29 settled down. For the season! It would be great if you would reopen businesses even if as a consumer I need to wear a mask!
04/13/2020 04:23 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mrs Angelia Love	I think the we should continue to stay home until the health professionals say it is safe to lift restraints. If we let up too early, this will be in vain. We do not want to have start over with all of this. Please do not lift this too early. Our health care workers and all support crews are worn out, they will not last if we have to do all of this over.
04/13/2020 04:23 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Vanessa McIntosh	First off can somebody please address how Gov. Coopers "orders" are legal and justified when the council members DID NOT concur with his orders? According to Chapter 166A, all members of the council of state have to concur with the decision in this case.... Mr. Cooper. Please read the laws of our state ??
04/13/2020 04:24 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Lindsey Burchell	Please stand up for medical freedom & stand against vaccine mandates. Reopen NC no later than May 1. We must find a way to protect our health and our economy and livelihoods simultaneously. Thank you.
04/13/2020 04:24 PM	Economic Support Working Group	- None - Lisa Metzger	It is time to #ReopenNC for the sake of our livelihoods and freedoms. Your constituents are taking note of those in power who are supporting tyranny and attempting to control the citizens for whom you work. This November, all who did not attempt to reopen North Carolina, at the request of its citizens will be voted out! Free us from this craziness or your time as tyrants is limited. You work for us, and we will not be tread upon! Remember that.
04/13/2020 04:25 PM	Education Working Group	Rhonda Henley	Hello, I am writing to you about the concern I have for our economy. I understand everyone is concerned about the pandemic we are dealing with right now, but we shouldn't let it cripple our economy. Is anyone really considering the long term effects of what will happen if we continue on the path we are going? Not only are we letting this pandemic control us, we're letting it decide our future way of life and that's NOT okay. North Carolinians need to be able to go to work for ourselves, for our families, and for our neighbors. Small businesses owners need to be open or they won't be able to come back from this. Money will eventually run out and giving out government money will only go so far. Then what? Increased unemployment, increased crime, increased mental health issues from worrying about how we're going to take care and provide for our families, just to name a few. North Carolina is a great state, America is a great nation, but we have to work to keep it that way. Thank you for your time.
04/13/2020 04:26 PM	Economic Support		Nobody wants to get sick - ever! We all think we've been patient with these orders that are

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04/13/2020 04:28 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Angela Fisher	It is time to re-open NC. Although there are cases of Covid, the current stay-at-home response to make it that North Carolinians cannot earn a living for their family or exercise other numerous freedoms outlined in our Constitution is unacceptable. Quarantine should be reserved for the elderly or immune compromised. The 81 deaths in NC are tragic, but the other 10.5 million North Carolinians should not be held hostage by our government. If you choose to instill guidelines for health safety, then choose guidelines that don't cripple our state and our families. We can all wear masks when shopping and avoid physical contact while away from our home, but shutting our businesses and restricting our ability to practice our religion is unconstitutional. Please stop this outrageous response to Covid and re-open our state!
04/13/2020 04:28 PM	Education Working Group	Mrs Rosalyn Byler	Please reopen NC. Most of us are not at risk for Covid 19, and we'd like the liberty to live our lives again. Encourage those at risk to self quarantine, and allow us to move on while our economy has a chance. Also, please do not make vaccines mandatory. We are Americans. We want the right to choose, for ourselves and our children.
04/13/2020 04:28 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Judith Worthington	I just want everyone back to work, When the flu was around in 2010 Lots of people died, lot of people were very sick, you didn't shut down the country. People protected their selves the best they could. The only difference is it was not an election year. Yes this is bad, yes it affects the older group the most, it is the ones that are sick anyway, some other got it, but no more have died than with the flu. It is time to open up our stores and let people use their God given brain to protect themselves. Stop making this political.
04/13/2020 04:30 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Open our state stop lies Zuri Lopez	Open our state and stop lying to the people
04/13/2020 04:30 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	1954 Marsha Luhrs	I urge you to seriously consider and implement an option to Vote By Mail for as many registered voters as possible. This can be done safely and securely especially if you start working on it now. We must maintain our democracy so every opportunity for fair, safe and secure elections is required. Thank you.
04/13/2020 04:31 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Economic support Zuri Lopez	STOP LYING TO THW PEOPLE AND OPEN OUR STATE
04/13/2020 04:34 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	REOPEN NC Amy Lane	This state needs to be reopened. What the governor is doing is unconstitutional!!!
04/13/2020 04:34 PM	Health Care Working Group	Covid-19 Gene Wiandt	Should reopen the state from this virus let the economy come back

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04/13/2020 04:37 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Jackie Ledwein	Please reopen our state. We have complied with social distancing and staying at home while watching our unemployment numbers skyrocket and small businesses destroyed. The statistics and COVID models have been wrong. The people are getting tired of the lies.
04/13/2020 04:38 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group		As a senior in high school, you have taken away the prom, the memories of wrapping up a last year of high school, graduation, football games, yearbooks, etc. It is so sad! I'll never ever get this back!
04/13/2020 04:39 PM	Economic Support Working Group		There has been too much misinformation that led to a scare over a virus that has been infringing on our constitutional rights with no just cause or real data to back this tyranny. We need to open NC back up for business. This can be done and must start on May 1, 2020. I vote we put Lt. Governor Dan Forest in charge of the team to get it done. If you need some help, I'd be glad to be there. It's not rocket science I assure you.
04/13/2020 04:39 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Makayla Manriquez	I am a full time nanny, because of this shutting down "non essential" work places my employers have not been able to go to work and are stuck at home. Which then makes me stuck at home and not making money. I need to pay bills and yet I have no way to pay my bills. Please re open NC so that my employers can profit and so that I can profit as well. Thank you.
04/13/2020 04:40 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Kathryn Harris	Our state is suffering - our communities, families, small businesses and our farms. We cannot last longer than the end of this month for self-sheltering. We need to get our stated up and running before we do permanent damage to our economy. Many suffering will never catch up. They may have had a reprieve from paying rents / mortgages or utility bills - but, they can never catch up what they have lost. The Ag Center has said stores should NOT limit the purchase of milk - and it is still happening. Our farmers are pouring milk out and wasting produce. We need to get back to work. We understand that flattening the curve may have been a good idea - but, it's clear that we do NOT have the issues of hugely populated places. We have health care facilities that are shutting down - and many, many health care workers are OUT OF WORK due to the cancellation of lots of routine medical procedures and appointments. Stores and supply chain efforts are dismal - we are still OUT OF TOILET PAPER. Supplies are not being replenished - store shelves are EMPTY of many, many items. Let's get this state open up again. Let the elderly and infirmed stay inside and remain isolated. Let those with compromised health systems self-isolate. Let's not keep the state CLOSED. We need to get back to living life.
04/13/2020 04:44 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Megan	#ReOpenNC! Stop lying about numbers. Stop destroying our small businesses, families, and economy. With unemployment at an all time high REAL suicide numbers will skyrocket higher than REAL covid deaths. We will NOT be quiet. DO NOT TREAD ON US!! My constitutional rights can NOT be taken away!! Brush up on your history. Marbury vs. Madison, 5 US (2 cranch) 137, 174, 176, (1803)
04/13/2020 04:44 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Celia Jimenez	Please open our businesses back to normal. The virus is not nearly as bad as originally thought. Our businesses can not survive this. Based on the constitution, we have a right as an American citizen of choice! Those that are at the highest risk or vulnerable can self-quarantine.
04/13/2020 04:46 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms Jacqueline Adams	We ask that you reopen our state now! Do you people not realize how badly you are hurting us NC citizens by closing our businesses? 65 dead out of 10.5 million and you let

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			Cooper close it down? Believe me, come November this act shall not be forgotten. Each of you elected officials have a responsibility to us - not Cooper!
04/13/2020 04:47 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Tom Colwell	Stop the economic suffering and open up. Those that are concerned about going out should stay home
04/13/2020 04:47 PM	Economic Support Working Group	President Mark Fisher	I am the owner of a small business in NC. We have seen a 45% drop in business due the COVID crisis and the response of shutting down the economy. All lives matter, but the response to shut down commerce is effecting lives dramatically. I am fortunate that we are only down 45%. We need a solution that puts people back to work and let citizens make the determination for themselves as to their own healthcare. We need to get back to work, it is a fundamental right in our country and state. I believe public opinion is behind that idea as well. Let's get our State back open for business and be a leader in our country. Regards, Mark
04/13/2020 04:50 PM	Economic Support Working Group		It's very simple. I want to go back to work. I want to support my friends' businesses. My family wants to go to church. We want our lives back. We want our rights back. Doesn't seem like that's asking too much. But that people act with others' best interest at heart, and that they avoid politics and agendas for a while, well, that is evidently way too much to ask for.
04/13/2020 04:52 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr. Alan Oldham	NC needs to go back to business as usual as soon as possible. There is nothing about this virus that makes it worse than others before it. Only the political and news media hype that have worked some into a panic. People need to get back to work.
04/13/2020 04:54 PM	Education Working Group	Patriot Rachael Jensen	North Carolina is a wonderful state! Filled with thoughtful, patriotic and freedom loving people. I believe that it's important for us to open back up the economy while still using wisdom principles. My hope is that we can follow suit of the Texas governor and reopen as soon as his wise. Maybe as soon as May 1.
04/13/2020 04:54 PM	Economic Support Working Group		The news said two things today. 1, some states are seeing a decline in the deaths and hospitalizations. 2, Governor Roy Cooper is implementing another batch of don'ts. I also heard that President Trump has talked of letting the states' governors determine when people in their state can go back to work, school, church, etc. Which proves that Cooper's North Carolina is not where I want to be.
04/13/2020 04:55 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Jacqui Small	Please start this process of opening . This is very unhealthy overall for our community. We are destroying lives and this "cure" is worse than the virus itself. Most will survive this. We need to start goi g back to interaction. Get to the gym, travel. We will take responsibility for ourselves. The government does not need to govern my actuins to live a normal no criminal life.
04/13/2020 04:57 PM	Economic Support Working Group	MR Thomas Anderson	The Governor's order that has closed businesses must not be extended beyond April 29, 2020. Reasonable guidelines must be provided such as the number of customers allowed in the business, the amount of separation between persons in the establishment, hand washing requirements for employees , limiting contact between employees and customers, etc. and then the businesses can reopen so long as they adhere to the

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			published guidelines. The blanket closure with no opportunity for businesses to reopen safely in compliance with such reasonable guidelines is just blanket punishment without regard for the economic destruction it has caused and will worsen if closure is the only option given by State government.
04/13/2020 04:58 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Timothy Glacken	Open NC up again, the damage being done to the economy and the American household is far greater than a new flu that hasn't even proven to be as deadly as the old flu's.
04/13/2020 04:58 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Miss Alexandra Fisher	As a lifelong NC resident, I am disappointed in our state's handling of the COVID-19 situation. 81 people have died but over 10 million are required to stay home? Not allowed to provide for their families? Not allowed to have religious meetings? Counting off who gets to enter grocery stores at what time? It is a ridiculous and shameful oppression of our rights to work, worship, and even the pursuit of happiness. If an individual decides that they or a member of their household is in a risk category due to age or immunosuppression, they have the absolute right to remove themselves from the public for their own safety; however, to demand that the general public forsake their responsibilities, churches and temples, jobs, and even families in the name of public health is an overstepping by the government's part. North Carolina needs to be opened immediately for the resuming of businesses, places of worship, restaurants and public gathering places. Research shows the value in herd immunity and in the crucial importance of free market. Both of these are not being utilized at this time. Please consider reopening NC and allowing North Carolinians to make the decision for their health themselves.
04/13/2020 04:59 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Kathy Landon	I am very concerned about the economic and psychological effect that the stay at home order is having on our state. While I believe that human life is very important, this has gone too far. The governor has plunged many people into poverty with his order. This will have long term effects on the lives of all North Carolinians. Please re-open North Carolina immediately!
04/13/2020 04:59 PM	Education Working Group	Mrs. Dana L Skogen	It is obvious now, that the threat was not what was predicted. We are thankful that it was not, so now the stay at home order should be lifted and we should get back to work and back to school and be free to worship as the constitution has given us the right to do. Thank you.
04/13/2020 05:00 PM	Health Care Working Group	Mrs Dawn Leasure	Need Antibody test and to reopen NC for those who already had the virus. We cannot go on like this. Around the country there have been reported suicides among young people. People unable to pay bills and eat. Unemployment checks are not in the mail people are going on week 3 with no money. Studies show unemployment raises the mental health and suicide risk. The bills will eventually need to be paid. Young people need their peers and education not to mention the mental health toll on the very young. NC Must work toward getting businesses back open not more social distancing. Large amount of people already had the virus no reason for them to be home! It makes no sense to keep people who already had the virus under stay at home order. Please Reopen NC. Thank you
04/13/2020 05:00 PM	Health Care Working Group	MACK MOORE	Reopen NC businesses now - rescind Gov Cooper's executive orders, Call the Legislature back to get involved, remind Cooper that he must have concurrence of Council of State for any further Exec Orders.
04/13/2020 05:01 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr mike fey	Open the State for Business

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04/13/2020 05:01 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mack Moore	Reopen NC businesses now - rescind Gov Cooper's executive orders, Call the Legislature back to get involved, remind Cooper that he must have concurrence of Council of State for any further Exec Orders.
04/13/2020 05:01 PM	Economic Support Working Group	David Johnson	We have shut America down, about as long as we dare. The virus should begin to subside this week. Citizens understand that we need to maintain social distancing, hand washing and not touching faces, etc. We need to return to work, and soon. Economic collapse will be more devastating that the epidemic.
04/13/2020 05:01 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mack Moore	Reopen NC businesses now - rescind Gov Cooper's executive orders, Call the Legislature back to get involved, remind Cooper that he must have concurrence of Council of State for any further Exec Orders.
04/13/2020 05:02 PM	Education Working Group	Mack Moore	Reopen NC businesses now - rescind Gov Cooper's executive orders, Call the Legislature back to get involved, remind Cooper that he must have concurrence of Council of State for any further Exec Orders.
04/13/2020 05:06 PM	Economic Support Working Group	COVid 19 Michelle Deville	I think it's time to have stay at home rules for those that have underlying conditions and are seniors. Consider the high risk populations now that it's been a month. Look at the CDC numbers on other flus and their positive rates and deaths. COVID is MUCH less. We will all be out "free" and still have a risk of getting it. Let the high risk populations stay home. Not everyone. At least, research those scenarios.
04/13/2020 05:06 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Rhett E. Boogie	It is time to bring this unacceptable tyranny in the name of saftey to an end. Let those who are at risk CHOOSE to stay home if they wish and the rest of us will cover down and keep commerce flowing. We have far to many friends and family who are struggling because of unconstitutional forced closures and regulations on their business/place of work. The states continued violation of our constitutional rights will no longer be tolerated. #reopenNC
04/13/2020 05:07 PM	Health Care Working Group	RN Amy Wyscarver	Please consult and strongly consider Dr. Shiva Ayyadurai's recommendations to restore the immune and economic health of the American people in the open letter that he provided to the president on March 23,2020. According to Dr. Shiva, there is no need to shutdown our entire country. There is no need to quarantine all of our citizens. The solution is to provide a path to advance the immune health of all our citizens while getting our healthy people back to work - now." His recommendations make good common sense from a health perspective as well as economic perspective.
04/13/2020 05:08 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Rob Stevenson	I'm a small business owner in Concord. Our store was deemed "non-essential" by the Governor's Executive Order and we've been closed since 3/26. Our family owned business is ESSENTIAL to my children. We sell children's apparel and the last I checked clothing was an essential item. I would also add that allowing small businesses to open would help consumers locate and purchase items they need and small businesses are best equipped to respond to customer needs in a safe and efficient manner. #ReOpenNC
04/13/2020 05:08 PM	Economic Support Working Group	RN Amy Wyscarver	Please consult and strongly consider Dr. Shiva Ayyadurai's recommendations to restore the immune and economic health of the American people in the open letter that he provided to the president on March 23,2020. According to Dr. Shiva, there is no need to shutdown our entire country. There is no need to quarantine all of our citizens. The

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04/13/2020 05:10 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Jennifer Holton	We humbly request that NC lift the stay at home orders so healthy people can get back to work. A reasonable, common sense approach is needed. Encourage the elderly and high risk folks to continue to stay at home but let healthy people work and create herd immunity. I know several people who are almost 100% positive they had the coronavirus in January. It's been here for months and we need to create herd immunity, not a total economic and social shutdown.
04/13/2020 05:11 PM	Economic Support Working Group	MRS JULIE BARHAM	i'M A SMALL BUSINESS OWNER SUFFERING GREATLY. OPEN THE ECONOMY!
04/13/2020 05:13 PM	Health Care Working Group	Mrs Elizabeth Stanley	With fewer people having died in NC with COVID19 than with the flu in 2020, it only makes sense to open up the state. It stands to reason the the flu is a worse threat to our state than CV19. The parking lot at big box stores are full and the mom & pops are going out of business. The mom and pops employ over 60% of the people in our state. There is no guarantee that CV 19 will not return, so keeping it closed until the virus is gone is not an option. Give the citizens a chance to become immune naturally so the next go around will not be as bad. We respectfully petition you to open up our state.
04/13/2020 05:14 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Covid-19 Restrictions Elizabeth Jackson	North Carolinians are very concerned with Gov. Cooper's restrictive actions concerning Covid-19. Our constitutional rights are being infringed upon, mainly our right to assemble. The Constitution is clear and should not be superseded by a governor's executive order. I ask that Gov. Cooper lift restrictions and get NC back to work! This has killed a roaring economy and is penalizing hard-working small business owners while rewarding criminals with early releases. NC will not take much more of this dictatorship!
04/13/2020 05:15 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Cheryl LaVerdiere	Test people for antibodies and let those with them get back to work. We need to RE open business before it is all lost! We need to let people who work individually or at a distance from others do so, whether they are essential or not. Let people be responsible for themselves. This has turned out to be far less of a threat than suicide and drug related deaths per year. A pity we are closing our country down for China's benefit.
04/13/2020 05:17 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Nancy Long	ReopenNC
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04/13/2020 05:20 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Lynn Lyons	We are your answer. We realize that officials have been acting out of fear just like us, but that the responsibility and threat of lawsuits are forcing them to be cautious beyond what is reasonable now... There has been and always will be transmittable diseases so let's remind officials that we are the power needed to save this country! We are going to be the tool to reopen safely.

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04/13/2020 05:21 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Economic Collapse Neil Sweatt	Although we appreciate the State of NC and their caring for the healthcare of the citizens, I do ask at what point are each of you willing to take responsibility for the economic collapse. Allow people the freedoms that so many fought and died for and open up our economy. You are at this point doing more harm than good.
04/13/2020 05:22 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Dawn White	#ReopenNC This is ridiculous and we the people are not going to continue to allow you to take our rights away! Open our state back up and stop lying to the people and playing politics!! The working people who pay your salary are done with this!
04/13/2020 05:23 PM	Health Care Working Group	Mrs. Vicky Kaseorg	I believe abortion centers are NOT essential services and should be closed down. Abortion is elective. I am waiting almost two months due to closures to rule out throat cancer, but abortion centers are operating full steam! This is a travesty. I also would request that if they are not shut down, then ministries that provide essential help to the vulnerable women in front of the abortion center so they can more easily choose not to kill their baby should be explicitly exempt from any stay at home orders and be an essential service as well. Thank you.
04/13/2020 05:23 PM	Economic Support Working Group	mrs sharon jernigan	as with anything, to some, what is "essential" may not be essential to some. it is essential to me for the gym to reopen. exercise. is important, it helps me deal with depression and exercising helps build your immune system. Please let us get back to our daily routines. please!
04/13/2020 05:24 PM	Economic Support	Autumn Vernon	Hello all. I would like to express my support in North Carolina beginning to reopen at the

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	Working Group		end of the CURRENT stay at home order that will end May 1. I personally know several other NC citizens whose jobs have been affected or lost due to the current situation. My husband, who was interning for Baptist Hospital in Winston Salem, has talked to several hospital employees who have been furloughed or lost jobs due to the hospital being empty. The numbers do not add up to justify the actions taken by our government. As a citizen, I believe it is time for NC to get back to work. Thank you.
04/13/2020 05:24 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Small business Tiffany Parker	I understand the seriousness of COVID-19, however as a small business owner, I'm urging for North Carolina be "opened" up. The economy can't withstand without money flow. The livelihood of all of us are in jeopardy not just from the virus. #reopennc
04/13/2020 05:24 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	End the NC shutdown James Robertson	We need to end this shutdown. We are in psychological and financial dire straits.
04/13/2020 05:25 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Heather N.	<p>I'm a healthy person with a family to support. I cannot work due to this shutdown of our state and its businesses. My employer has been closed for 4 weeks already. I cannot pay my bills on unemployment benefits - IF I receive any. My family's welfare and quality of life are in serious jeopardy, and we're going to be behind on our bills through no fault of our own. We were not given a choice in any of this, yet we are the ones who will suffer the consequences of the governor's actions.</p> <p>This is not right. This is wholly in opposition to the United States Constitution. This shut-down needs to end!</p> <p>The governor's decisions are based on obvious faulty data - the cat's out of the bag on that, we know the numbers are skewed in favor of the narrative - and it's costing the people of North Carolina dearly. We are being robbed of our ability to work and earn income, our quality of life, our freedom, and our religious liberty.</p> <p>The governor is ignoring the many pleas of the small business owners who have worked hard to achieve their dreams of owning a business, and now face the very real threat of bankruptcy or permanent closure of their businesses - again, through no fault of their own.</p> <p>Why are we being punished? Because, in truth, that's what this is. This is not reasonable caution regarding a virus, this is not about protecting and saving lives from Covid. This is 100% about control over us, and it needs to end. The citizens of North Carolina deserve better than this.</p> <p>The governor and all elected officials are supposed to be representing US, not their own interests and ideas. Roy Cooper is not our king, he is our SERVANT. It's time that the elected officials of North Carolina recognize their role as SERVANTS of the people, and end this shutdown now.</p>
04/13/2020 05:26 PM	Economic Support Working Group		<p>The work force is your answer!</p> <p>We will protect those who need it and save the economy, too.</p> <p>Share guidelines like this then let healthy people go if they agree:</p>

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04/13/2020 05:26 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Scarlett Chapman	OPEN NC
04/13/2020 05:26 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Ronnie Hill	Open everything back up, this hoax has gone on long enough, let Trump's administration do it's job
04/13/2020 05:26 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Reopen NC Madison Nance	Reopen N.C. May 1st! The state cannot take an extended shutdown. I, as a soon-to-be college graduate, cannot find a job. My mother, who is a nurse at Vidant Bertie Hospital, is worried about being laid off because there aren't enough patients. The curve has been flattened; open up! If the state extends this lockdown, there will be nothing to open up by the time it deems it appropriate.
04/13/2020 05:27 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Amy Noe	It is imperative that businesses be re-opened before the beginning of May. Small-to-medium business enterprises are the life's blood of this nation. Most small businesses do not have the financial margin to be closed for several weeks or indefinitely. Many of us are struggling to figure out how to get money to pay our bills and buy food. Stimulus money has not arrived and we have no idea how long it will take to get here. We don't want a handout. We want to work! We are willing to take all necessary precautions for the safety of our employees and clients. But we must go back to work! If the lockdown continues much longer the results could be devastating and irreversible. PLEASE HELP US! We must go back to work and we will practice all health and safety measures necessary to do so. To put the needs of one group of people ahead of another is wrong. Let us work together. This nation is in a crisis and we all need to be working together.

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04/13/2020 05:27 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr. Josh Utt	Keep the social distancing guidelines as guidelines, keep washing your hands, let the elderly take precautions and open NC back up for business. There is no reason to keep "non-essential" businesses shut down when you can implement the same social distancing guidelines as box box stores.
04/13/2020 05:28 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mr Ben McIndoe	I am a business owner here in North Carolina and I am asking that the general assembly open North Carolina back up for business.
04/13/2020 05:28 PM	Education Working Group	Ms Robin Bliven	Please don't close schools for the year prematurely. If by May 15 the virus has peaked and moved along then many districts can still get 3-4 weeks of school in. The kids and teachers need that time for normalcy and well being.
04/13/2020 05:30 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms Tammy Smith	Reopen NC This has gone on too long our economy is being destroyed, people are becoming depressed, suicidal, losing hope, and feeling great despair. People want to work, people need to work. And let's not forget about the Constitutional violations that are taking place. The state of millions of people has only had "90" deaths less than the flu! Get our state open!
04/13/2020 05:31 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Michael Cornett	Reopen the economy in May. The over reaction to the pandemic is starting to show and the models are being revised down 2-3 times per week over the last 2 weeks. North Carolina citizens didn't our jobs. Now it's time for the State leadership to do theirs!
04/13/2020 05:31 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr. Michael Noe	We don't have to speculate about the draconian effects of the shutdowns on the communities of NC and their small to medium businesses. What do have is gross speculation about the spread of the CV-19 using apocalyptic modeling that has been revised and discredited repeatedly. The flattening that is occurring is the life and economic well being of millions of NC residents. But particularly east of I-95 that is still trying to recover from the worst economic hit (until now) dealt by a hurricane in \$. Recovery from Florence is a more than 1 season event and now the CV-19 shutdowns have guaranteed the ruination of thousands of businesses and family livelihoods. Please stop the bleeding and nightmare. Federal support is slow at best and not going to get here in time, State resources were stretched to the breaking point with Florence and now this. There is no plan for this scenario or soft landing, but the current trajectory is apocalyptic in the suppression of freedoms and pocketbooks not just for the East but the whole state of 10.4 million people. A damn virus has more rights than a NC citizen and we are fed up and tired of it all. You will have no tax dollars if you keep this up nor tourists and industry. You can forget big bailouts from the Feds as a panacea. It ain't gonna happen nor would it scratch the surface of millions of NC citizens and businesses ruined.
04/13/2020 05:32 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Re Open NC Ronald Belton	I am opposed to any extension of the stay at home order. Especially for a virus that has a 98% survivability rate. It's time to re open NC now! The stay at home order, and the forced closing of businesses, is a violation if basic civil liberties like freedom of religion, speech and a assembly. I'll will not be voting for any politician that cannot respect my basic Constitutional rights.

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04/13/2020 05:33 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Shannon Whitaker	I would like to know how this is constitutional to make people stay home and not provide for their families! And who makes the rules on what is essential vs what is not?? It should be up to the people to make those decisions from a health standpoint!
04/13/2020 05:33 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mrs Marjorie Tyker Gonzales	<p>I was ordered out of work with March 25th being my last day by the Governor's executive order. I am a hair salon owner and sole operator. I have never been unemployed in my life from the time I was old enough to work, sometimes holding down more than 2 jobs to make ends meet.</p> <p>As hair stylists, we have been through tough times before. For decades we were forced to use formaldehyde tablets by the state to keep our towels and implements sanitary. That ceased when they learned that those tablets caused cancer. For a longtime, stylists were in the top 2 of cancer deaths by profession. They put the same chemical in some of the darker hair colors, that also ceased. The next thing was the aerosols.... Those were done away with also.</p> <p>We were all trained in sanitation, we are inspected yearly for complying with state sanitation laws, are fined and licenses removed if we do not comply. From the beginning, we have been trained in skin infections and even parasites and are all well aware of complications of illnesses.</p> <p>When the AIDS epidemic began, knowing it was spread through blood and bodily fluids, we were issued new restrictions, many chose to wear gloves and masks during services. When MRSA became another epidemic, we again received restrictions and prepared. Every year we see the flu and other communicable illnesses. Hepatitis is another on our radar. I have a standing rule that if someone is sick, they can wait to get their hair done. When I am sick, I don't work. It's not worth me being contaminated or my clients. I know better.</p> <p>What the state has done with these orders has told the hairstylist community, "You don't know better, We know for you." People have contracted this virus that have been home for 3 weeks, only accepting food left on their doorstep. Many have walked around with it since December not even knowing they had it- reports are now saying. I am not disputing this is serious. I am disputing the hypocrisy and the picking and choosing of what and who is "non-essential".</p> <p>It is my belief we are all essential. While hairstylists may seem like a non-essential business to you, I assure you we are, to many. While we disinfect and sanitize everything regularly, we all stepped it up dramatically after the virus surfaced, even staggering appointments as to not encounter one another until we were forced to close. I have no doubt in re-opening, many will wear masks and gloves as we have done in other situations.</p>

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			We have been added to the tremendous unemployment burden of the state and sadly many will not recover from this crisis.
			While liquor stores remain open and lottery tickets can still be purchased, we sit here unemployed. REOPEN NC
04/13/2020 05:34 PM	Economic Support Working Group	You don't speak for me None Of your business	Fuck the new normal!!!!!! The people need to work. How else do you think your paychecks keep coming.
04/13/2020 05:34 PM	Education Working Group	Mrs Candace Bradley	At this time homeschoolers are still require to adhere to end of grade testing. This creates a hardship in many ways. First of all we have to pay for our own testing. Most homeschool family are single income families, so paying for testing puts strain on an already tight budget, especially now. Secondly, a large amount of homeschoolers test in large groups together or like my family, we hire a testing administrator to test our children. Our testing administrator travels to us and many other families preforming end of grade test, which would go against current social distancing guidelines and mandates. Thank you for your time. Candace J Bradley
04/13/2020 05:35 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Citizen Monte Lewis	Stop this unconstitutional shut down of our state. Open up NC for business immediately. This virus has been totally blown out of proportion. Carteret county has only 5 cases and that will be lowered to 3 tomorrow. Only 35 total patients in hospital with 150 rooms. It is past time to open Carteret county. Go to work ! Stop the governor from killing our state for political reasons !!!
04/13/2020 05:35 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Gina McNulty	RE OPEN THIS STATE. POMPEO PUT GOVERNORS ON NOTICE! WE KNOW COOPER IS ON HIS LIST! https://youtu.be/fAlvLQISZ1A
04/13/2020 05:36 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Angela Kulyk	Please reopen Nc. These numbers of covid are far under what was predicted and are NOT overwhelming the healthcare system. But they are overwhelming small businesses by destroying their livelihood. It is not the position of the government to mandate these sorts of unconstitutional regulations. Furthermore, if we can wear masks while we pile into Walmart and Lowe's then I'm pretty sure churches, restaurants and other small businesses can implement safety measures and resume business. This is in favor of big business and is wrecking our economy in NC. Reopen now!
04/13/2020 05:39 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Matthew Hinson	Please overturn the unconstitutional overreaching restrictions implemented by Governor Cooper. The restrictions make no sense. Those who are at risk should certainly shelter in place but the public at large should be able to use their own common sense to protect their health. Herd immunity is the best longterm solution and needs to happen. The "cure" should not be worse than the disease. Many small businesses will not recover if these unreasonable restrictions continue.
04/13/2020 05:39 PM	Economic Support Working Group	#reopennc Chris Respass	Please open this State back up, the longtime issues with the economy are going to be far worse, if we don't!!
04/13/2020 05:39 PM	Economic Support Working Group		I need to go back to work. Re-open NC so I can.

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04/13/2020 05:40 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Miss Nelda Williams	I know 2 people who no doubt has had the virus. They both went to the doctor and were refused testing. Why?
04/13/2020 05:40 PM	Education Working Group	Mrs. Victoria Davis	I urge the committee to reopen all NC businesses by May 1st. We have healthcare facilities that now know what they are up against, we will have had adequate time to restock our PPE, we are able to take other measures to protect the vulnerable. These measures should include shopping hours for the elderly, more public hand washing stations, even wearing masks in crowded areas. With adequate measures taken, we can ensure North Carolina businesses that they aren't being risky by operating here and that the NC General Assembly will do everything possible to support them AS SOON AS POSSIBLE in a crisis. Let us get back to work! We don't want more stimulus money and more national debt. We want to work and earn an honest income.
04/13/2020 05:40 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms Annette ODonnell	NCDES is in dire need of additional resources to serve the public. Phone support is not available, website is unreliable and emails are not being responded to. We need to open the economy back up ASAP.
04/13/2020 05:41 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Leroy Melton	It is time to open our state back up. Open businesses and our beaches and our state parks.WE do not live in a nanny state , but Gov. Cooper is trying to make us one. It's time to get our people back to work.
04/13/2020 05:42 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Debbie Baisden	It is time to reopen North Carolina. We cannot demolish our economy for a trace percentage of those infected with a flu.
04/13/2020 05:42 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Rebekah Down	I would like to see you work toward the states opening businesses and churches before May 1.
04/13/2020 05:43 PM	Education Working Group	Neurological development Alecia English	The NC Infant Toddler program should be re-opened immediately. These children only have 3 years of myelination to regain or gain skills list from a variety of developmental problems. You are wasting precious time from these children that will benefit them for decades of their lives. My own child only has 6 months left to benefit during this critical time in his brain development. He's made astounding progress after having 1/4 of his brain removed by Duke Neurosurgeons 2 years ago today, and I want him to reach his full potential. The therapists in the ITP (infant toddler program) are integral for us. Reopen the state now for the development of our youngest children that are trying so hard for a better life. Do not steal the precious myelination period (0-3 years of age) from these poor children. It serves these families and these children for lifetimes! Teletherapy, while better than nothing, is not equivalent to in-person therapy and you are not serving these children as promised by law. Don't waste this precious time! Reopen now!
04/13/2020 05:43 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Christine Stine	Please reopen NC. Have those at risk quarantine and let the rest of us get back to work. This has gone on long enough. Not only is it destroying people's lives, it is also unconstitutional to force us to "stay home". Thank you.
04/13/2020 05:43 PM	Education Working Group	Essential workers Dawn Phillips	I work in child nutrition and seems every other department has been able to get paid to stay home if they feel unsafe except us and custodians. Can you explain why the salaried people are treated like they are more valuable than us We make nothing and have to risk the most right now

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04/13/2020 05:45 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Chantel Stevenson	Please reopen NC now! My husband has been unemployed for three and a half weeks now because of Governor Roy Cooper's executive orders!!!! No paycheck for 3 weeks. No paycheck coming this week either. We do not want your handouts. We want to work. We need to work. Our mortgage is due. Other bills are due. We need groceries to feed our kids. Reopen North Carolina!! Governor Cooper has abused his power and needs to be held accountable. Please remember the NC Constitution and the responsibilities you have to represent us, the people of our great state. #reopenNC
04/13/2020 05:45 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Reopen NC Michael Gossett	Good evening, based on the facts from ncdhhs on the number of cases, hospitalizations and deaths related to the covid-19, I believe that it is time to lift the restrictions with the stay at home order. There are very little hospitalizations for the number of people in NC. Thank you for your consideration
04/13/2020 05:45 PM	Health Care Working Group	Mr Cade Huffman	Open the state. The models have not been remotely accurate. Protect the rest homes and let the rest of us go back to work.
04/13/2020 05:45 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Kevin Whitley	I am a small biz owner in ENC. THE GOV shutdown is killing us. If we go beyond 4/30, alot of biz will not be able to recover. #reopennc. Models and data show we can. Stop toeing party lines and open nc up!
04/13/2020 05:46 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Dr John is Lauby	Open up our state. Stop sending our private businesses to the poor house. 97 percent of the people who get this recover. The biased media rumor spreading of doom and destruction needs to stop.
04/13/2020 05:46 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr. John Slothower	Gov Cooper and State Team - it is time for the state to reopen. Our statistics are indicating that the Covid 19 virus is much less toxic than the common flu. We, as a state are suffering and need to be able to go back to work, perhaps with continued social distancing and other controls measures. Masks, gloves, hand washing, no touching faces, etc. Thanks
04/13/2020 05:46 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Hon Brian Sisson	Remove this illegally placed stay at home order and let the people of the state get back to their own business.
04/13/2020 05:49 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Sharon Slothower	Please get businesses back open. NC is not a 'hot spot' and our economy is suffering as well as our citizens. Reopen now!
04/13/2020 05:50 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Jan Stump	it is time to get our folks back to work and off the federal and state payrolls. My opinion is the longer we receive handouts the harder to go back to self sustaining. Our streets are beginning to fill again with homeless and hungry people; that is a travesty. I'm not ready to open the out of area tourist trades, but we locals would love to go to the beach, museums, parks, kids to their entertainment centers, restaurants, family and friend gatherings-just for starters. Get us back to work, please.
04/13/2020 05:50 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Michael Rose	We down East need our beaches and parks opened. We need tourist dollars and this is just over the top
04/13/2020 05:52 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mrs Tori Brown	The State of North Carolina has no constitutional authority to limit, restrict, or stop churches from holding services and thereby infringing on citizens first amendment rights.
04/13/2020 05:52 PM	Economic Support	Mr Mark Otis	Good evening, again at 3:00 p.m. this afternoon, we were addressed by this Governor with

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	Working Group		<p>nothing, no answers on what his plans to start the enconomic Disaster this state is in due to this virus and more of by his irresponsible handling of it.</p> <p>By the numbers he Shut the state down on where grossly wrong, and with even the rates of cases, Deaths, and Hospital beds used and needed, he is not telling anyone anything, The people of this state truthfully need to get back to work, opptomism on a forward goal is needed, hanging an invisible carrot of nothing is not working and is hurting many, This authoritarian attacks on our rights and freedoms have gone far enough, Too many edicts by too many , mayor's, council members, county reps and Sherriffs, It's time for a level headed game plan, No partisanship, Open this State back up, enough political games. Slow this man's ,Regal Dictatorship</p>
04/13/2020 05:56 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group		<p>A quarantine, is restricting the movement of sick people.</p> <p>Tyranny, is restricting the movement of healthy people.</p> <p>We need y'all to follow the Constitution strictly, or look for different lines of work please.</p> <p>Nowhere in the constitution does it say "unless people get sick" in fine print at the bottom somewhere.</p> <p>For all of human history, there have been some who get sick, and the weak ones of those, will die. That is 100% normal.... However, the trampling of our Constitutional Rights and Liberties, is not normal at all. We see what y'all are doing, and we don't like it. We do not consent. Cease and desist your stranglehold on our sedate immediately, and resume following the Constitution.</p> <p>Other than that, you guys (and girls) are doing a fairly good job, keep up the good work, and have a good day.</p>
04/13/2020 05:56 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Vikki Garman	Please open the state back up before everyone goes broke! The vulnerable population can continue to stay home, but let the rest of us get back to work, eating out, shopping, etc.
04/13/2020 05:57 PM	Health Care Working Group	Reopen our state Sara Hopson	Please reopen our state by May 1. Our state economy and citizens need to recover and go back to normal. If we continue to stay at home, there will be very serious and terrible long term effects for our state.
04/13/2020 05:57 PM	Economic Support Working Group	MR Alton Rudisill	Get this shutdown over with! My business is suffering tremendously. If it goes past May 1 the state of NORTH CAROLINA will be keeping my family up. Also your unemployment commission is horrible. Have tried to apply for three weeks.....nothing!
04/13/2020 05:58 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Betsy Comingore	Thank you for your consideration in opening back up the great state of North Carolina. My husband and I are both out of work due to the Coronavirus. I am a small business owner and was having a record breaking year before this hit. We were almost homeowners and now we are curious how long we are able to pay rent without paychecks. Yes we have savings but we would love to use that towards a home and growing our family. Please let people use their freedom and open businesses back up.
04/13/2020 05:58 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Cindy Dorman	Please watch the models closely and reopen North Carolina on May 1. If not, the governor all all politicians in NC responsible for not reopening May 1 need to forfeit their salaries like the rest of us until the state is reopened.
04/13/2020 05:58 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Paige Naylor	<p>OPEN NOW! There will be consequences that we will never recover from and these increase each day we are restricted from working! Give your suggested health guidelines, and let North Carolina begin recovering from the pain and harm this virus and our govt inflicted on the people.</p> <p>Oh and the governor and legislators should return their paychecks!</p>

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04/13/2020 05:59 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Cynthia McGee	<p>There is no reason we cannot open up our state. Most seniors don't work although some do. I am immuno-compromised but wearing my mask I am safe. Those of us w/that illness have been wearing masks during regular flu season for many years.</p> <p>We need to get people back to work unless you want to ruin our state. We are capable of turning our state back around into a great economy unless you try to "cry wolf" which is being done to say we should even do mail-in voting. Our governor is clamping down on our Constitutional rights!</p> <p>You work for We the People too.</p>
04/13/2020 05:59 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr. Joseph Gellner	Please reopen the state! A careful analysis of the numbers now coming out don't warrant such extreme measures.
04/13/2020 06:00 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mye Wilson	The constitution is being violated and we will not sit idly by and allow our liberty to be stripped away. Reopen North Carolina!
04/13/2020 06:01 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Covid-19 Response Erica Freed	<p>The Governor of North Carolina has overstepped his constitutional boundaries. The mandatory shutdown of personal businesses across the state and the mandatory social distancing rules in force across the state are an overreaction to the health concerns related to Covid-19.</p> <p>The at risk population, family members of at risk individuals, and workers in nursing homes, hospitals, and homes across the state should be the persons to limit their exposure to the public at large.</p> <p>Sick persons and persons they have been in contact with should quarantine.</p> <p>But nothing should be mandatory.</p> <p>The free movement of the people and the freedom to buy and sell goods should not be limited by any N.C. government entity or individual.</p> <p>The citizens of N.C. must be able to move freely and be trusted to make good decisions for themselves and those around them.</p> <p>And, a side note, the at risk population is out and about without a care and hypocritically complaining about how people are not staying home. The at risk population must take responsibility for themselves and stay home themselves if they believe that is the answer to decreasing their risk of having this virus.</p>
04/13/2020 06:01 PM	Education Working Group	Reopen NC Heather Essary	<p>To whom it may concern, I am a former teacher, current work at home mother of four children. I am very concerned for the education quality for our children as the stay at home orders are instituted and continue. Though teachers are working harder than ever to educate our children, remote learning is not an ideal or truly applicable strategy for many children and certainly not for extended periods of time. The longer students are barred from school, the farther the gap in education will widen between those students who have help and access and those who do not. Not to mention the farther students who are already behind will continue to fall without the support they were receiving.</p> <p>Please do not extend the orders and allow students and teachers to return to the schools.</p> <p>Thank you for your time and consideration.</p>
04/13/2020 06:02 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Herb Hartley	<p>It's time to get NC open for business again before any more businesses are bankrupted by this shutdown.</p> <p>Even businesses that are still open are affected by the shutdown.</p>

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04/13/2020 06:03 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr. Mark Gott	<p>We feel it is very important to get North Carolina working again. I know so many people who've lost their jobs. People who have to put food on the table, and in some cases buy expensive medicine for their children or elderly parents.</p> <p>I think that it would be important to continue to protect the vulnerable population amongst us, which include those with pre-existing conditions, elderly, and perhaps even morbidly obese. Rather than a one size fits all prohibition, we should look at this is more of a rolling black out.</p>
04/13/2020 06:05 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Amy Jenkins	Be able to prioritize economic recovery for families
04/13/2020 06:05 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Fawn Alfrey	Hunger and poverty kill people too. Open our state back up! You do not have the right to force law abiding citizens to basically house arrest, but then free criminals!
04/13/2020 06:06 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Dr. Peter Keelin	As a psychologist I am deeply concerned about the unintended consequences of this shut down. The prolonged closure is already doing vast damage to the emotional well being of the residents of the state and as the economic challenges grow, the psychological damage is sure to escalate even greater. Please Re-open the state and due so while implementing safety measure; like social distancing. Failure to do so will likely cause greater damage than the virus.
04/13/2020 06:07 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Michael Charney	It's time to end restrictions in NC. The citizens of this state know the virus is out there. We wash our hands and isolate ourselves if we don't feel well. There's enough data to know this situation is no where near as bad as the media and many government officials led the citizens to believe. Forcing the closure of thousands of businesses and cutting off people's sources of income will cause much more damage and loss of life then letting the citizens of North Carolina live as free people.
04/13/2020 06:10 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Holly Strum	Please reopen N.C. I'm in the Outer Banks which has closed the bridges to non-residents. My husband's business has come to a screeching halt. I'm the principal of a small private school, made up mostly of families in the commercial fishing industry. This has most likely sealed our fate for next year if families cannot go back to work soon. We can be safe while continuing to work.
04/13/2020 06:12 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Kellie Crump	Please reopen nc.
04/13/2020 06:13 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Ms. Patricia Saldana	I would like to see the NC open back up on 4/29/2020. We have been at home for long enough. Our economy and our business owners are already damaged. We need to protect our businesses and our state and get back open! Please do not allow any extension of the "stay at home" order.
04/13/2020 06:14 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Will Thorp	<p>Dear House Select Committee,</p> <p>As a restaurant owner on the outer banks for 30 years I can tell you that the shut down of not only non essentials but to our bridges has cut our industry off at the knees. We are one of the blessed few able to operate on Togo and delivery only. ReOpen NC! The bigger picture of massive economic collapse far outweighs the loss of life to a virus with high</p>

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			survival rates. I truly fear a total meltdown and true civil unrest on a level we may not be able to come back from. Please listen to the PEOPLE and do what is right for NC! Thank you
04/13/2020 06:16 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms. Lauren Antanaitis	<p>It is time to re-open North Carolina. The goal of “flattening the curve” for COVID-19 has been satisfied. Indefinitely shelving our rights to work and freely assemble for a virus is not only unconstitutional, but will do more long-term harm to our state than the virus itself.</p> <p>NC citizens NEED to go back to work to provide for their families. Businesses - both big and small - have truly suffered due to this lockdown and they must be able to heal. The citizens of North Carolina CAN safely conduct business and resume public and private education, while utilizing common sense measures to ensure the health and safety of its citizens.</p>
04/13/2020 06:17 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Christy Jones	In response to Covid19, REOPEN NC
04/13/2020 06:17 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Etta Glover	Americans need to get back to their jobs. The “stay at home” has gone on long enough. Other viruses have not shut our country down. We are Americans and we want our freedom back now. President Trump we ask that you lift the order that Governor Cooper has put on North Carolina immediately.
04/13/2020 06:17 PM	Health Care Working Group	Mrs. Marcie Blanchard	I DO NOT support medical mandates, it goes against our constitutional rights and the Nuremberg Code.
04/13/2020 06:19 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Reopen NC Christine Sells	We need to get NC back on track. Too many people are out of work and too many businesses are shutting down. Our healthy population needs to be out and contributing to the economy and creating herd immunity now instead of dragging this out for months and months. We can not afford to stay shut down any longer!
04/13/2020 06:19 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Carol Holton	Please do not extend the Stay at Home Order. People need to get back to work and normality. Yes, the virus is serious, but I believe that people are smart and can do the right things to keep themselves and others safe. Face masks, cleaning, etc.
04/13/2020 06:20 PM	Economic Support Working Group	CHRISTY JONES	In response to Covid19, REOPEN NC NOW
04/13/2020 06:20 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mr. Gerald Potts	Please let us all go back to work. It's not at all clear by the numbers that this shutdown was necessary, but it's creating a disaster we may not be able to recover from. For example, https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m4jr0wkt7HY&fbclid=IwAR1rgYJdwUyn4ZS3K1zX0K8MANa1qBENq3hCol-tGqek1iT6WIXh4T2AlvU
04/13/2020 06:20 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Lisa Gerboth	I'm for being on the cautious side and do not want to see the schools, businesses, etc open too early and then have more people getting sick. I would rather see people go back to work and school in "waves" based if the job could be done remotely or not. I am not for you paying for workers not to work, but instead for using those funds to help businesses let their workers work from home until we have a vaccine. Please use taxbreaks and mandates to have as many legal, US workers who live in NC, work from home as possible.

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			<p>1. Businesses whose employees can currently work from home - There are a lot of businesses (especially the Hi-Tech companies) that don't need to have their employees come in to work. The workers are already set up to work from home and the only reason they go into the office is that some management is still old fashion. Fyi – I worked from home for 15 years with one of the large Tech companies and there's no need for most of these workers to go into the office.</p> <p>2. I would like you to grow the number of other businesses that currently don't have their employees set up to work remotely (probably some of the smaller businesses) but would do it with an incentive (tax break) and guidance from the Hi-Tech companies in our state.</p> <p>3. Schools – I think the kids should keep with the virtual learning until a vaccine is available. If the schools are reopened before that, the NC State Legislature should let any family who wants to, sign their kids up for a Virtual school and the State should cover the cost. The Virtual school should be the choice of the parents as long as the child is doing work at the appropriate grade level and has adult supervision.</p>
04/13/2020 06:21 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mark Blanton	<p>I own a small business in NC, have been in business for 15 years. I figured Microscope Sales and Service would be economy proof and stable for years to come. This COVID shutdown is like nothing I've ever seen in my 50 years. Why are the healthy in quarantine, that's something you do with the sick. I'm basically guilty until proven innocent here. The numbers have been way off and the hospitals are empty, I know because I visit multiple facilities throughout the state and talk directly with doctors and lab personnel. What happened to the Constitution and the Declaration of Independence? It doesn't say Life, Liberty and Pursuit of Happiness unless there's a scary virus then it's Null and Void. These freedoms were given by my creator, not a state or federal government and you have no right to try to take them away. I PREFER DANGEROUS FREEDOM OVER PEACEFUL SLAVERY! #ReopenNC on Facebook has over 20K members since April 7. Open the state back up before you hurt more people. You obviously don't understand how your tyrannical rules are absolutely and unjustifiably overreaching by a huge margin. Please open the state and never agree to this type of forceful closure again.</p>
04/13/2020 06:21 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms. Deborah Fillman	<p>I am writing to support the reopening of our economy, immediately, but May 1st LATEST. The people have done their part, and we have learned how to socially distance voluntarily, and we already knew how to wash our hands! I understand this is a serious virus, but poverty is serious too! I have lost count of how many friends I know – small business owners – are desperate! They have told me they may not ever be able to reopen if this goes past May 1st. Some are single moms, others will lose everything they've spent their lifetime building. This would heap so much tragedy onto an already difficult situation, and I think it's needless! The numbers simply do NOT indicate continued lockdown is necessary. More and more evidence shows the virus is not spread widely by healthy or asymptomatic people, and short contact as happens in most business transactions doesn't do it either. If it did, grocery stores, big box stores, and other "essential" businesses would already be hotspots, and they are not. Sustained exposure in poorly ventilated spaces where people are in very close proximity puts people at risk. But the most at-risk people can stay home voluntarily! They already WERE, before the lockdown began! My daughter is asthmatic, and that's what we did, starting back in February! We take care of ourselves, and don't expect the gov't to use force to restrict our neighbors just because we are worried. That's OUR job, not yours. YOUR job is to protect our rights. I urge you to do everything you can to change the course of this state economically. If we don't act soon, the long-term</p>

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			<p>ramifications for all of us will be dire.</p> <p>On behalf of myself, and my three teenage daughters, all of whose lives are on hold, all of whom are suffering anxiety about their economic futures, I thank you.</p> <p>Deborah Fillman</p>
04/13/2020 06:26 PM	Education Working Group	Mrs Jessica Hult	<p>We (my family) agreed to do this self isolation for 30 days based on worst case scenario charts. The worst case scenario was greatly overplayed. 30 days is up next week; it's time to #reopenNC.</p> <p>Our business, and so many others are suffering horribly. We've eaten through our life savings keeping employees paid so they can eat- without any compensation. And now to find out NC ranks LAST in unemployment services?!?! Enough is enough. #reopenNC</p>
04/13/2020 06:26 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Linda Bunyan	ReOPEN NC. Small businesses need to reopen! Get our economy growing and strong!
04/13/2020 06:26 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Dan Belcher	<p>Sirs,</p> <p>"For evil men to accomplish their purpose, it is only necessary that good men do nothing." The veracity of that statement is profound and proven true time and again, regardless of where or when voiced in time or place.</p> <p>Please protect the freedoms our citizens and the Constitution of the United States.</p> <p>Here is precedent: This was the ruling of The United States Supreme Court shortly after the "civil war" in Ex parte Milligan, 71 U.S. 2 (1866) which yet stands to this day: " Neither the legislature nor any executive or judicial officer may disregard the provisions of the constitution in case of emergency.... " Section 98 therefore, ANYONE who declares the suspension of constitutionally guaranteed rights (to freely travel, peacefully assemble, earn a living, freely worship, etc.) and or attempts to enforce such suspension within 50 independent, sovereign, continental United States of America is making war against our constitution(s) and, therefore, we the people. They violate their constitutional oath and, thus, immediately forfeit their office and authority and their proclamations may be disregarded with impunity and that means ANYONE; even the governor and President.</p>
04/13/2020 06:27 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mrs Jean Lampley	<p>End the unconstitutional lockdown in NC now, not 2 weeks or a month from now.</p> <p>It must end now!</p> <p>All the models were wrong!</p> <p>This virus is no where near as deadly as the CDC, et al, claimed. Hospitals are empty. Nurses are being furloughed. What are we doing? This is insanity!</p>
04/13/2020 06:27 PM	Health Care Working Group	Mrs. Kristin Harvey	Nurses all over the state are speaking out about the fact that our healthcare system is actually UNDERwhelmed with Covid cases and that we have an overwhelming amount of open beds in our state. Nurses are being sent home due to lack of patients. NC is not NY and CA. Our situations are not the same. Reopen NC.
04/13/2020 06:28 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Judy Presnell	Discontinue the stay at home directive so people can go back to work and resume their lives. Balance is the key. Certainly we should wash our hands and stay home if we're sick, but to FORCE people into this infringes on freedom and needs to be stopped.
04/13/2020 06:28 PM	Education Working	Lisa Gerboth	If the schools are reopened before a vaccine is available, then the NC State Legislature

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04/13/2020 06:28 PM	Education Working Group	Lisa Gerboth	If the schools are reopened before a vaccine is available, then the NC State Legislature should let any family who wants to, sign their kids up for a Virtual school and the State should cover the cost. The Virtual school should be the choice of the parents as long as the child is doing work at the appropriate grade level and has adult supervision.
04/13/2020 06:33 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Reopen NC Ashley Bascur	It is time to reopen NC. This can be done responsibly and within healthy parameters but keeping the state closed indefinitely is doing more harm than the virus ever could!
04/13/2020 06:33 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Dennis Freeman	I am currently a essential employee of a large construction company. I have not been in contact with anyone with covid19 although we have honored the 6 feet zone around each person. No one on my jobsite has been sick. I think we should be opening N C to work as long as the 6 ft rule can be in place. We didn't have masks because they could not be purchased. Our company wanted the superintendents to buy disposable thermometers to take temperatures before working but we couldn't find those either. So that wouldn't work either ,so we just kept keeping our hands clean and stayed 6 Feet away as much as possible and we have had no problems with any sub contracting crews or workers. Those construction workers were many. I don't understand why ,with a little common sense as to how to proceed , why the workers in N C can't go back to work. Thank You for reading this letter.
04/13/2020 06:33 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Jennifer Blake	This foolishness needs to end now! I know many people who have been laid off and a few who are unable to get through on the unemployment website. I also have friends who have small businesses and they are feeling the burden this is causing on their finances to the point where they feel they won't be able to reopen. Also, this is an infringement on our constitutional rights and civil rights.
04/13/2020 06:33 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Christa Hutzler	We most REOPEN North Carolina! Actual COVID cases do not warrant devastating this economy even further! There have been less than 40 diagnoses cases in Buncombe County, that has a population of more than 260,000 people! Please end this ridiculous shutdown !
04/13/2020 06:36 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr. Ed Frye	NC needs to be reopened! Our livelihoods, freedoms, and rights have been taken away as a response to a virus. The extreme measures that were taken were not necessary to slow the spread of this virus. This is nothing more than a power-grab. It needs to be stopped.
04/13/2020 06:37 PM	Education Working Group	ReOpen NC Danielle White	I train horses and teach the public for a living. Not only I but the entire community is affected by this shut down. The state needs to allow us to open back up before more economic and mental damage is done to this community. People need to work. It is important we practice good hygiene and stay safe, but this has gone too far.
04/13/2020 06:37 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms Deborah Spears	I do not believe Dr Fauci is working for the good of the US. He and his group (Bill Gates) The Clinton's, Soros, WHO and More. It didn't take a lot of work to find that is this group is working to find a vaccine against Covo-19. Their literature also suggests that a chip be inserted with the vaccine or separately. Many of us believe all this was done on purpose to put the Democrats back in power who also support Gates et al. The Bible says a chip

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04/13/2020 06:38 PM	Economic Support Working Group		will be inserted in the end of days. Quite a few believe that is what is going on here. Open back North Carolina. Please and thank you.
04/13/2020 06:39 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Audrey Freeman	We are a free people, and while we appreciate the protection, it's time to let people make decisions for themselves. The solution was worse than the problem. I believe with social distancing guidelines we can open businesses back up. People's lives were destroyed because of the shutdown. At what cost? The government said it themselves, we are all probably going to get it at some point. Elderly can maintain distancing themselves while the healthy go back to work. It doesn't matter where people shop or what they do, we are always at risk. If people keep on with personal procedures and PPE we can still maintain the curve. We need to open NC back up
04/13/2020 06:40 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Joseph Franklin	Let's open the economy back up. This is crazy. We are ready to go back to work.
04/13/2020 06:41 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Stay at home order Kelsey Rusmisell	I believe we should have the stay at home order lifted. The virus will never "go away". It will die down. If people care for themselves and take the necessary precautions, we can go about normal life. The panic buying is out of control and making it hard for parents such as myself to get things they need for the children. Small businesses will never come back from this...
04/13/2020 06:41 PM	Education Working Group	Mrs Lisa Riggs	No forced vaccinations!!
04/13/2020 06:42 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Kristin Kidwell	I would like to know what you are doing for those of us that are sole proprietors that have been rejected for every type of financial assistance? If the Governor feels so strongly about destroying about our livelihoods which we've worked years for what is the plan to keep us all afloat? #reopenNC
04/13/2020 06:42 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mr Robert Gwiazdzinski	It is time to end the tyrannical reign of the governor and end all these restrictions on our god given freedoms. #ReOpenNC
04/13/2020 06:44 PM	Health Care Working Group	Test for antibodies Patricia Lorkiewicz	Are workers (especially healthcare workers), going to be tested for Covid-19 antibodies before going back to work ? I have worked in the dental field for over 30 years providing direct patient care, and am now also in the beauty industry (esthetician and nail tech). If we are not being tested? Or if I not have the antibodies, is it safe for me to return to work? And what PPE will we be required to wear ? Thank you.
04/13/2020 06:45 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Please lift restrictions William Jankowski	The data available does not support the overly restrictive measures in place and the trampling of the constitution. In Meck Co, there are 1.11 million people and 970 positive cases as of today. That means that 99.96 percent of the community is virus free, yet we are all locked down like a communist country. Balance that number of positive cases against the unemployment claims over the same time period... what is worse? Furthermore, collectively, we have done our part to slow the spread. At some point, people need to be responsible for their own health, own choices, and own level of risk aversion or acceptance and decide to what level they self-quarantine.

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			<p>Rather than relying on models (which have all far overstated the actual, real life outcome in modeled scenarios), it is time to examine what is actually happening - nurses across the state (including meck co) are losing hours and being furloughed due to lack of work, businesses and individuals are in financial ruin, depression and other mental health issues are at an all-time high (841 percent increase in call volume in the national crisis hotline in March) and the majority of this state are not sick.</p> <p>This is not sustainable and cannot continue beyond April. We have collectively done our part - enough is enough.</p>
04/13/2020 06:46 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Ms Tammy Pruiett	Closing Down Medical Offices is Not Gonna Make this Any Better , You Have people That are being Denied Medical Services Caused The Offices are Closed !!! So I Guess When they Really Get Sick and Pass Away, It will Be Because Of The Virus !!! Not To Mention People Losing there Jobs, And Fighting To Hang On !! What is Happening To is America is Far Worse Than The Virus !!
04/13/2020 06:46 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Aaron Polsgrove	The governor alone should not have the power to decree a quarantine. This should be reserved for the legislative. Please limit the governor's power so he cannot shut down the economy in the name of safety or any other reason.
04/13/2020 06:46 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Martha Elliott	<p>We are a NC National Guard family and we support reopening NC. Our community is suffering greatly and continued closure will crush small business. It is crushing our residential and commercial real estate rental business . We own 4 hair individual hair salons and 4 residential properties. We are only collecting 25% of our rents due. The medicines and knowledge is there to begin to let off the quarantine.</p> <p>Sincerely, M. Elliott</p>
04/13/2020 06:47 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Todd Hillyard	There is no need to continue to keep small businesses shut down. I believe that even 4/30 will be too late for so many hard working citizens of this fine state. I would encourage the legislature to vote to reopen businesses immediately and return our civil liberties. We need to continue to focus on protecting the elderly and high risk individuals but younger and healthy individuals can contribute to developing herd immunity which will be much more effective than the current approach.
04/13/2020 06:49 PM	Education Working Group	Maureen Rupert	Students need to get back to school both, public & private! Colleges need to open back up!
04/13/2020 06:49 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Ms Kathy Manring	Please reopen our state of NC back up. We need our jobs and our Church houses open to worship God and pray together for our Country to be healed.
04/13/2020 06:51 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Reopen NC Robert Carter	The restrictions on the small businesses and healthcare professionals, all in the name of COVID-19 are ridiculous. The State of NC needs to be reopened. Let us move on and get the economy back on its feet!
04/13/2020 06:53 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Customer Service Rep Donna Peterson	I think the quarantine and shut down of businesses needs to end. We all need small business for our small towns to survive.
04/13/2020 06:53 PM	Economic Support	JoAnne Watson	We need our state reopened

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04/13/2020 06:53 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Kara Henshaw	We demand you reopen NC. I think you are forgetting you work for US! We will not be told what we can do and where we can go.
04/13/2020 06:55 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Brad Oakley	Can I have my old Governor back!!!
04/13/2020 06:55 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr. John McMahon	Decisions on businesses and schools remaining closed needs to be made on a county by county basis. I live in Brunswick County, as of today's update from our county officials we have had 35 positive test results for COVID-19, of those 24 have recovered already. That means we have 11 people currently sick with COVID-19 symptoms, 11 out of a population of close to 150,000 in the county. The entire county, all businesses and schools do not need to close because of 11 sick people. Reopen the small businesses and schools in the counties with low infection rates.
04/13/2020 06:56 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Kathleen Lindsey	Please re-open the state! We can wear masks and keep our distance, but I am not working, and have no unemployment coming yet. We have all learned a lot about this virus, and know the precautions.
04/13/2020 06:57 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Cathy Thomas	May 1st REOPEN NC!! We are tired of having the Constitution trampled because some people are getting sick. Our forefathers did not make it ok to throw the Constitution out the window because we have a pandemic. Stop government overreach!!
04/13/2020 07:00 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Irene Abbott	Please reopen business as before and advise those with compromised immunity to quarantine until it is safe. This makes our state able to bounce back without undue hardship.
04/13/2020 07:00 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Scott Harris	The State of North Carolina needs to get back to work. The Governor's response to the Chinese Wuhan Virus (CWV) has crippled our state and its citizens. Free, law-abiding, productive citizens have been subjected to unconstitutional restrictions that prohibit their movement and ability to earn a living in order to support their families. As of this writing, there have been 4816 confirmed cases and 86 deaths of the CWV. The population of NC is 10,500,000. That equates to 0.00045% of the population being infected and 0.000008% deaths of the population. For this, the entire state is forced to suffer. Guilford County, which has the highest number of infections has FIVE people hospitalized for the CWV. This is ridiculous!
04/13/2020 07:01 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Diana Zeni	We need NC to open up immediately. This closure is not justified by the numbers we are seeing in the hospitals. Our economy is collapsing. So many small businesses on the brink. Please help us to support our small businesses. They are the backbone of our economy. We need them!
04/13/2020 07:06 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Debra Smith	What are you doing to put in place to open the state back up by May 1? We cannot continue to be held in limbo. Jobs and lives - yes lives from things other than covid-19 are in danger. The effects of this will be worse than the disease itself. Perhaps you should talk to medical experts about the 'herd mentality' and get input from those who aren't 'yes men.' What are we doing to make sure that the COD showing covid-19 are only cases where the person tested positive for covid-19 not conjecture and scare tactics? With all the statistics being thrown at us that continue to be nowhere near as bad as what we are

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			told I am having a hard time believing this is anything more than the government exerting power it does not have constitutionally over its citizens. I, as well as many others I know, are not one bit hesitant about going back to work as soon as tomorrow- being safe. Saying that 'parking lot' church services where cars and the people in them are distanced more than 6 ft apart is insane. Definitely see law suits coming. I know I will be told the state has enhanced unemployment benefits. Well- 1st it's almost impossible to use the site from what I have heard because of all those you have put out of work trying to get some relief and 2nd who is paying for this? Oh wait it's us. I have heard there is a bill that will be proposed that 2/3 of the legislature needs to vote in favor of a state of emergency. You, Gov Cooper, are the reason this is needed. You have overstepped and overreached your authority.
04/13/2020 07:08 PM	Economic Support Working Group	We need to work Amanda Perry	I am a salon owner and I need to go back to work! We can do one person at a time and wear a mask! We can not go any longer without money!
04/13/2020 07:10 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Kathleen Sharpe	My husband and I own four small businesses. Our income - and that of the six people who depend on us for their income - has taken a huge hit. The EIDL and PPP loans haven't materialized for us. But why should we be depending on a government handout? Why should we have to resort to unemployment and food pantries? There's not but 313 people needing hospitalization in our state. It's QUITE clear that the numbers were overblown and the model is completely faulty. Governor Cooper MUST rescind the emergency orders. There will be civil action forthcoming if he doesn't. He should be paying for this out of his own pocket rather than posting cute cat pictures on social media.
04/13/2020 07:15 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Lewis McCloud	I am submitting this statement asking for you to do all you can to get this state moving by May 1. We are not under a dictatorship confined by house arrest closing business and asking/telling people what they can do and not do. This is the United States of America where the freedom of speech, religion access to different things has been restricted or forbidden by local authorities even so much as giving a person a ticket for surfing by himself during non curfew hours by a policeman who is following orders of government official. I served 23 years in the military fighting for our rights of freedom and our constitution only to see it being taken away by power hungry government officials. If the number of sick and dying people were 4 or 5 percent of the 10 million North Carolinians then I would be concerned but it is less than 2%. We are adults who can wear mask and work, we are even told we can't buy certain items because they are non essential> . And preventing and arresting people performing their religious obligations is a direct violation of the constitution. Open this state back up by May 1st or people will start opening it up for you.
04/13/2020 07:15 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Arise Fitness LLC Katherine Gonzalez	Please reopen North Carolina so we can get back to work and regain control of the economy! I would NEVER sacrifice my freedoms for a small amount of safety, or even a great amount of safety and I KNOW there are so many other North Carolinians who feel the same way! Small business owners have worked hard to keep their businesses alive and thriving over the years, people have worked hard for the homes they own, land they own, cars they own, etc and would hate to see that all stripped away. This isn't about materialism. It is about a sense of pride for the things we have worked our tails off for! PLEASE reopen NC. Focus on keeping the immuno-compromised and elderly safe while allowing NC to thrive!
04/13/2020 07:15 PM	Economic Support	Mr Jonathan Gatewood	Based on the numbers that are being reported, of cases of covid 19, and deaths

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04/13/2020 07:17 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mr. Van Williams	As a resident of NC and a tax paying voter, I am requesting that the unconstitutional restrictions on businesses and individuals be removed immediately. I have the right to assemble peacefully. I am prepared to vote to remove any elected official who is supportive of these restrictions continuing. REOPEN NC
04/13/2020 07:19 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Carl Price	We need to reopen our state and small businesses. Come up with common sense ideas for freedom of movement and assembly. The numbers do not support the loss of our freedoms. The estimates given have been significantly over estimated at every level and are no longer valid justification. I actually fought on the front lines for all our freedoms in the middle east and numerous other places. I understand the need for safety but the one size fits all method imposed by the Govenor, impinge on our basic rights. I do not want to have wasted 30 years of my life defending our freedoms for career politicians to take them away.
04/13/2020 07:20 PM	Education Working Group	Testing for Homeschoolers Racquel Mabry	<p>Hello,</p> <p>First, I would like to thank you for your service to our great state! I have some questions about standardized testing this year. I saw that the federal government has approved North Carolina's request not to enforce standardized testing for this school year. I also saw that this could apply to students in private schools as well. So, this could affect public and private school children grades 3-12. In North Carolina, homeschooled students must start standardized testing in 1st grade and turn those results in to the state every year. I would like to ask for homeschool testing requirements to be waived this school year as well. This is state law and not federal, and I am unsure of who to ask. Our lives have been disrupted just like everyone else's. Our homeschool groups are cancelled, field trips are cancelled, rec league sports are no more, we can't meet in our churches to worship, and there are parents whose jobs are in limbo. We are all living through this crisis together.</p> <p>"Neither students nor teachers need to be focused on high-stakes tests during this difficult time," U.S. Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos said in a news release Friday. "Students are simply too unlikely to be able to perform their best in this environment."</p> <p>I agree with Mrs. DeVos and I think the same of our state's homeschooled students. I was unsure of who to ask and if you know of a contact person, would you mind shooting me their information when you have the time?</p> <p>Thank you, Racquel Mabry</p>
04/13/2020 07:22 PM	Health Care Working Group	Ms Tami Kinman	For Covid 19 committee ...we the people are quickly loosing not only the faith we had previously lost in media but the little faith we had left in healthcare to have our true best interest in mind ...we are not blind ...and government is a part of us all ...NC be brave do the right thing ...I don't need to tell you what the right thing is
04/13/2020 07:26 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms. Tammy Rowland	North Carolina has made amazing sacrifices to flatten the curve. Now we need to go back to work !

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04/13/2020 07:27 PM	Education Working Group	Mrs. Ashley Rinehart	As a former NC public school teacher, I would love to see this academic year salvaged by kids getting back to school by May 15, as the governor said, if not before. Distance learning was a good effort, but it is NOT what is best for our students or their families. NC has fared well with this virus, and we do not need a dramatic, extended lockdown, as some states may need.
04/13/2020 07:28 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Attorney Ralph E. "Steve" Stevenson	<p>Greetings Committee Members and fellow concerned citizens,</p> <p>Thank you for this opportunity to be heard at this pivotal time in our State. I write briefly, and on my own accord, to state my sincere concern for the many business owners in the industries my practice serves. In that spirit of brevity I submit for your consideration the following:</p> <p>I have fielded multiple inquiry from small businesses in the sub-prime loan industry , and the questions of how they should conduct their businesses during this pandemic. Chiefly, they need statutory guidance in areas concerning underwriting, collections, and defaults. From fundamentals such as; 1. Verification of income for applicants, 2. How to conduct "safe" closings, 3. Temporarily waiving restrictions for in-home closings, to include Motor Vehicle Sales and associated Retail Installment Sales Contracts. 4. Clarification of restrictions on collection activities to include asset recovery and repossession.</p> <p>Many direct lenders can provide anecdotal examples of some consumers abusing the pandemic to avoid contractual obligations, this minority of debtors needs defining, and creditors need statutory guidance in order to prevent untenable losses. Yes, these lenders recognize the risk they took with this particular consumer class, but that risk was calculated before the pandemic. Many subprime lenders have proactively extended, deferred, and modified loans for the majority of their client base. They are also experiencing some client's ignoring those offers, and the resulting defaults are far exceeding pre-pandemic projections, exacerbated by a looming sense of regulatory and civil reprisal if standard collection activities were resumed . No one I have spoken with has any desire to repossess a vehicle from a family negatively impacted by consequences of this pandemic, however everyone I have spoken with has no desire to allow an individual to use the pandemic as an excuse to ignore their contractual obligations. These small businesses need a default defined, and those debtors meeting that definition need to be exempt from otherwise applicable protections of any Executive Order or NCGS 75 actions that would normally be found in Unfair Debt Collection statutes.</p> <p>Independent (Used Car) Motor Vehicle Dealers are in a similar quandry. In several Counties, and especially Mecklenburg, auto sales have been considered non-essential, while auto parts, and service are essential. Due to provisions within Chapter 20, Sub Chapter 12 and NC DMV Motor Vehicle Regulations expressly deny operation of a related business on the same premises of an Independent Dealer, this has effectively allowed ONLY Franchise (New Car) Dealers to remain open. Unlike New Car Dealers, a Used Car Dealer cannot operate a service and parts facility open to the public at the same facility licensed as a Independent Dealership.</p> <p>Many Pandemic Executive Orders, to include the NC Governors Order promote On-Line and Remote automobile sales. In NC, it is time honored and good legislation that ALL</p>

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			<p>automobile sales transactions between a Dealer and a Consumer are commenced from the licensed location, and finalized at the licensed location. NCGA 20-292 states limits of display, and allows home display at consumer request only, and this exception does not provided for actual sale or delivery at the consumer's home. Yes, in my opinion, several national corporations have business models that currently subvert these statutory limitations by utilizing Interstate contracting laws and conducting sales from multiple Out of State dealerships. I have personally represented single point NC Independent dealers who have faced suspension, fines, and revocation for similar acts.</p> <p>NC Motor Vehicle Dealers need safe harbor and temporary waiver of these restrictions on trade during the pandemic, and retroactive to March 1st, 2020 when it became necessary to operate in this alternative manner. Dealers further need retroactive safe harbor and waiver for time sensitive submission of documents to NC DMV. Titling documents are severely delayed due to slower funding, limited access to floor plan lenders and subsequent release of titles, as well as limited staffing at Dealerships and NC DMV. This would include extending the validity of "30 day temporary markers" to a reasonable time considering the pandemic.</p> <p>Notary witness and verification of Identity requirements need temporary waiver for true "In-Person" verification. Title documents, odometer disclosures, and Power of Attorney are necessary to be signed in "wet ink" for validity. Temporarily waiving the "In-Person" requirement and implementing a multi-stage video witness and verification of identity with strict and limited standards is needed to safely conduct business remotely for any documentation requiring notary services. The Courts have amply modified Notary requirements for civil litigation purposes but our Sec. of State has determined any other modification requires Legislative action. I urge you to do so.</p> <p>Lastly, I have had multiple inquiry from Property Management businesses concerned with a need for guidance on collections and evictions. Primarily in the affordable rental category, and similar to the concerns of sub-prime lenders referenced earlier. Affordable rental properties, not subsidized by State or Federal programs, are literally providing housing for some tenants that would otherwise be homeless. Many do not qualify for the subsidized housing due to Federal Statutes and underwriting regulations restricting availability due to prior criminal history, poor rental/credit history, and listing on various responsible individual/offender registries. Many property management groups have proactively addressed opportunities for deferment, rent reduction, or recasting leases to assist their market rate and affordable rental tenants, but some have experienced tenants who are aware of the current hold on evictions, and many landlords have anecdotal examples of tenants who have indicated they have no intention of paying rent until they are evicted. Property Management businesses need an underwriting guideline to address those tenants who misuse this pandemic. Civil remedies once the courts resume evictions are often empty judgments and may be to late to save a small landlord's income producing investment from foreclosure.</p> <p>I initiated these comments stating brevity, and I will honor that intent. If You desire any expansion on any of these concerns do not hesitate to contact me. My personal email is resteve62@gmail.com . For purposes of disclosure I am the Managing Attorney for S & P</p>

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			<p>Law. I currently serve on the NC Human Relations Commission. I currently represent several Independent Auto Dealers in Petitions for Review of Administrative Hearings concerning license revocations. None of those civil actions would be affected by adoption of any of these above recommendations,. I served as a Legislative and Operations Officer at NC DMV prior to the current Administration, and I have previously served as an Auto Industry expert consultant to NC Legal Aid, US DOJ Civil Rights Div, Consumer Section, and multiple Consumer and Auto Dealer organizations.</p> <p>I wish you all safety and good health in your deliberations and consideration of these and many more important issues before you. I have great faith the Legislature will insure that The Citizens of this State are first and foremost in their decisions.</p>
04/13/2020 07:30 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Open up businesses Justin Glacken	Please open businesses back up so we hopefully do not have any long term economic impacts from this. More people are struggling due to financial impacts rather than health impacts.
04/13/2020 07:31 PM	Education Working Group	Mrs. Bethany Clark	I am a home school teacher as well as a mother that also has 2 children in the public school system. It is my strong opinion that we should not be required to have testing for this 2020 year. Not only are we in the same proverbial school boat as the public school- we have lost revenue and income that we typically use to pay for testing that we we won't have this year. This decision needs to be made across the board.
04/13/2020 07:34 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Wayne Pinnix	It's time to open North Carolina and it's businesses back up. This virus is not going away and before everything was shut down there were very few getting infected.
04/13/2020 07:34 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Melissa Young	#ReopenNC
04/13/2020 07:35 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mrs Michelle Boyce	<p>There is no evidence to support that we arent past the peak. There is no evidence to support isolation of healthy people instead of just the at risk people. You are destroying our economy with decisions based on failed models. Your jobs are safe while hard working people are struggling to feed families and keep small businesses afloat. You cannot hide your agendas in today's digital communication world. This is overreach into constitutionally protected rights and we do not consent. My body, my choice - including whether I choose to risk contracting a virus with a 98% recovery rate and the benefit of natural immunity. The very best thing we can be doing for our at risk population is spreading this virus through every low risk individual to gain herd immunity. Staying home is damaging the herd.</p> <p>Do your homework and do the right thing. Reopen NC.</p> <p>https://theemfguy.com/blog/coronavirus/</p> <p>https://uncoverdc.com/2020/04/06/the-curve-is-already-flat/</p>
04/13/2020 07:35 PM	Education Working Group	End of year testing Amy Allen	Please consider waiving standardized testing to homeschool children as well for this current academic school year.
04/13/2020 07:36 PM	Education Working Group	Ms Susan Lomax	Please! For our students...let them go back to school before the end of the 2019-2020 school year! They need some structure back and our Seniors need a chance to have last couple of weeks at high school! I beg you as a parent of a Senior to please, please

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04/13/2020 07:39 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Tim Boyce	consider my request! Thank you! The shut down is killing the states farming industry, food service industry, and overall economic growth. The virus is not as bad as first predicted,It may be very hard on people with breathing difficulties and other underlying conditions but not any more unbearable than the common flu. We need to get the state open back up so we can recover the economy as best we can as quickly as we can. This hurts every industry in the state. Unemployment is at an all-time high, and this cannot be tolerated. These draconian laws need to be reversed immediately. I'm sure the voters will show you in which direction they want to go in November. Especially the governor, he must be removed from office. Infringement on the peoples rightsUnder any condition is totally unconstitutional, federal and state. Have a good day
04/13/2020 07:40 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ryan Hergert	Reopen the economy now.
04/13/2020 07:43 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Dr. Jeffrey Blair	As a citizen and business owner in North Carolina I respectfully request that you pass a bill in the legislature to override Governor Cooper's closing of businesses and stay at home order! The models that he is using are wrong and have been wrong all along. The numbers don't add up! This was to be a temporary solution to slow the spread of the virus to prevent overwhelming the hospitals. The hospitals are not overwhelmed and the virus has not spread as the models predicted! It is time to open North Carolina! Many epidemiologist are coming forward saying that a continuation of shelter in place will inevitably make the virus worse in the fall! We must begin building a herd immunity now to prevent that. Again, I respectfully request that you pass a bill to get North Carolinians back to work. The economic ramifications of this shut down will be tremendous! Jeffrey Blair, PhD
04/13/2020 07:46 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Angela Cannon	First I will begin to say that what is happening in our country is unconstitutional. We have liberties which are slowly but surely being taken away from us. While you think it may go unnoticed, it is not. Over stepping government reach is awakening a sleeping giant. The effects of government over reach will be far more harmful and consequential than Covid-19. While keeping the state closed down, you are creating poverty, panic, depression, sadness, anger, fear, anxiousness, distress, heartache and agitation. The people of N.C., the people of the United States is being put into a position of fight or flight. We have homes, businesses, jobs and families to protect. Treating is like wild animals incapable of thinking for ourselves, will not have a good outcome at all.
04/13/2020 07:47 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Russell Lichtenstein	Stop picking winners and losers and let companies come up with a plan, rather than depending on bailouts. Open up the economy before it's too late!
04/13/2020 07:49 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Diane Colyer	We need to get back to work. These limitations are causing other issues worse than the virus. Take temperature and smell test and let us get back to work.
04/13/2020 07:49 PM	Economic Support Working Group	James Gebhardt	Opening the illegal closing of Dare county. The restrictions to the county ore draconian.
04/13/2020 07:51 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr. Dick Toomey	Get business back to work by adopting smart procedures. Use common sense, including testing, sanitary procedures, working environment. Places like COSTCO, Home Depot,

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04/13/2020 07:51 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Janie Garris	The State of North Carolina should not be holding people hostage. It's time to let people go back to work. Older residents like myself know to be careful, and the younger generation are hurting. Ease up on the guidelines.
04/13/2020 07:54 PM	Health Care Working Group	Mrs. Cindy Sallis	WI-38, MRC-5, and WALVAX-2 are three amongst many names given by the scientific community to unborn dissected babies typically utilized as growth mediums for vaccines. As a Christian, I cannot and will not inject dog kidney dna (like exists in a current flu shot), aborted baby female or male dna, nor any other animal into my children or myself. I am thankful for the conscience protections that exist in our great state of North Carolina by way of the religious exemption. I ask that you please fervently protect this exemption for the sake of families like ours. Our parental rights, medical bodily autonomy, and religious freedom must not be sacrificed to fear and temporary bad seasons in our state. Praying each of you do the right thing and protect us from any medical mandate that does not respect our freedom of religion also. Ultimately, as a parent, I MUST please God before man. Thank you.
04/13/2020 07:54 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Amy Pinion	NC cannot sustain long term closure. Small business need your help. Reopen NC with physical distancing rules in place. Stop Roy Cooper from infringing on our First Amendment Rights.
04/13/2020 07:54 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Re Open Businesses Wesley Waitman	The reckless and illogical economic shut down should end immediately. We need to take a common sense approach to stopping the virus while still allowing businesses to operate. Your constituents will not forget how you cowered in the face of adversity.
04/13/2020 07:55 PM	Health Care Working Group	Kristen Yoxall	No COVID 19 vaccine mandates! Don't let fear dictate policies. We are a FREE democratic country not a Totalitarian society!! Uphold our constitutional rights!
04/13/2020 07:56 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Ms Eva Clontz	Open the state back up by May1 I support the governor's shelter in place, social distancing, and other measures to combat coronavirus. Please be conservative to keep us safe and not be sorry by re-opening too soon.
04/13/2020 07:56 PM	Economic Support Working Group	H Don Mills, Jr	All business should be allowed to open by May 1
04/13/2020 08:04 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Katherine Gatewood	Our state needs to be opened back up completely now!!! It is our constitutional right to work , to go to church. Our state should never have been closed down. Compare the numbers of the corona virus to the number of cases of H1N1 in 2009! Massive difference! Did we close down then? No! The damage to our economy and small businesses is done! Open up North Carolina now!!

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04/13/2020 08:05 PM	Health Care Working Group	Reopen NC Keli Cable	It is time to get NC working again. The data does not support a lockdown of this magnitude. It is also extremely concerning that our First Amendment rights are being ignored. Reopen North Carolina no later than April 30th. Thank you.
04/13/2020 08:05 PM	Education Working Group	Open NC Back Up! Amber Bell	This shut down has permanently damaged do many people's lives. And we have passed the panic point (if there ever really was one) in this virus. It is time to OPEN NC BACK UP! Let griwn adults choose whether they want to deal with the minimal risk involved and going out to the store, going out to the park, or going to work, and they can choose to stay home and forgo those things. The rest of North Carolina needs to get back on track and we need to be able to go back to work, go back to school and go back to the parks. At some point business and people will choose to disobey this and simply overwhelmed the justice system to the point where you don't have enough people to give out tickets and fines/citations.
04/13/2020 08:07 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Cassandra Riggin	The current ban in Dare County seems unreasonable in that it target only one group of homeowners. "Residents" are free to leave Dare Co, visit other states and reenter as they like, out of town (even country) workers are allowed in, but at paying home owners are not able to self quarantine in their own home. Add to this that the bubble this has created among locals has given them a false sense of security and daily they are gathering, ignoring safe social distancing protocols because they there has not been a consistent focus on best practices. All media has been instead focused on keeping NRHO out. With no end date in site DC officials who consistently site "lack of resources" should be focused on developing an action plan to expand care if the need arises. I understand these are extraordinary times but exactly how long can the County of Dare keep me from a home that I pay mortgage, utility bills, and taxes on.? If they would like to purchase our property via eminent domain, great, if not we expect to be allowed access in the near future or I imagine the lawsuits will keep coming.
04/13/2020 08:08 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Randy Splawn	We need to reopen N.C. now.
04/13/2020 08:09 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Pam Andler	The economic impact of this persistent quarantine will be far more deadly than the covid 19 disease. Lives lost via despair and suicide or violence. Resultant poverty and hunger. Lost wages jobs and retirements!! Health issues such as dependency and addiction from stress and anxiety, heart attacks, and high blood pressure as well As many other co morbid risks will Rise. The satanist is do not support the ongoing government action! The cure is worse than the disease. Re open Wilmington! Reopen the state! By not doing so you are complicit in the destruction of lives— far more than covid 19 will be !!!
04/13/2020 08:11 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Shana Deitrick	Reopen the state. The numbers don't support this, it is hurting families and community members. -sequestering the very young, elderly and sickly, while allowing the strong to go out and back to life to build antibodies and protect our weak is the safest option. Quarantine a for sick people. There are approximately 10 million+ healthy people in this state that have been locked down for 3k cases. Please reopen the state. You're hurting everyone, not protecting us, and it sets a dangerous precedent.

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04/13/2020 08:13 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Concerned about shut down Janet Kallsen	I am concerned about Gov Cooper trampling our rights with this shut down. The numbers no longer support the shut down and it's time for NC to reopen. I am a voting constituent of Davidson County. I
04/13/2020 08:13 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Tannis Boswell	Please reopen NC at the first of May!
04/13/2020 08:15 PM	Health Care Working Group		This has gone on long enough. Our state needs to get back to work, not ruin our economy to prevent the spread of a virus that is spreading anyway.
04/13/2020 08:16 PM	Economic Support Working Group	H. Clon	Reopen NC immediately. These draconian measures are out of control & the government is stripping away our liberties illegally. We have constitutional rights!
04/13/2020 08:16 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Stacy Kennedy	#ReopenNC !!!
04/13/2020 08:16 PM	Education Working Group	Homeschooling Mom Sarah Smith	It has been brought to my attention that the end of year testing has been waived for 2020 for the NC public school students. According to the information I have been able to find online, homeschoolers are still required to test. The standardized test that I had originally signed my son up for has now been canceled due to Covid-19 and soci distancing rules. Many homeschooling families have seen a decrease in their income since covid-19, making it difficult to purchase standardized test for their students this year. For these reasons, I would like to see testing waived for ALL NC students. Thank you for all you are doing on our behalf.
04/13/2020 08:17 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group		Please stop allowing governor Cooper to run our state. Stand up for the citizens of NC.
04/13/2020 08:19 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Charles Patterson	Please open up our state for work in all areas ASAP. We need to gp back to work now.
04/13/2020 08:21 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr. James Thompson	The Governor and our Legislative branch need to work together and understand this virus is going to run its course just like all others do. We should be looking at our state just like the Country looks at its states. Rural areas are as different as metropolitan areas as NY is different than NC. Cleveland County is different than Mecklenburg just as Watauga is to Forsyth. The governor should not be holding small rural towns to the same rules and regulation as Mecklenburg. Small businesses in rural areas where there is not a huge outbreak are damaged much more than those in metropolitan areas as customer bases are much smaller and chances of recovering are less likely. Pleas use common sense decision making and not based on what side of the aisle you sit. Sincerely, James Thompson, Cleveland County, NC
04/13/2020 08:24 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working	Discrimination of Rights Andrew Lovette	I am a young concerned citizen in Southeastern NC and the situation in which our state and country is in is truly devastating to me. The devastating aspect for me is not the virus itself; while COVID-19 is in fact a serious virus that has taken the lives of thousands of wonderful people, there are other viruses that this country faces everyday that claims lives

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	Group		<p>in even higher numbers and comparable mortality rates. The devastating aspect to me is that my rights have been trampled on by my elected officials. I am the son of a pastor in Wilmington. Yesterday, I watched him deliver a powerful Easter message to an empty building while streaming his message online. Churches are considered "essential businesses", yet they are limited to 10 people. Another business such as the grocery store can have many more, now 20% of the fire code and before they were not restricted on the number of customers at all. That is pure religious discrimination and blatant disregard for my first amendment right of free exercise of religion and I am appalled that none of my state legislators have challenged this. I do not believe that any limit of people in a gathering is necessary; however in that area alone there is more than enough evidence of religious discrimination. There are also so many thousands of businesses owners who want to open back up and serve our community but cannot and are losing their business and potentially their homes and way of life altogether thanks solely to the restrictions imposed by the state. I do believe that this virus must be taken seriously, but we as Americans are more than capable of social distancing and practicing good hygiene on our own. Another issue is what constitutes an emergency. While again this virus is a serious problem, many of our counties still have less than even 50 cases. I see very little reason to call this an emergency with the amount infected in our state. Other states with higher numbers may, but I am concerned that if a state of emergency was called for this, it could be called for almost any sickness to infect even small portions of our state. I urge my general assembly to put an end to and lift these unnecessary restrictions, put trust back in the great and resourceful citizens of North Carolina, and enact laws that will protect and prevent our economy and rights from ever being trampled on again, even in troubling situations.</p> <p>Respectfully, Andrew Lovette</p>
04/13/2020 08:25 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Wendy Konig	Please open the state ASAP. We've flattened the curve, NC numbers are great (hospitalizations, death rate, medical readiness). What are we waiting on? Put proper precautions in place to protect those that need it (elderly, comorbidities, etc). Let the rest of us get back to work to take care of those that need it! Thank you so much.
04/13/2020 08:25 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Open NC Kayla Seabolt	I understand the precedent of covid-19. With that being said, the government can NOT withstand the entire human race being unemployed. The government funding will cease to exist if the shut down continues. #reopennc
04/13/2020 08:26 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Katherine Broce	As a registered nurse currently working in an ICU, it is my opinion that each county needs to be responsible for any further stay at home orders. Not every community impacted as badly as some, if at all, nor is every hospital reaching max capacity and being overwhelmed. It's time to begin to open our economy back up, or the consequences of a prolonged shutdown will be far more reaching and dire than the virus itself.
04/13/2020 08:26 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mr. William Bencker	Please protect the elderly with extreme precautions. Provide warning and continued guidelines for those with heightened risks. Get the children back in school so they can defeat this virus as nature intended. And bring back our economy and work to incentivize robotic manufacturing so we can add more higher paying jobs and close the Chinese slave labor down.
04/13/2020 08:29 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Reopen NC Angela Ellis	We cannot continue to have our right to work be taken away. The cost of shutdown far outweighs the cost of the virus. The decisions made by Governor Cooper are based on

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04/13/2020 08:32 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Karen Hinson	limited and spotty data at best and they are a violation of his constituent's rights. The state should allow relaxation of quarantine laws starting May 1 st. Restaurants and other stores should be opened. You can suggest people wear masks and stay 6 feet apart but things can not stayed closed much longer. You risk people's mental health and financial security. Basing all this on predictions is wrong,
04/13/2020 08:33 PM	Economic Support Working Group	MSgt USMC/ret Robert Nichols	#reopenNC NOW
04/13/2020 08:34 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Jennifer Dorton	While I appreciate the need to have a well reasoned response to the COVID-19 crisis, we cannot allow that response to continue past April 30. The gov't basically has a one month period to try and control the spread of the virus; however, the gov't should not mandate a lockdown for multiple months. Businesses have to reopen or the economic and other unintended consequences (e.g. domestic abuse, suicide, lost educational opportunities) of the shutdown will be overly harmful to the citizens of our state. There will be a second wave of COVID infections once restrictions are lifted (and that should be expected), but opening the state to 'normal' business at a later time period is just kicking the can down the road. Some measures are needed, such as keeping visitors from nursing homes and other places with a high concentration of vulnerable members of the population. But we can't stop life, business, and commerce until a vaccine is developed as that could take years. North Carolinians should have the choice, and the freedom to make the choice, as to wether or not they remain sheltered after April 30. This should not be dictated to them by oppressive government actions.
04/13/2020 08:36 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mrs Debra Patora	Our state needs to reopen. A Republic Government has no right to tell it's citizens it can't leave their homes. We have the right to travel and move about freely. Thousands of people are out of work. This stay at home order was a complete overreach. Pender County is sending home nurses because the census is down. Even the hospitals in Charlotte are sending nurses home due to low census and that's the hardest hit county. Enough already. Get our small businesses up and running. We elected you to make good decisions and it's time to deliver. There are plenty of ways to keep the most vulnerable safe while the rest of us go about our business. Open up NC
04/13/2020 08:37 PM	Health Care Working Group	Alyson Delinsky	No mandatory Covid-19 vaccines. No mandatory vaccines. Open back up our economy.
04/13/2020 08:37 PM	Economic Support Working Group	President Micah Baxter	Please open back up our economy
04/13/2020 08:38 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mrs Jessica Wooten	As a concerned NC voter I vehemently oppose the continued shutdown of our state and the Unconstitutional orders in place. The data does not support the actions taken by our state government. As an American i have inalienable rights recognized by the Constitution granted by my Creator and these orders and arrests are in direct violation. As our representative, what are you doing to get NC back to work? We need to #reopennc now. Action taken now will directly influence how I vote in November. We demand our rights!

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04/13/2020 08:39 PM	Economic Support Working Group	H Maddox	Reopen NC
04/13/2020 08:40 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Denise Turner	I am concerned should the current shelter in place order continue past May, our economy might never be able to recover. I feel that essentials rules for business is picking and choosing who will come through this pandemic unscathed. I feel it is my responsibility to deem what is essential for my family's needs. It is not the responsibility of the government.
04/13/2020 08:41 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Wayne Roan	North Carolina needs to reopen for business with the necessary restrictions ASAP. As the government continues to quote models which have proven to be at least 33% wrong on projections, they are killing the small businesses in this state. With our expanded healthcare knowledge and capacity in this state, you would think we could find a solution for both health and economic safety for all North Carolinians. Please address why hospitals in this state are half-full with nurses being called out and we are 43rd in the nation in virus outbreak but our governmental leaders are still quoting inaccurate models as reasons to remain closed.
04/13/2020 08:41 PM	Economic Support Working Group	COVID19 Elizabeth Snow	Great job to the state of NC representatives! Thank you for a great response to COVID-19. Let's get our economy going again. Instead of extending quarantine-require face masks for all and start to open non essential businesses back up. Maintain social distance, curfew, doctors but no elective surgeries, limit shoppers in retail businesses (do not limit hours), no dining in restaurants-take out only, no large gatherings, etc. Everyone must wear masks though!
04/13/2020 08:41 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Janet Presson, R.N., M.Ed.	Reopen NC immediately!!!!!! The COVID-19 data does NOT support keeping our small businesses closed for another day! We own several short term vacation rentals in the mountains and we are watching our business and local restaurants, bars, etc, destroyed by this shutdown. I will NOT vote for a single incumbent who supports the continued shutdown!
04/13/2020 08:42 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group		Reopen North Carolina. This quarantine is unconstitutional. This is hurting our economy and future generations.
04/13/2020 08:42 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Jill Grimm	Please make it possible and easier for all to vote by mail. Democracy depends on everyone having a voice and during this time of health crisis, people shouldn't have to choose between their health and their vote.
04/13/2020 08:44 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Teresa BLAKE	Please open back up out state. If someone is afraid to go out then let them stay home. I am a single female who has to pay for my home, car and bills. I have a small craft business and this helps supplement my income. I must be able to do shows and craft fairs

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			to sell my merchandise so I can pay my bills and also support the other local businesses. If we can't open the state back up then the governor and all the other politicians should go on unemployment and survive.
04/13/2020 08:44 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Hal Stewart	Open our business and allow us to practice precautions, We can protect the vulnerable and save of futures!
04/13/2020 08:50 PM	Education Working Group	Dr. Mike McDaniel	I am dismayed that we have an executive order that limits the number of people that are allowed at our houses of worship and that there seems to be no limit on the number of people that are allowed at businesses. I understand this may have started out as an attempt to slow the spread of Covid-19 but it is now time that we allow people to get back to houses of worship. It appears that this is yet another attempt to grab power away from the people of North Carolina.
04/13/2020 08:50 PM	Health Care Working Group		Please allow us to build up true, natural herd immunity through exposure to the virus. Let our children go back to school so that they can be nature's booster shots. Vaccines kill. If you mandate a vaccine, people will flee the state, as they have fled CA and NY to come here.
04/13/2020 08:50 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Unconstitutional Carla Reavis	https://https://youtu.be/IGC5sGdz4kg #REOPENNC
04/13/2020 08:50 PM	Health Care Working Group	Mrs Ashley Van Dyke	As a Christian, I believe wholeheartedly in the text within my Bible. Exodus 20:13, Leviticus 18:21 & 20:2-5, Deuteronomy 12:30-32, 18:10, 2 Kings 16:3, and Psalm 106:38 illustrate that all child sacrifice is condemned with no exception clauses allowing for the greater good or public exception clauses found anywhere in the sacred scriptures. WI-38, MRC-5, and WALVAX-2 are just three among many names given by the scientific community to aborted babies who are typically utilized for vaccines. I am thankful for the protections in our great state of North Carolina via the religious exemption. I ask that you please vigorously protect this exemption for the sake of families like ours. Our parental rights, medical bodily autonomy, and religious freedom must not be sacrificed to fear and temporary bad seasons in our state and nation. Fear should never dictate policy! I am praying each of you do the right thing and uphold our medical and religious freedoms. Ultimately as a Christian, I must and WILL submit to God before I please the world.
04/13/2020 08:50 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Robert Vinson	This virus has stopped the work I do and for a lot of other people. I believe we should open the economy up slowly and keep a social distance at all times.
04/13/2020 08:51 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Rev. Jim Hunsucker	We need to ease out of this shutdown. Start today!
04/13/2020 08:53 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Time to Reopen Dean Grubbs	In the beginning our Country was looking at a highly contagious virus and 8-10% death rate in hardest hit areas. Since then the Pandemic has gone global and we know who is most vulnerable and the vast population whose greatest risk is mild symptoms. It is time to reopen businesses, restaurants and Churches. The virus is already on the decline but most must be free to live life like normal people even though that comes with many risks both known and unknown. No one wants to see their favorite gathering place out of

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			business. Loneliness, grief, alcohol and drug addiction, and loss of employment can quickly dwarf COVID-19 in terms of treatment costs and deaths. Governor Cooper and the NC State Government is greatly appreciated for taking action. You bought precious time for great test kits and a through understanding of facing this new societal challenge.
04/13/2020 08:53 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Jonathan Payne	I'm an disabled army veteran, while you have this whole can't do this or that why are police officers ticketing people for surfing, riding down dirt roads etc. What your failing to see is the 22 veterans a day has now more than quadrupled due to veterans like myself to having to stay inside and not doing nothing. We strive to be able to do a daily routine and yes while we have to social distance what is me riding down a dirt road and not getting out, or fishing or any of that have to do with all this mess. But yet there can be tons of people within a foot or so of each other in Walmart, Lowe's and many other places! This is obsurd so to think our oh so great governor Cooper is literally running us to stay inside while a local mayor (Atlantic Beach) has his pier staying open for business, so where exactly is this difference?
04/13/2020 08:54 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms. Kathryn Richey	Please open the State to go back to normal. Those at high risk can take precautions!
04/13/2020 08:54 PM	Education Working Group		Let our children go back to school. Half of my daughter's fifth grade class at her urban public magnet school has been MIA since going online. Is not the loss of these children too high a price to pay for an illness that is mostly a problem for those with bad lifestyle choices? And if the children go back to school, we can hope for natural herd immunity and have no need for a deadly or crippling vaccine.
			https://youtu.be/IGC5sGdz4kg
04/13/2020 08:56 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Cameron Barber	This state needs to get back open. Our economy is suffering to save a couple thousand people who would have possibly gotten the flu or other virus anyway. Save our economy and get businesses back open!
04/13/2020 08:56 PM	Health Care Working Group	Mrs Tara Jackson	Mandatory vaccination is un-American. VACCINES will NEVER eradicate a virus, especially one that has changed multiple times since its discovery in late 2019. The ONLY way out of this it TRUE herd immunity... not fake vaccine induced 'immunity' that wear off. Develop programs to help support those who have weak immune systems, and stop scaring the public. Vaccines will not do that. And if you feel a vaccine is non-negotiable - make sure the manufacturer can be held liable for any and all injuries.
04/13/2020 09:02 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Terry Kallam	The current data doesn't support the restrictions that have been placed on NC residents. We need to be able to go back to work. Distancing can be placed in restaurants and other service oriented businesses just like it has at Grocery stores and Hardware stores. Thank you
04/13/2020 09:04 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Economy Amy King	Please reopen NC. Lift the ban. . Our numbers don't warrant this. It's destroying our small businesses. Please do the right constitutional thing. Thank you!
04/13/2020 09:06 PM	Economic Support Working Group	President /Gym Owner Joshua Ritch	To Whom It May Concern: I would like to offer my suggestions and comments as well. As a gym owner, I have been completely shut down. My wife, a dental hygienist, has been completely shut down so

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			<p>close to 4 weeks \$0 income and no word on Gov assistance. As I look at the current "essential businesses" deemed "essential" by the Governor, I know I personally can do a safer job by being allowed to do one on one personal training keeping a 6ft social distance. As I look at the Governors mandate that businesses allow a certain number of people in the facility at one time based on square footage, I know I can do that as well. I own a small business with under 10 members in the facility at one time. We have cleaning stations that are used every time a member leaves their station and we also have staff continually cleaning. I would love to start personal training immediately and would hope to start allowing members to work out in a controlled level at least by May 1st. I'll finish with this. If Ruth Bader Ginsburg can still use a personal trainer then why cant I?</p> <p>Thank you for your time,</p> <p>Joshua Ritch</p>
04/13/2020 09:06 PM	Health Care Working Group	Lindy Kitchin	<p>People are suffering. I am a social worker and people will soon not have a home to "stay home" in and follow these rules. Please allow income to return for people or find a way for housing to be subsidized for people.</p>
04/13/2020 09:06 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Catherine Ames	<p>We need to reopen NC. The economic devastation is far outweighing the health concerns. The Constitution is being trampled on by this tyranny. We can protect the at risk community without destroying the rest of our community at the same time. Reopen North Carolina!</p>
04/13/2020 09:06 PM	Economic Support Working Group	#reopen NC Rebecca McDonald	<p>Hey CB, I'm sending you a copy of a letter written by Tom Toby to Governor Roy Cooper. Ben & I agree with his letter 100%. I just wanted to share with you as commissioner our thoughts about quarantine and all other draconian acts being placed on us by the government etc. Also, I have been a supporter of you throughout your career as commissioner. I'm saddened you lost in primary.</p> <p>written by Tom Toby in New Hanover County, NC, who gave me permission to use his letter as I feel the same from Cherokee County, NC</p> <p>The letter sent to Roy Cooper, my county commissioners, and other elected reps</p> <p>To all,</p> <p>I am a free citizen living in a Constitutional Republic in the State of North Carolina, I am a citizen, not your subject to be dictated to. I am writing you all to demand that you end your unconstitutional and judicious over reach on the rights and liberties of the citizens of North Carolina and New Hanover county IMMEDIATELY. Our inalienable rights are granted to us by our creator and framed in our constitution, they are not yours to restrict and as a citizen of North Carolina and New Hanover County, I am here to remind you again that we are CITIZENS not subjects and to be quite blunt, YOU WORK FOR US. I do understand the need for concern during this virus outbreak, I worked in emergency medicine in New Hanover County for 26 years and I am married to a former molecular biologist that is a published scientific author on cell manipulation. She worked for both Duke University and UNC Chapel Hill, we are neither uninformed nor ignorant to viruses. I was on the streets dealing with SARS, Bird Flu, Swine Flu, regular Flu, Tuberculosis, HIV and everything else</p>

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			<p>you can think of for 26 years. I am also good at math, In New Hanover County we have had 54 confirmed cases of Covid 19, of those 32 have fully recovered and we have had only one additional person admitted to New Hanover Regional Medical Center since Monday leaving our entire economy shut down over 22 people out of 233,000 in New Hanover County, .00009% of our population has ground this area to a financial halt and it's time to end this farce.</p> <p>Further, at what point do any of you think you are competent enough to tell us what is essential and what is not for our families day to day needs and by what authority do you have to close private businesses and limit what is for sale in stores? That is Socialism plain and simple and we the citizens of North Carolina will not stand for it. I am speaking directly to you Julia Boseman and Bill Saffo who by report of other commissioners have stated that the two of you acted solely to increase the restrictions on the citizens of New Hanover County beyond state level restrictions without input from the rest of the commissioners or council members. If this is true I also want to know why the rest of Wilmington City Council and New Hanover County Commissioners allowed you to do so? That would make them all derelict in their duty to the citizens that elected them. Do you honestly think we are all that stupid? Governor Cooper and the rest of you democrat officials, stop thinking we are and don't think for a second that we are blind to you all towing the party line, we know what you are doing and we have had enough.</p> <p>Do any of you have any real idea what you have done to business or families in this state? Many may never recover. I see it only fitting that Governor Cooper IMMEDIATELY surrender his income until such time as his even more restrictive stay at home and social distancing orders are lifted. I demand that Governor Cooper also pay for the maintenance, upkeep, and staff of the governors mansion as well. You sir should not be allowed to continue to draw a salary or live freely off the citizens of North Carolina you're suppressing while we wonder whether or not we will have jobs or businesses to return to. A real leader would endure the same harshness his people do. Many of us are small business owners, we take risks and work hard to build something and during this we get the privilege of having to take interest baring loans to pay employees and stay afloat putting us further in debt. I have had to lay off 5 employees so far and I put those 5 jobs squarely at the feet of you Julia Boseman and Bill Saffo, you bare full responsibility for your stricter than state level business closures in New Hanover County. Your orders and directives are not laws and as stated above I believe are illegal since you acted with sole discretion outside of Council and Commission and I demand you lift these unjust directives immediately and that the rest of the respective boards take action against you.</p> <p>You have all violated my Constitutional rights rights to freely assemble. to worship, to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. We are under threat of being arrested for a class 2 misdemeanor and a \$650.00 fine for walking on the beaches that our tax dollars pay for, we can't use the boat ramps that we pay for, we can't use the parks that we pay for. Enough is enough and if you continue down this course you know that people are only going to stand for this only so long before it becomes civil disobedience, riot and revolution to get our great state back to where it needs to be. We are all equally</p>

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			<p>responsible for our own health, safety, and well being, we don't need it dictated to us by lawyers and real estate agents following the party line. Disseminate the information, sequester the most at risk, let herd immunity do its job and GET US BACK TO WORK SO WE CAN DO OURS! Have you even thought of the secondary implications of your draconian over reach? Farmers are dumping milk and crops will rot in the fields. What are we going to do when the farmers are bankrupt since they can't get payroll protection because many of their employees are seasonal 2 months at a time a couple times per year? The impact on the stock market alone has done what may be irreparable damage to many of our elderly citizens that are living on retirement plans, losing their money hand over fist without the time or ability to recover. LIFT THE RESTRICTIONS AND GET US BACK TO WORK NOW!!</p> <p>I promise you all that come election time we will remember these infringements on our liberties, the jobs, and businesses you cost us and will exercise the rights we have left to elect you all out of a job! Do the right thing now!</p> <p>Tom Toby, Extremely pissed off citizen and business owner</p> <p>North Carolina, New Hanover County resident</p> <p>"I prefer dangerous freedom over peaceful slavery"</p> <p>Thomas Jefferson</p>
04/13/2020 09:06 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Bill Hines	Board of Elections - We must protect voters and poll workers this November by having "Vote by Mail".
04/13/2020 09:07 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Christen Kallam	We demand our state reopen! The numbers do not show that NC needs to remain in total lockdown with more strenuous regulations continuity being added. Enough is enough! The governor is abusing his power, this is UnAmerican and downright tyranny. Yes we want safety and yes we want lives saved but again the numbers do not warrant this power grab. The models are radically changing and proving daily that we have gone too far. Let's get this great state back to work! #reopenNC
04/13/2020 09:09 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Erika Eckelbarger	Enough is enough. We need to open NC back up for business. Let the people decide for themselves what their risk for this disease is... I've seen enough back and forth from the "experts" who clearly are grasping at straws themselves. We can't keep the economy closed long term. It's just not feasible.
04/13/2020 09:10 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Brent Deitrich	Thank you all for the work you are doing for our great state. As a small business owner, I have lost over \$30,000 worth of work as a result of this shutdown. I am a wedding photographer so my work is seasonal and there are mainly certain times of the year that's it's busy - this being one of them. This is putting an enormous burden on the wedding industry ... countless colleagues are out of money that they counted on as well. We've rescheduled most to dates for late summer / early fall but if the shutdown continues past April, our clients will reschedule again and push events further out - leaving us with no

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			income for a half year or more. This is unsustainable - we need to be able to start working by the end of April. Please consider this when weighing that only 0.04% of our population are testing positive with an even lower mortality percentage. Peoples kids are going to start going hungry.
04/13/2020 09:10 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Ms Cindy Casale	Let's get back to work! Like the old days the sick and immune compromised can stay home. We will destroy our state if we keep this going, we don't shut down for the flu, cancer, heat attacks, etc. Even the CDC said if you think it's COVID related death, then classify it as that. What if all the flu, cancer, heart attack and stroke deaths are classified as COVID, then the Truth does not prevail. Please return to work before the state crumbles! Thanks
04/13/2020 09:11 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms. Maureen Smith	We are now at the point where the cure is becoming worse than the virus. Time to open businesses back up and allow our economy to get back on track.
04/13/2020 09:11 PM	Education Working Group	President Scott Hicks	Put us back to work and quit causing our economy to crash over this hoax.
04/13/2020 09:11 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Christina Canosa	The mandated quarantine is destroying businesses and families and there little to no evidence that it having or will have any health benefits. Reopen NC before our economy is further harmed!
04/13/2020 09:13 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Emily Sanchez	At this point, after so many weeks, we are at a much greater risk for loss and suffering because people are unable to provide for themselves and to work. People should be able to return to work and re-open their businesses. The vulnerable populations should be encouraged to isolate until things settle more. But healthy people need to return to work to keep our economy healthy and so they can pay their bills and feed their families. RE OPEN NORTH CAROLINA.
04/13/2020 09:14 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Ms. Victoria Moreno	This is in reference to the ongoing restrictions imposed on the citizens of NC by Gov Roy Cooper--There is absolutely no reason for him to further restrict the citizens of this great state and to further add to the detriment of this state and nation! Recent data from NCDHHS reveal 4,816 cases, 86 deaths of which 45 were from congregate living environments. That reveals a death rate of 1.78 and if we control for the congregate living cases the death rate is 0.934--furthermore, there are 3,241 ICU beds in NC and currently 313 hospitalized individuals with COVID-19. Some unknowns--of the individuals who died, did they have co-morbid conditions that contributed to their death? We need to reopen NC enough is enough!
04/13/2020 09:14 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr. Tim Owings	<p>From NCDHHS 4/13/20</p> <p>NC total cases: 4,816 (+296, 11 fewer additional than yesterday)</p> <p>NC total deaths: 86 (+5)</p> <p>NC total completed tests: 63,388 (92.41% negative)</p> <p>NC total currently hospitalized: 313 (-18, 3 consecutive days reduction in hospitalizations)</p> <p>ICU Empty: 842</p> <p>Inpatient Hospital Empty: 6388</p> <p>Ventilators Available: 1,823</p> <p>The stated intent of the executive orders restricting commerce and movement of the citizenry was to prevent the health system from being overwhelmed. If that is true then</p>

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			<p>either they have been successful or were never actually needed in the first place and the ever-reducing estimates were as wrong as we now know them to be. Regardless, we must now reassess the benefit of continued restrictions against the potential stress to the state's health system.</p> <p>At present Onslow Memorial hospital could absorb every patient, on its own. I believe that demonstrates that the health care of the state is in good shape. There may be a need for specific counties to retain some or all of the restrictions currently in-place statewide, but the majority of counties would be in more than able to reopen their businesses without creating undue stress to the healthcare system. In the meantime, every day costs many more jobs some of which will take very long times to recreate or will simply be lost permanently, a CERTAIN detriment for North Carolina families.</p> <p>It is time to remove the statewide restrictions in favor of focused, county or municipality decisions based on their local needs.</p>
04/13/2020 09:15 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Sherry Seagraves	I want my representatives, especially Roy Cooper, to stop violating our freedoms. To ask citizens to cooperate is one thing but to stomp all over our civil liberties is another. You need to do whatever it takes to get our state back to work and back to normality as soon as possible. Follow the president's lead and stop overstepping your authority! Get us back to work!!
04/13/2020 09:15 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Kristy Massie	<p>To whom it may concern:</p> <p>The shelter-in-place order needs to end no later than April 30th. The covid-19 issues have not posed enough of a problem to ruin the State economy and keep people out of work and from living life. The predicted peak time (in at least one of the models—who knows what model is there now) is past, and the people of North Carolina are not overwhelming the health care system; in fact, such a low percentage of North Carolinians have contracted the virus that I'm frustrated that we've been dealing with this SAH order to date. Regardless, the curve is effectively flattened, and the community knows it. Several weeks into the order is already leading to increased stress, tension, and anger among people, not mention significant financial hardship. Continuing beyond the original parameters will lead to trouble, both in the court house and in trying to compel compliance. It's time to reopen North Carolina.</p> <p>Sincerely, Kristy Massie</p>
04/13/2020 09:16 PM	Health Care Working Group	bethany raymer	<p>Follow Dr. Shiva Ayyadurai's recommendations to restore the immune and economic health of the American people in the open letter that he provided to the president on March 23,2020. According to Dr. Shiva, there is no need to shutdown our entire country. There is no need to quarantine all of our citizens. The solution is to provide a path to advance the immune health of all our citizens while getting our healthy people back to work - now.</p> <p>Healthcare workers are losing jobs now because of the media's lies. Hospitals are not at full capacity. There is a low rate of covid if the testing is even done right.</p>
04/13/2020 09:16 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Jonathan Fouche	Reopen NC now
04/13/2020 09:17 PM	Economic Support	Bill Dollbaum	It's time to start relaxing the restrictions. The Virus wasn't what it was purported to be.

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	Working Group		The economic disaster it's creating is costing more lives than the virus.
04/13/2020 09:20 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	REOPEN NC Kristen Holt	I suggest we reopen the state to normal, keep social distancing in place for people who need to practice it such as, elderly, diabetics, immunocompromised, etc. We would be over this virus as a country if we would have just let it ride out and not causing such a panic. Most of the healthy people who can stand to have the virus would have already had it and had antibodies towards it and people with underlying health problems who were likely to pass within the year could have gotten it as well, just like they currently are even with all these rules in place. NATURAL herd immunity should be the goal, not ruining the economy just to try to bring down our president and make him look bad. We need small business, we need money, we need sanity. There are far, far more deaths from the government implementing these rules because of suicide, robbing, stealing, and more. This NEEDS to come to an end. Please let everyone get back to normal. It even breaks my heart for my kids who aren't allowed to go anywhere and don't understand.. even though I'm lucky I don't have a senior right now who doesn't understand why they have worked so hard to walk across a stage and graduate and can't but yet daycares are still open every day. I could write a book. This is outrageous. I'll stop now, thank you.
04/13/2020 09:20 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Wetona Warren	Please open NC now. This quarantine is doing way more harm than good. People are dying of other things because of depression and procedures being on hold. We cannot continue living this way.
04/13/2020 09:22 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Pam Forbes	#ReopenNC NOW! The science doesn't support these unconstitutional measures. November is coming soon.
04/13/2020 09:23 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Feedback Jennifer Anderson	We ask you to INSIST on ensuring the vaccine for COVID-19 does NOT create an enhanced immune response (as many scientists have predicted it will). We ask that you demand thorough animal trials before putting this out to the general public. We ask that you uphold medical freedoms and NOT mandate the vaccine for all. It would also be wise to educate the population on ways they could strengthen their immune systems so they can fight off disease and virus. Let's spend more time studying the healthy!
04/13/2020 09:23 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Leslie Kwait	The stay at home order until the end of April was a strategy to flatten the curve of Covid-19 infection, allowing hospitals time to prepare and to avoid a peak that overwhelmed healthcare facilities. In the weeks that have passed, these goals are being met. Hospitals are preparing, ventilators are being produced and made available, and a massive peak of infections has not occurred in NC. But what has happened is a massive number of people laid off, small businesses sinking and possibly closing permanently, single parents struggling to provide care for their children and work, and provide them with an education. We the people know we need to protect ourselves, we know the importance of distancing to avoid infection. We as a society need our livelihood back, and our liberties back. We can continue to protect ourselves from a virus through personal measures without the mandates enforced on us from the government. Open NC NOW!!!! We need to save our economy!
04/13/2020 09:23 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Senior Pragmatist Jackie Wieland	I totally agree with the recommendations of wearing a mask and gloves in public/group settings during the upward trajectory of the number of COVID-19 cases. However, I am

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			deeply concerned over destroying the NC economy and mental health of many of its citizens in forcing isolation. I worry about the businesses forced to close, permanent job losses and increased suicides & drug abuse. I seriously doubt our forefathers would approve of taking away our civil liberties for a virus that has infected 4816 and killed 86 citizens (2019 NC population is 10.49 million) as of April 13th. Please think long-term when you make your decisions .
04/13/2020 09:25 PM	Health Care Working Group	No mandatory vaccines Lorena Gaertner	My family and I won't agree to lose our freedoms, privileges as citizens if politicians are thinking about enforcing vaccines. Any kind of vaccines. Including Covid19. SCOTUS declared vaccines are unavoidable unsafe. The HHS confessed that they haven't done safety studies since Reagan signed the vaccines act in 1986. We won't be subject to untested, unsafe vaccines. We will pull our son out of school, I will resign from my job at school & we will homeschool. We will disobey mandatory enforcement.
04/13/2020 09:26 PM	Economic Support Working Group	The Living Person Trevor Maffucci	Open the Economy of NC immediately. The Living People of NC are responsible for their own pursuit of well-being and health and do not require the heavy hand of the State to interfere in the free movement and decisions of We The People. The State of NC will provide up to date RECOMMENDATIONS to The People as opposed to draconian mandates from the Governor. This allows for We The People to make local decisions based on individual discretion, advised by the elected officials who are paid to simply advise and encourage. This allows for a more effective balancing of health and economic stressors. The black and white heavy hand approach is un-creative, and comes from a position of surprise and a lack of preparedness.
04/13/2020 09:26 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Kimberly Henry	Due to the relatively small percentage of Covid 19 cases in the state of NC, I respectfully suggest that we begin to ease restrictions on the younger and healthy population, and allow all those who who are not over 65 or having pre existing conditions to return to work and school.While my husband has been able to work remotely,my son is a pilot,and if businesses are not working,they lose much of their business commuters into Charlotte. I also request that schools be allowed to open,so that teachers and students can access where they are academically,and decisions about summer school can be made.
04/13/2020 09:28 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Re-Open NC Hannah Frederick	Small business is suffering and the state and federal help being given is hard to apply for and receive. We need to be allowed to make a living. Our constitutional freedoms are being trampled. There are ways to protect the vulnerable populations and allow people to make a living and put food on the table. Reopen North Carolina.
04/13/2020 09:28 PM	Health Care Working Group	Dr. Ron Sutherland	<p>Dear NC General Assembly,</p> <p>Please do more to accelerate the pace of randomized, science-based surveillance testing for COVID-19. Here is a link to an article that makes the case very well: https://theconversation.com/want-to-know-how-many-people-have-the-coronavirus-test-randomly-135784</p> <p>Many other countries around the world are launching this strategy - Iceland, Norway, Finland, Estonia, Australia, Germany, etc. Some US states and counties are doing it as well, for the obvious reason that randomized testing is the only efficient and affordable way to determine how far the virus has already spread, what true fraction of cases show symptoms, and what true fraction of cases are lethal.</p>

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			<p>Testing 2500 randomly selected people each week (drawn from across NC) for both live virus and antibodies would tell us so much more than what we're learning by only testing the sickest of the sick, especially since there is no specific treatment available yet for COVID-19.</p> <p>Thanks very much for turning to active, aggressive surveillance to provide the public with the information we deserve about the spread of this virus.</p>
04/13/2020 09:29 PM	Health Care Working Group	Mrs Shannon Houchins	<p>The actual risk of this virus, while real and dangerous to at risk population, is similar to many other upper respiratory viruses that we face everyday. We are more than handling the situation in our healthcare facilities and there is no demonstrable need to maintain a "stay-at-home" footing. The continued mental and economic stresses caused by maintaining this condition will be a larger concern overall and in the long run. A vaccine is not a magic "bug-zapper" that keeps the virus from entering your body, but a primer for an immune system to recognize and fight it off without becoming symptomatically ill. Vaccinated individuals always run the risk of being an asymptomatic carrier for whichever infection they have developed immunity to. Keeping everybody home until we can ensure more people are asymptomatic if they come in contact with it will do NOTHING to protect our at risk population. Allowing the people to return to normal productive lives will benefit this state the most. Furthermore, mandatory vaccines, "immunity paperwork", or even continued restrictions are unconstitutional and at best set dangerous precedent for the erosion of what it means to be American.</p>
04/13/2020 09:30 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Steve House	<p>Can you please confirm what statute gives the Governor the power to close private businesses and churches? We should quarantine the sick not everyone.</p>
04/13/2020 09:30 PM	Education Working Group	Mrs Tammy Clanton	<p>Mandatory vaccination are un-American. VACCINES will NEVER eradicate a virus, especially one that has changed multiple times since its discovery in late 2019. The ONLY way out of this is TRUE herd immunity... not fake vaccine induced 'immunity' that wear off. Develop programs to help support those who have weak immune systems, and stop scaring the public. Vaccines will not do that. And if you feel a vaccine is non-negotiable - make sure the manufacturer can be held liable for any and all injuries. Being an American means freedom... I'm free to choose what I want for my own body, whether you think it's right or not.</p>
04/13/2020 09:30 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Alexis Pierson	<p>As our experience with COVID 19 becomes less about statistical models and more about actual experiential data, it's becoming clear that the extent of economic shutdown and social distancing that we engaged in may have been exaggerated at best, and unnecessary at worst. If the entire country was impacted the way that New York City or Seattle have been, then I would be more convinced that our approach was warranted. However, the devastation seen in major cities appears to be more the exception than the rule. North Carolina is a diverse state, with communities of varying size and resources. As a member of a smaller, rural county, we have seen few cases and almost no deaths. Our hospital is prepared, but empty, with no COVID 19 patients to fill the beds. I strongly believe that the governor's office needs to approach the reopening process not as a whole state, but on a county by county or city by city basis, working with local officials to determine what is appropriate for each area. Encourage the elderly and those with co-morbidities to continue to shelter in place if that's what they desire, but allow those that are able and willing to work, work. There is no justification for the state to continue taking</p>

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			away the livelihoods of its citizens.
04/13/2020 09:35 PM	Education Working Group	Ms Emily Conklin	The children need to be in school and the grown ups need to get back to work. Enough is enough.
04/13/2020 09:38 PM	Economic Support Working Group		It is time to reopen NC for business. There are 10.5 million residents in NC and only 81 Covid deaths. The fiscal devastation far outways the health consequences. There will be more deaths due to patients not receiving care for other conditions and by suicide due to financial stress than deaths from Covid.
04/13/2020 09:39 PM	Health Care Working Group	Mrs Danielle Messenger	As a resident of North Carolina for many years, I am thankful for the conscience protections that exist in our great state of North Carolina by way of religious and medical vaccine exemptions. I ask that you please fervently protect these exemptions for the sake of the state's families. Our parental rights, medical bodily autonomy, and religious freedom must not be sacrificed to fear and temporary challenges. Praying each of you do the right thing and protect us from any mandates that do not respect our freedom of religion and medical autonomy including but not limited to vaccine mandates. Ultimately, it is a person's responsibility to make decisions regarding their and their children's health.
04/13/2020 09:41 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Sonya Cox	<p>I'm going to make this as palatable as I can. I'm willing to risk my life and those of who I love. We have very little rights left. The government has complete control of the economy (which may not recover). I am a Barber, I've been out of work for three weeks, no income at all. Every place you love and everything that makes life worth living is being controlled. Fear is a powerful thing. If you think staying home is the brave thing to do, you are highly mistaken. The brave thing to do is to protect your rights and the rights of those around you, even if it means the ultimate sacrifice then so be it. That's bravery at its core. If you want to stay home...I get it. I want nothing more than everyone's health and safety, but at what cost? Everyone is scared, but everyone should have the right to make their own decisions. This is not the America I grew up in and is sure not how this country was founded. When this is all over we will as a people have lost all that matters. This virus is the least of our worries. People are going to die, the same # regardless of how much we flatten the curve.. This isn't the first pandemic and won't be the last. If you shut the world down and give people in power infinite control you will not get what's rightfully yours back. Don't give up living because you're scared of dying.</p> <p>The census is down at all hospitals, people in the healthcare industry are laying off and losing hours. I hurt my knee in a accident, o can't even see an orthopedic ... It's been two weeks.... Please...Sincerely wishing everyone the best. - Sonya Cox</p>
04/13/2020 09:42 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Kati Nae	<p>Committee members:</p> <p>I respectfully request you consider the economic and social crisis this shutdown is invoking. Allow healthy people to work. Open our beaches. Give suggestions, not mandates and let people decide what is essential for them. Physician offices, dentists, and other Heath care offices need to open for routine care visits. Hourly workers need a paycheck. Hairdressers need to work. Small businesses need to run.</p> <p>If you can justify the traffic in the ABC stores for the benefit of the alcohol dependent population, please consider the justifications that can be made for many hardworking taxpayers who are frustrated with the system that told them they can't work & then give the run-around when those same people try to collect promised 'stimulus'.</p> <p>Protect the small vulnerable at-risk percentage with reasonable precautions, but let the low-risk people exercise their freedoms.</p>

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			<p>We cannot shut this country down every time a virus pops up that we don't have a vaccine for. Historically, there has NEVER been cause to do so. I would submit there is no just cause now.</p> <p>There are reasonable precautions: limited numbers of congregations, temperature checks, keeping symptomatic people in quarantine, hand washing stations, wiping grocery carts, safe food handling to name a few.</p> <p>Be REASONABLE. North Carolinians don't want this virus. We'll take reasonable precautions. But we will not stand for tyrannical impositions on our social, mental, and economical well-being.</p>
04/13/2020 09:43 PM	Economic Support Working Group		Open NC!
04/13/2020 09:45 PM	Health Care Working Group	Michelle Faulk	Medical freedom/no vaccine mandates and reopen NC no later than May 1, 2020! Our economy is dying right before our eyes, and without medical freedom, we will be, too!
04/13/2020 09:47 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr William Marshall	<p>We can safely re open restaurants and all other businesses by following the 6' recommendations from the cdc.</p> <p>Many small businesses are going to fail if the limitations to businesses are extended.</p>
04/13/2020 09:48 PM	Health Care Working Group	Freedom to choose Ashley Haines	Mandatory vaccination goes against what our country stands for. Where there is a risk, there must be a choice. Our freedom to choose what we do and don't do with our bodies is a basic human right. Just because something is beneficial for the majority doesn't mean it is for all. Strawberries are healthy and have antioxidants but not all people can have them or want them. This is America. My body, my choice.
04/13/2020 09:52 PM	Health Care Working Group	Mr. Charles Edwards	I fiercely oppose any plan to make a COVID vaccine mandatory and will vote accordingly. I also strongly oppose the continued detriment to NC's economy because of the current stay-at-home order.
04/13/2020 09:52 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Robert Anderson	As a citizen of this great nation I am troubled how easily our constitutional rights have been taken from us. Take for example Amendment 1 the right to assemble shall not be abridged. I don't recall an exception stating in case of emergency. To me the health department should be providing guidance on the true risks of this pandemic and how we can help, but the governor nor any county commission or mayor should not take our rights. Keep in mind during the revolutionary war our forefathers were dealing with small pox. Get the state back open for business.
04/13/2020 09:53 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Ashley Denton	<p>I am a small business owner, I own North Raleigh Crossfit, and I am COO of another small business, DiamondFit Performance. Both my my sources of income have been largely affected by the covid19 restrictions and stay at home mandate. By April 30th it will be 6 weeks that we have been closed. I filed for the PPP the day my bank allowed me to and as early as possible in the morning, and I did not make it through those pins of funding. I am not personally too concerned with April, as rent has already been paid, but if this continues through May, things will be a different story.</p> <p>One point i would like to make is all gyms don't operate the same. It's not correct to assume a CrossFit facility operates the same as Planet Fitness. We may be in the same category, but operationally we run on small class sizes only and can easily make changes to accommodate the social distancing protocol. My affiliate, in particular, is always clean - my members MUST wipe down all equipment uses before and after class. We have been</p>

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			doing this for 7 years, not just at the start of covid.
			Another point I would like to make is the unemployment numbers have skyrocketed in April, which I'm sure you are aware. Feb 2020 had around 183,000 people file for unemployment. This was a .5 percentage decrease from feb 2019. Those numbers rose to over 500,000 for March, and will be even higher this month and in May.
			NC has to start opening in May. We need to remedy this before it becomes even more catastrophic than what it already is.
04/13/2020 09:53 PM	Health Care Working Group	Katie Hoffman	No mandatory vaccines! Return to work/school/ life May 1, keeping the most vulnerable people quarantined.
04/13/2020 09:53 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr. Charles Edwards	I strongly oppose the continued detriment to NC's economy because of the current stay-at-home order. I will vote accordingly.
04/13/2020 09:54 PM	Education Working Group	Owner Cary Ballet Suzanne Laliberte' Thomas	As the owner of a private dance conservatory in Cary we receive many questions regarding when we may resume dance classes, as well as what restrictions or changes may be implemented for small businesses like ours who work with multiple youths being individually active in a studio.
04/13/2020 09:57 PM	Health Care Working Group		Hello, there are 10.61 million people residing in NC. To date, 4,880 have tested positive for COVID 19 which is roughly .004% of the population. Since testing began in early March, probably 50% of those tested have already survived the disease and are healthy again. 53,000 people have been tested which is 5% of the population of the state. Less than 350 people hospitalized which is 10% of hospital ICU bed space. Why in the world would the state stay shut down another month for numbers this minuscule? Small businesses will not survive shut down one more month especially as we are entering the spring/summer season. I said when all this nonsense started Americans will not stand for having their civil rights removed especially when this entire ordeal is politically driven. If you have any input whatsoever with the Governor, stand up for the good folks of NC. Thousands are noticing and expecting action. Put common sense protections in place to isolate the sick and stop punishing the healthy.
04/13/2020 09:58 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Reopen NC Marcia Folnsbee	Please reopen NC
04/13/2020 09:59 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Michelle Clark	Please do what is right for the people of this state and reopen North Carolina. Isolate the sick! Not the healthy. Let the at risk population have the choice to self isolate.
04/13/2020 10:01 PM	Health Care Working Group	Ms. Emily	Everyone should have the right to bodily autonomy. This includes the right to choose which medical procedures to accept or refuse. Mandatory vaccinations violate this God-given right. Please protect our rights of freedom of choice and vote NO for mandatory vaccines.
04/13/2020 10:01 PM	Health Care Working Group	Michelle Clark	We will not support mandating vaccines. A move to push a new vaccine with no long term studies puts the people of North Carolina at risk.
04/13/2020 10:05 PM	Health Care Working Group	Dr Nicole Whitehead	I am fully opposed to the idea of a mandate for a fast-tracked, incompletely tested vaccine for COVID-19 for our state. Also, with or without a mandate, vaccine makers should NOT have immunity from liability for any adverse vaccine outcomes. Please protect medical freedom and bodily autonomy. Thank you.

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04/13/2020 10:05 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr. Joseph Paskiewicz	At this point, 49 counties, almost half of NC, have reported zero (0) deaths. 313 currently hospitalized due to Covid-19, in the state. 86 deaths in 45 days is not a pandemic. Meanwhile, 165 flu deaths have been reported to the NCDHHS this flu season. The businesses of North Carolina must be allowed to reopen. The people of North Carolina, both business owners and customers, are quite capable of following the recommendations of distance and cleanliness. If a business is non-essential, they will find out when no one shops there. The ramifications of the shutdown are already far more severe than the effects of the virus. Reopen North Carolina as soon as possible.
04/13/2020 10:09 PM	Education Working Group	Mrs Charity Reese	I would like to see the tests for antibodies widely utilized. It would indicate if, in fact, the virus has been in N.C. This would establish what percent of the population is already immune and not a threat to others. Public officials must use actual and accurate data to create public policy.
04/13/2020 10:12 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Sallie Woodring	There are 10.61 million people residing in NC. To date, 4,880 have tested positive for COVID 19 which is roughly .004% of the population. Since testing began in early March, probably 50% of those tested have already survived the disease and are healthy again. 53,000 people have been tested which is 5% of the population of the state. Why in the world would the state stay shut down another month for numbers this minuscule? Small businesses will not survive shut down one more month especially as we are entering the spring/summer season. I said when all this nonsense started Americans will not stand for having their civil rights removed especially when this entire ordeal is politically driven. If you have any input whatsoever with the Governor, stand up for the good folks of NC. Send him the message loud and clear that our state and the entire US is on the verge of an uprising that will rock America to its core!
04/13/2020 10:14 PM	Economic Support Working Group	#Reopen NC NOW Jill Jankoski	10.6M NC residents, 4816 Covid-19 cases, 86 deaths, 313 hospitalized...and BILLIONS in lost revenue particularly among small business owners, the ENGINE of NC & America! For faulty curve #s... it's time to REOPEN NC... PEOPLE = ECONOMY!!! This URGENT!! I'm a small business owner as are many friends. This shit down for less than 1/2 of 1% of NC is ridiculous! 1/2 of 1%! If "leadership" can't do math, or stand for liberty, "leadership" needs to resign. We are dangerously close to many small businesses never coming back. That's NOT OK.
04/13/2020 10:14 PM	Economic Support Working Group		Please open North Carolina again. God bless!
04/13/2020 10:17 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mrs Shannon Gardner	Dear NCGA, it is time to put an end to this government overreach. Reopen our state and it's economy before we no longer have an economy to open. The amount of people affected by Covid does not justify the closure of our state per the ACLU's regulation. Also what has been happening is an infringement of our personal rights guaranteed by our state's constitution and our federal constitution. #reopenNC ASAP! Thank you for your time
04/13/2020 10:17 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr James Medeiros	I believe that it is time to reopen the state. NC is not like other states. Less dense. More rural. At risk groups should be encouraged to stay at home but other folks should be free to run their businesses and go about as they choose. No epidemic here.
04/13/2020 10:18 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Reopen NC Tommy Wentz	#ReopenNC Please consider the hardship of the American small business owner..we need to reopen NC NOW. Keep the vulnerable at home until May if you must, but open business back up

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			<p>ASAP The tests are flawed, the numbers are overinflated, No substantial evidence Covid19 is spreading in NC</p> <p>Small businesses are barely hanging on People are losing their jobs making it extremely hard to make ends meet and provide for families We can't wait until May, we need to open now Everyone is aware of the dangers and businesses are taking the proper precautions There are medicines already readily available that are being used to treat and prevent Covid19 There is NO need to prolong this shutdown or quarantine</p>
04/13/2020 10:18 PM	Education Working Group	Oppose mandatory vaccines Lindsay Huneycutt	Vaccines are poison. We will never be for vaccines. Vaccines kill people and injure people every day.
04/13/2020 10:18 PM	Health Care Working Group	Uphold the Constitution Christian Lemons	Please uphold our constitutional rights and protect our medical freedoms by protecting our religious exemption to vaccinations. No mandate for the Coronavirus vaccine!
04/13/2020 10:19 PM	Health Care Working Group	Donald Yoxall	Uphold our constitution and keep religious freedom. No mandated covid vaccines! Never let fear take away our freedoms!
04/13/2020 10:20 PM	Health Care Working Group	LaVonne Black	Don't let fear take away our freedoms! No COVID vaccine mandates ever!!
04/13/2020 10:22 PM	Health Care Working Group	Mr. Stephen Gaertner	Please no COVID 19 vaccine, Bill Gates Vaccine, Flu, or anything else for that matter for me.
04/13/2020 10:22 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Private Salon Owner/ Styl Melissa Cook	Please let us go back to work.
04/13/2020 10:28 PM	Health Care Working Group	Mrs Nikki Bascome	I implore you to make efforts to reopen our communities. I comprehend the severity of COVID-19 however I also know the horrific and tragic severity of domestic violence and sexual assault. These victims are now locked-down with their abusers 24/7 with no escape, no help, and no chance of flattening their curve. This will have long term effects moving forward (depression, instability, even suicide or murder). Please help those who do not have a choice to try and help themselves. Thank you for listening!!
04/13/2020 10:29 PM	Education Working Group	Candace Inscoe	We need to have a standard approach to distance learning. Wake county was out of school for two weeks because of lack of computer resources while Mecklenburg and Forsyth jumped into learning the first week. We must prioritize education and supporting teachers.
04/13/2020 10:36 PM	Health Care Working Group	John Faulk	Medical freedom/no vaccine mandates and reopen NC no later than May 1, 2020! You are killing small businesses!
04/13/2020 10:36 PM	Health Care Working Group	COVID-19 Lauren Niermann	<p>Hello Sir/ Mam.</p> <p>I am commenting on behalf of the proposed policy of mandating vaccination for COVID-19. To mandate this vaccine would be a grave mistake in our states history or even our country's history. The research process alone to develop a vaccine takes years, trials, long term research of side effects and data compilation. To rush this process or mandate any vaccination that the side effects haven't been thoroughly studied is putting EVERY one</p>

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			of North Carolina constituents at great risk, and where there is risk there absolutely has to be a choice. There have been proven results from the use of regulated specialized medicines in the fight against COVID-19. When North Carolina starts mandating ANY vaccine I hope they will also assume all responsibility for the side effects, long term medical care of harmed patients, and expenses accrued through interventions needed for individuals that will suffer under these mandations... Or will North Carolina turn a blind eye to the harm these mandated vaccines will inevitably cause. You have to ask yourself as a U. S Leader, Representative and Senator, am I upholding my oath? By taking away our medical freedoms to mandate a vaccine for a virus that has a 98% survivability rate, is this policy really about "protecting" your constituents?
04/13/2020 10:37 PM	Health Care Working Group	Protect Personal Freedoms Anna Deitrich	Mandatory vaccination violates my personal rights and goes against the tenants of freedom our country was founded on. Vaccination will NEVER eradicate a virus, as the efficacy of each year's influenza vaccination proves. The path forward is true herd immunity and an effective treatment protocol, as well as support for those with weak immune systems or autoimmune issues.
04/13/2020 10:39 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Ms Jessica Hoehn	<p>The whole unemployment system needs to be reformed through emergency action! There has to be other options! The CARES Act gives the states the ability to find these additional options, to hire more and gives the right to implement what is needed to get claims processed quickly and efficiently.</p> <p>I demand that reform to the unemployment claims process be put on the agenda NOW! Demand you find a quick solution to the call center issue NOW!</p> <p>I am a single mother of two who can't even get regular unemployment and I have no income whatsoever coming in, how am I supposed to take care of my kids with no money? And I was laid off due to COVID-19. There is no reason for this. I should not have to jump through hoops just to be able to get some money coming in to be able to feed my children.</p>
04/13/2020 10:39 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Employee Laurie Acree	I am essential in home furnishings. I have people counting on me for their incomes. Here in N.C. and all over the world. Please let us carefully get back to work. Thank you.
04/13/2020 10:39 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Kristina Solloway	I would like to see NC reopen for business as usual, but in order to err on the side of caution, reopening should be methodical and careful. Reopening is about due.
04/13/2020 10:39 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Anne Huminsky	<p>Both my son and I are employees for the YMCA of Greater Charlotte. Neither of us has worked since March 16th. This is a pivotal time of year for the Y to provide safety training for all summer employees. I am one of these trainers. If the Y doesn't reopen by May 1st, it will jeopardize the ability to adequately train staff for summer camps. If counselors can't be trained, and camps can't open, parents will be without affordable childcare for the entire summer. There is a snowball effect here. Please Reopen NC by May 1st.</p> <p>I appreciate your service and time to the great state of North Carolina. Thank you.</p>
04/13/2020 10:42 PM	Health Care Working Group	Brent Deitrich	Mandatory vaccination is something that should never be imposed on people Of varying religious beliefs. VACCINES will NEVER fully eradicate a virus, especially one that has changed multiple times since its discovery in late 2019. We need hers immunity to overcome this. Develop programs to help support those who have weak immune systems, and stop scaring the public. Vaccines will not do that. And if you feel a vaccine is

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04/13/2020 10:42 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Angie Insko	non-negotiable - make sure the manufacturer can be held liable for any and all injuries. The goal of the stay at home mandate was to prevent hospitals from being overwhelmed. Clearly that is not a problem. What is a problem is the small businesses that are struggling. Not to mention all the kids out of school which means parents can't work. Focus efforts on protecting the high risk folks and get everyone else back to work and school.
04/13/2020 10:44 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Amy Wiedell	We need to get back to work in the next 2 weeks so our economy doesn't collapse!!
04/13/2020 10:45 PM	Health Care Working Group	Deborah Sawyer	Please allow small businesses to open. Some have already suffered damages that cannot be recouped. People are out of work and have lost their health insurance. Some can't pay for their meds that are lifesaving. Authorities are taking things too far like a solo surfer being told to stop. Draconian is an adjective that is too mild for the existing measures. Let the people go.
04/13/2020 10:45 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Open up for business! Kate Nelson	Open up! This is unconstitutional!!! This lockdown is ruining people's lives. coronavirus would've came and left just like every other virus that goes around every single year. We are living in a twilight zone with clowns running the show. Clowns who can't do basic math. I'm not even good at math and I realize this whole thing is ridiculous and the numbers don't add up to anything more than a bad flu year. Hospitals are DEAD. Urgent cares are DEAD. We drive by. We see you. Nobody at the hospital. We remember. We vote.
04/13/2020 10:52 PM	Health Care Working Group	Jane Horning	So important to maintain our religious freedoms as provided in the constitution. No mandatory vaccines whatsoever - this includes no mandatory COVID-19 vaccinations. The government is not in a position to know what are my best healthcare choices - this is between me and my medical team. Thank you for maintaining our body autonomy.
04/13/2020 10:55 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Reopen North Carolina Bethany Wagner	It is unacceptable to keep North Carolina closed. This state of emergency is no longer doing its job. This is not helping people, but crippling them more than the virus. No doubt, people are dying and suffering from this, BUT a virus cannot be contained. This should not be the new normal. I personally am a college student who has been home for now over a month and have seen no change in what is happening in North Carolina. As a resident of Onslow County, we only have 1 death and 20 positive cases with 5 hospitalized. As a city, a majority of us are essential. Not much has changed except everything but walmart and hardware stores have closed. This proves the order to stay at home is not effective in stopping the spread. Jacksonville is function almost as normal as possible. In medical terms, you quarantine the sick and vulnerable. You do not keep the healthy people quarantined. You will then cause healthy people to have lower immune systems making them more susceptible to the virus. The citizens of this state are not stupid. The numbers that are being given through the media is causing the mass hysteria the governor was trying to avoid. As North Carolinians, we will NOT be taking advantage of by our government. The livelihood of people are at stake. We are forcing people to rely on the government. North Carolinians are still recovering from Hurricane Florence, this state of emergency is undoing everything we have done to try and put our lives back together. North Carolina needs to reopen to better the lives of the people.
04/13/2020 10:55 PM	Continuity of State	Carolyn Langdon	Simply put, to keep NC in a position of lockdown is to be comfortable with hastening the

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	Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group		<p>path toward tyranny in our nation.. It is a violation of oath to oppress God-given rights, and oppression is far more harmful than a virus. To place higher importance on one group's needs over another's, and to arbitrarily determine which businesses/public activities are essential and which are not are both actions of discrimination. There are many categories of vulnerable people. Therefore the best way to navigate this crisis is through a balanced approach which sends the clear irrefutable message: ALL LIVES MATTER —Every single NC citizen! Please help this state to flourish once again by providing bold, righteous, faithful, and consistent leadership.</p> <p>Thank you for your service.</p> <p>Sincerely, Carolyn Langdon</p>
04/13/2020 10:58 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Founder Tracey Newkirk	Requesting a more constitutionally sound approach for dealing with Covid19 that does involve violating my constitutional rights.
04/13/2020 11:04 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms. Norma Avalos Taylor	We need to get people back to work. We must get our state back on track. We cannot be dependent of the government.
04/13/2020 11:04 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Unemployment issues Don Hickey	Please utilize our National Guard to help out at processing unemployment claims. Open a 24 hour call center to help answer these calls and process claims. Something needs done, this is a broken system we know but it can be fixed with a little drive to make change. Please please actually do something!! Other states have done this and it has helped move things along !! People are scared and they deserve and need your help!!
04/13/2020 11:12 PM	Health Care Working Group	Mrs. Roberta Meyers Edmisten	<p>Medical Freedom!</p> <p>NO mandatory vaccines!</p> <p>Preserve our religious exemption !</p> <p>ReOpenNC on May 1st!</p> <p>High Risk individuals can shelter in place longer or any time of year for any circulating illness!</p> <p>Watauga County resident</p>
04/13/2020 11:18 PM	Economic Support Working Group	DO NOT REOPEN NC Joanne Levitan	I strongly oppose reopening North Carolina. It is critical to flatten the curve so that our hospitals do not get overwhelmed. It is way too soon to lift the stay at home orders.
04/13/2020 11:21 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Linda Coombs	Please work to open North Carolina, I personally know families that had family owned restaurants that will never open again. Nurses Respiratory therapist and many medical professionals that are out of work because the hospitals are empty. I have an uncle who has a mass in his body that may be cancer, he was suppose to have it removed and tested. That has been postponed and not only could cancer be growing inside of him, he is suffering mental anguish over this. NC is far enough into this to safely reopen. We can not and will not sustain this way. I am now suffering anxiety attacks and can't get help, my family is at much greater risk than this virus ever thought about causing. Living is not Surviving.
04/13/2020 11:21 PM	Health Care Working Group	Heather Harrell	I am quite concerned regarding potential future vaccine mandates and losing my freedom to opt out of a medical treatment at my discretion. The particular evidence that I rely on to have reached my position is not disputed. Without safety and efficacy data I won't know how I feel about the covid vaccine. Although Based on other clinical vaccine trials I'm not optimistic that a true inert placebo will be used in these trials to show actual safety data.

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			<p>If this is the case I will not be consenting to this vaccine and would much appreciate keeping my right to make this decision and potentially opt out. Please help protect my right to informed consent. (Additional note of importance: when reading the vaccine "safety" studies the term placebo is incorrectly used and a different vaccine or just the adjuvant is used in the "control" group. This is not how safety science should be done - please pay attention to this aspect if/when making any decisions about vaccines. Accurate and ethical safety data is paramount)</p>
04/13/2020 11:22 PM	Health Care Working Group	Peasant Debbie Beasley	<p>Dear Honorable servants of the people:</p> <p>It has come to my knowledge that the powers that be has requested that NC shut down to avoid overwhelming our health care system. We, your loyal servants, were agreeable to the first 15 days to slow the spread, but now it has been extended an additional 30 days without our permission.</p> <p>I am sure our forefathers put the language about inalienable rights in the constitution for a reason. Who grants these inalienable rights? Who can take them away? It seems our honorable servants to the people think they can grant or take away our rights. We the people are requesting our government officials take their rightful duty to serve the people and retract any violations of our constitutional rights. We need to reopen NC!</p> <p>Thank you for listening.</p>
04/13/2020 11:24 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Tata Lewis	As a taxpayer in NC, as a free citizen, I am requesting that the state of North Carolina open by May 1st. Isolate the sick and compromised. Allow all business to open!
04/13/2020 11:24 PM	Health Care Working Group	Medical Freedom Brenda Severs	<p>WI-38, MRC-5, and WALVAX-2 are three amongst many names given by the scientific community to unborn dissected babies typically utilized as growth mediums for vaccines. As a Christian, I cannot and will not inject dog kidney dna (like exists in a current flu shot), aborted baby female or male dna, nor any other animal into my children or myself. I am thankful for the conscience protections that exist in our great state of North Carolina by way of the religious exemption. I ask that you please fervently protect this exemption for the sake of families like ours. Our parental rights, medical bodily autonomy, and religious freedom must not be sacrificed to fear and temporary bad seasons in our state. Praying each of you do the right thing and protect us from any medical mandate that does not respect our freedom of religion also. Ultimately, as a parent, I MUST please God before man. Thank you.</p>
04/13/2020 11:24 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Edwin Llerena	Open up the state lift the restrictions o want to get back to work ty
04/13/2020 11:25 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Pamela Reichert	<p>Reopen North Carolina now.</p> <p>Advise those individuals at risk to wear a mask when going out and protect themselves by staying at home as much as they can. I should not have to be tested, tagged or vaccinated in order to exercise my Constitutional right.</p>
04/13/2020 11:26 PM	Education Working Group	Mrs. Paula Hall	<p>I request the normal requirements for homeschool students to undergo standardized testing this school year be waived, as it has been waived for students in public school. Homeschool families pay for testing out of pocket, and given current restrictions on employment and the governor's "stay-at-home" order, this places a financial strain on many families. Homeschool families often meet for group testing sessions in April or May, which have been been cancelled, with trained proctors or utilize formal testing proctors</p>

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			who travel from out of town, which is also impossible currently. Homeschool families often meet for group learning activities weekly, or multiple times per week, or utilize facilities and resources outside the home for educational experiences. None of these have been possible for weeks now given our state's current events and restrictions. Please consider waiving annual testing requirements for homeschool students/families, as our lives are greatly affected by the coronavirus outbreak, just as everyone's has across our state. Thank you in advance for taking the time to consider this request.
04/13/2020 11:28 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Roxan Wetzel	I do NOT support keeping North Carolina Stay at Home order in place past April 30th! Small Businesses are suffering, some will not recover. Those who are vulnerable need to continue to shelter in place, those who are not vulnerable need to get back to work!
04/13/2020 11:30 PM	Health Care Working Group	Mrs. Teresa	Our state must open back up. You are killing more than you are saving! Millions are without work, depression, suicide are increasing. People are being arrested for following the recommendations. No person should be forced to take a vaccine! We are not test subjects! Let it be optional but not mandated. Protect our freedoms and our rights!
04/13/2020 11:36 PM	Education Working Group	Mrs. Vickie Martin	I request the normal requirements for homeschool students to undergo standardized testing this school year be waived. Homeschool families have been affected by the current restrictions on employment and travel and the governor's "stay-at-home" order, often placing a financial strain on families, which makes standardized testing a struggle in many homes. Homeschool families often meet for group testing sessions. Such group testing sessions have been cancelled due to restrictions on meeting in groups of 10 or more. Many families utilize formal testing proctors who travel from out of town, which is also impossible currently. Homeschool families have been unable to meet for group learning activities and community days or utilize facilities and resources outside the home for educational experiences. None of these have been possible for weeks now given our state's current events and restrictions. Please consider waiving annual testing requirements for homeschool students/families, as our lives are greatly affected by this viral outbreak. Thank you for your time.
04/13/2020 11:36 PM	Health Care Working Group	Mrs. Gretchin Clodfelter	Panic and Fear should NEVER dictate policy! Above ALL else, Protect OUR medical AND religious freedoms! Mandating any vaccine goes against the constitution! Say NO to forced vaccinations! "Those who deny freedom to others deserve it not for themselves; and, under a just God, can not long retain it." Abraham Lincoln
04/13/2020 11:39 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Milvia Caban	It is time to reopen NC. Governor Cooper is implementing unconstitutional measures. People have the right to work and earn money to feed their families. Governor Cooper is ignoring the data we all have access to on the NCDHHS website where it clearly shows that we remain at a 7% of confirmed cases even as we increase testing - that is 0.04% of our 10.8 million citizens. Governor Cooper is forcing over 400,000 people (so far) out of employment when the current data does not justify his drastic measures and executive orders. The damage affects all the small business suffering and losing all investment. Small businesses are the back bone of our economy. We, the people of North Carolina, employ you and Governor Cooper. We ask that you stop this government overreach. Your re-election depends on it. Call for the assembly to meet soon and make Governor Cooper let North Carolina get back to work.

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04/13/2020 11:43 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Lionel Perkins	The Outer Banks being closed to non resident property owners is not legal and should be reversed. The AG or Governor should weigh in. This would economically be good for NC
04/13/2020 11:44 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Joan Ryan	Don't open businesses until we are guaranteed to be safe
04/13/2020 11:44 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms. Tracy Bengtson	<p>With the new data acquired in the last few weeks of near universal isolation, it's clear that the draconian restrictions are not necessary to stop the spread of coronavirus. Please free up our state. Abortion, abuse, debt, anxiety, depression are all increasing. People have lost jobs and don't know how they're going to make it in the future. Businesses have closed with no hope of reopening. This is tragic, and our constitutional liberties are being trampled as our economy is wrecked. It's possible to protect one another from infection while continuing to live our lives in the freedom given to us.</p> <p>While the average taxpayer suffers, a few industries continue as usual, including the government. We must not allow individuals to carry this unbearable burden. Some steps you can take immediately include:</p> <p>All top government officials should not get paid until this is over.</p> <p>State taxes should be suspended.</p> <p>All nonessential government workers should have their salaries and hours cut back 30 percent for every week this goes on.</p> <p>All county councilmen and state legislatures must permanently strip executives of emergency powers beyond 24 hours without consent from a legislative body.</p> <p>No regulations on individuals or family activities that are not in violation of CDC distancing guidelines.</p> <p>No federal bailouts for the states.</p> <p>In addition, allow people to go back to work, worship, and business as they choose, while taking proper precautions that we as adults are responsible for taking. Expand antibody testing. Immediately stop the illegal seizing of individual's constitutional rights. Share facts, to counter the media and political hype.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>
04/13/2020 11:46 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Dr. Dwight Willis	We need to put public health first. We can only reopen NC when we have the capacity to provide testing for large numbers of people and be able to get same-day results. We then need to be able to isolate those who test positive. We need rapid temperature testing methods at all businesses and stores. Until we have all of these resources in place it is premature to discuss reopening our state.
04/13/2020 11:50 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Shonda Stanton	I support the "stay at home" measures we have in place.
04/13/2020 11:51 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Dena LaRue	<p>Mr. Cooper,</p> <p>We need to see actions being taken towards opening our State back up for business. We</p>

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			<p>can't sit back and allow this to cause more damage than the virus itself.</p> <p>I'm a citizen, living in a Constitutional Republic within the borders of North Carolina. I'm a citizen, not your science project. I'm writing you to demand an end to your unconstitutional and judicious over reach on the rights and liberties of the citizens of North Carolina and Onslow County.</p> <p>Our inalienable rights are granted to us by our creator and framed in our Constitution, they are not yours to restrict and as a citizen of North Carolina and Onslow County, I'm here to remind you again that we are CITIZENS not your subjects! YOU WORK FOR US and I'll remind you of that come November.</p> <p>Yes, there is a need for caution and concern during this virus outbreak, but this overreach is an abuse of power and it needs to end!</p> <p>Furthermore, at what point do any of you think you are competent enough to tell us what is "essential" and what is not for our families day to day needs and by what authority do you have to close private businesses and limit what is for sale in stores? That is Socialism plain and simple!</p> <p>We the citizens of North Carolina will not stand for it! Do you sincerely think we are stupid? Governor Cooper and all other Democrat officials, you need to stop thinking we are and don't think for a second that we are blind to you all towing the party line, we know what you are doing and we have had enough!</p> <p>Do any of you have any real idea what you have done to businesses, or families in this state? Many may never recover.</p> <p>I see it only fitting that Governor Cooper IMMEDIATELY surrender his income until such time as his even more restrictive stay at home and social distancing orders are lifted.</p> <p>I demand that Governor Cooper also pay for the maintenance, upkeep, and staff of the governors mansion as well. You sir, should not be allowed to continue to draw a salary, or live freely off the very citizens of North Carolina that you're suppressing while we wonder whether, or not, we will have jobs to even return to.</p> <p>A true leader would endure the same harshness his people do. Many people are small business owners, they take risks and work hard to build something. Then, they are offered what's called "a privilege" to take out an interest bearing loan to pay employees and stay afloat, putting them further in debt.</p> <p>You, Governor Cooper and all who voted like have violated my Constitutional rights. The rights to freely assemble. to worship, to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. We are under threat of being arrested for a class 2 misdemeanor and a \$650.00 fine for walking on the beaches, the boat ramps and the parks, all of which we pay for! Enough is enough! If you continue down this course, you know that people are only going to stand for this only so long before it becomes civil disobedience, riot and revolution to get our great state back to where it needs to be. We are all equally responsible for our own health, safety, and well being, we don't need it dictated to us by lawyers and real estate agents following the party line.</p>

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			<p>Disseminate the information, sequester the most at risk, let herd immunity do its job and GET US BACK TO WORK! Have you even thought of the secondary implications of your draconian over reach? Farmers are dumping milk and crops will rot in the fields. What are we going to do when the farmers are bankrupt since they can't get payroll protection because many of their employees are seasonal 2 months at a time a couple times per year? The impact on the stock market alone has done what may be irreparable damage to many of our elderly citizens that are living on retirement plans, losing their money hand over fist without the time or ability to recover. LIFT THE RESTRICTIONS AND GET US BACK TO WORK NOW!!</p> <p>I promise you all that come election time we will remember these infringements on our liberties, the jobs, and businesses you cost us and will exercise the rights we have left to elect you all out of a job! Do the right thing now!</p> <p>Dena LaRue</p> <p>North Carolina, Onslow County resident</p> <p>"I prefer dangerous freedom over peaceful slavery"</p> <p>Thomas Jefferson</p>
04/13/2020 11:54 PM	Health Care Working Group	Mr. Dustin Vietzke	<p>Mandatory vaccination is un-American and I'm essence goes against the Nuremberg Code since you can't test how everyone will react to a vaccine before administering it. VACCINES will NEVER eradicate a virus, especially one that has changed multiple times since its discovery in late 2019. The ONLY way out of this is TRUE herd immunity... not temporary vaccine induced 'immunity' that wear off. Develop programs to help support those who have weak immune systems, promote healthy eating and vitamins which naturally boost the immune system (vitamins A,C,D, & E), and stop scaring the public. Vaccines will not do that. And if you feel a vaccine is non-negotiable - make sure the manufacturer can be held liable for any and all injuries.</p>
04/13/2020 11:55 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Small Business Owner Silas Bowling	<p>Need to reopen NC in as fast and reasonable as way possible! This atmosphere of fear and trepidation is absolutely hurting our business. Business sales, Church offerings, City & County Sales tax have all taken a hit and with that, 600,000 jobs have been shed from the NC economy. We need local, rational, realistic solutions not top down federal mandates that might be right for ultra density NYC, but are NOT right for rural and spacious North Carolina!</p>
04/13/2020 11:55 PM	Health Care Working Group	Mr. William L Thigpen	<p>I implore this committee to recommend that North Carolina remove the stay at home orders and reopen the state for work. There is plenty of evidence to show the models have not been correct about SARS-COV2 and that show we are not overwhelming the healthcare system. There are experts from Stanford, Rockefeller University, Oxford, and Carnegie Mellon that state these lock down measures are not truly effective and there are other ways to handle this crisis. No one will debate this virus is serious but there are other ways to address this problem. Here are a few questions and suggestions.</p> <p>1. How can we "flatten the curve" of cases or deaths if we do not know when the curve started? There are indications this virus has been here much longer than we have been</p>

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04/13/2020 11:56 PM	Health Care Working	Mrs. Liza Coutu	<p>testing for SARS-COV2. If you look at the CDC numbers for pneumonia COVID 19 could have very well been the reason for such high numbers of pneumonia going back into late 2019. There is also evidence that shows many more people have had this and had mild symptoms never requiring a doctor visit. Thus the case fatality rate could be much lower than is being purported.</p> <p>2. The LockDown strategy was sold to the public as a way to keep from overwhelming our hospitals. Currently, we only have 313 hospitalizations for this virus in the whole state of North Carolina. The fact that North Carolina hospitals have not even been close to being overwhelmed should allow for relaxing of these stay at home orders. People are not going to hospitals now for need surgeries and treatments of other illnesses and have been told they are not allowed to perform said treatments during this time. This is wrong.</p> <p>3. Could the stay at home orders spread the virus more and prolong the virus with another wave once we come out of this? Having families cooped up in homes spending long times together actually is where a large part of transmission comes from as one CDC shows.</p> <p>4. If we continue this lockdown how are we going to develop herd immunity? According to Knut M. Wittkowski, a world-renowned epidemiologist who headed the Department of Biostatistics, Epidemiology, and Research Design at the Rockefeller University, New York for 20 years, "With all respiratory diseases, the only thing that stops the disease is herd immunity. About 80% of the people need to have had contact with the virus, and the majority of them won't even have recognized that they were infected, or they had very, very mild symptoms, especially if they are children." A continued lockdown, as noted in point #3 is just going to prevent herd immunity from developing, thus it is almost guaranteed that we have a second wave as soon as we stop the social distancing. So we are going to kill our economy, causing deaths from economic destruction and mental health issues brought on by such despair, in addition to bankrupting our healthcare system from not caring for other illnesses and yet we will be back to square one within a few days of ending the shutdown.</p> <p>Thus I contend that we do the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. End the Stay at home order no later than April 30, 2020. 2. Encourage people to reopen businesses with the following caveats <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Highly encourage mask wearing and personal and corporate hygiene (washing hands, sanitizing surfaces etc.) Present PSA's about the use and importance of such actions. 3. Start rampant testing even for those who may be asymptomatic. If we know who has it they will be less likely to spread it to those who are the most vulnerable . 4. Quarantine the sick, the immunocompromised, and the elderly, age 65 and up. 5. Use the antibody testing to figure out who has had it so we can get a serological number and determine how deadly this virus is. At this point, we really do not know. This will also show who does not have to worry about getting this again. 6. Increase dosages available of Hydroxychloroquine for NC healthcare providers and do additional studies to make sure it is as effective against this virus as it anecdotally seems to be. <p>With these common-sense solutions we can strike a balance of protecting the most vulnerable among us and restarting our vibrant economy, which will only enrich the health and well being of North Carolina citizens during this trying time. Thank you!</p> <p>Media reports give the impression that there are no treatments for COVID-19 when in fact,</p>

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	Group		<p>significant scientific evidence proves there are inexpensive pharmaceutical and natural treatments that are working well to completely heal COVID-19.</p> <p>Numerous studies show that intravenous vitamin C can completely stop COVID-19, and hospitals in the US and around the world are using it successfully. Why isn't the CDC, WHO, and media recommending this no-downside therapy? Orthomolecular Medicine News Service reported on 29 published studies on Vitamin C as consideration for pneumonia, lung infections, and COVID-19.</p> <p>http://orthomolecular.org/resources/omns/v16n20.shtml</p> <p>Or for those who prefer a pharmaceutical option, there is Chloroquine. Again, there are a number of studies worldwide showing the effectiveness of Chloroquine:</p> <p>https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0924857920300996 https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/32145363 https://docs.google.com/document/d/1SesxgaPnpT6OfCYuaFSwXzDK4cDKMbivoALprcVFj48/mobilebasic https://www.hngn.com/articles/228138/20200223/coronavirus-cure-chloroquine-confirmed-effective.htm</p> <p>The media has been quick to promote Anthony Fauci's criticism of Chloroquine and question Trump's declaration that Chloroquine is a promising treatment. While Trump is certainly distrusted by many Americans, given that Chloroquine is a 70+-year-old medication with generics available, it is unlikely that he or his people will realize any significant financial gain.</p> <p>Anthony Fauci, who has strong ties to pharmaceutical interests, has said that Chloroquine and other therapies are not effective against COVID-19. He has gone so far when asked about the country getting back to normal as to say that it will only happen "when you can completely protect the population" with a vaccine and treatment.</p> <p>The cost to society of treating moderate to severe cases with Chloroquine or Vitamin C which are both available today is minor. The cost of putting the economy on hold while we wait for a vaccine to be developed, produced and distributed to every citizen is astronomical.</p> <p>I ask that you investigate this situation. Thank you.</p>
04/13/2020 11:58 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mrs Sandra Ogg	RE OPEN OUR STATE! THIS IS OUT OF HAND!
04/14/2020 12:00 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Reopen nc William Fischer	Open the state back up on May 1. Our businesses can't sustain this much longer.
04/14/2020 12:03 AM	Health Care Working	Reopen NC Bobbi Jones	Our State needs to open back up!

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04/14/2020 12:04 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Danielle Robinson	In respect to the many people of Faith in NC, religious services should be deemed Essential, with having the Pastors write and submit a plan of operations that include multiple hand sanitizers distancing between family groups from other family groups and other options towards responsible crowd management. Not deeming religious services as necessary is a bad idea.
04/14/2020 12:04 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mr. William L Thigpen	<p>I implore this committee to recommend that North Carolina remove the stay at home orders and reopen the state for work. There is plenty of evidence to show the models have not been correct about SARS-COV2 and that shows we are not overwhelming the healthcare system. There are experts from Stanford, RockefellerUniversity, Oxford, and Carnegie Mellon that state these lock down measures are not truly effective and there are other ways to handle this crisis. No one will debate this virus is serious but there are other ways to address this problem. Here are a few questions and suggestions.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How can we "flatten the curve" of cases or deaths if we do not know when the curve started? There are indications this virus has been here much longer than we have been testing for SARS-COV2. If you look at the CDC numbers for pneumonia COVID 19 could have very well been the reason for such high numbers of pneumonia going back into late 2019. There is also evidence that shows many more people have had this and had mild symptoms never requiring a doctor visit. Thus the case fatality rate could be much lower than is being purported. 2. The LockDown strategy was sold to the public as a way to keep from overwhelming our hospitals. Currently, we only have 313 hospitalizations for this virus in the whole state of North Carolina. The fact that North Carolina hospitals have not even been close to being overwhelmed should allow for relaxing of these stay at home orders. People are not going to hospitals now for need surgeries and treatments of other illnesses and have been told they are not allowed to perform said treatments during this time. This is wrong. 3. Could the stay at home orders spread the virus more and prolong the virus with another wave once we come out of this? Having families cooped up in homes spending long times together actually is where a large part of transmission comes from as one CDC shows. 4. If we continue this lockdown how are we going to develop herd immunity? According to Knut M. Wittkowski, a world-renowned epidemiologist who headed the Department of Biostatistics, Epidemiology, and Research Design at the Rockefeller University, New York for 20 years, "With all respiratory diseases, the only thing that stops the disease is herd immunity. About 80% of the people need to have had contact with the virus, and the majority of them won't even have recognized that they were infected, or they had very, very mild symptoms, especially if they are children." A continued lockdown, as noted in point #3 is just going to prevent herd immunity from developing, thus it is almost guaranteed that we have a second wave as soon as we stop the social distancing. So we are going to kill our economy, causing deaths from economic destruction and mental health issues brought on by such despair, in addition to bankrupting our healthcare system from not caring for other illnesses and yet we will be back to square one within a few days of ending the shutdown. <p>Thus I contend that we do the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. End the Stay at home order no later than April 30, 2020. 2. Encourage people to reopen businesses with the following caveats

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04/14/2020 12:07 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Frances Jones	<p>Please do not extend the "Stay at Home" order past April 29. The current widespread loss of employment is having a serious detrimental effect on the well being of our citizens emotionally, physically, and financially. North Carolina will be most successful by enabling her citizens the right to exercise their civil liberties by challenging the citizens to use their wisdom and talents to take personal responsibility for defeating the virus. We all know what we need to do to be safe. Honor us as citizens by allowing us the freedom to act responsibly. We want to succeed and help others; sitting at home is not the answer. The blanket restrictions across the state are unnecessary. The decisions need to be made at the county level by the local city and county officials elected by the residents to reflect the state of that community. There are counties in North Carolina with no cases. The decisions for those counties are obviously different than for counties with many cases like Mecklenburg and Wake. To support this freedom of citizens to decide for themselves the state could have statewide provisions for any employee who has an underlying condition or the development of the disease the ability to stay in home quarantine until they are well enough to return to society without the fear of losing their employment. The same protection should be given any parent who must stay home with a child who is unable to attend school or day care because it is closed by the county. Not every county operates on the same school schedule which means it is also best for the county to decide school closings. Thank you for this opportunity to express suggestions and concerns.</p>
04/14/2020 12:07 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Daniel Buchanan	<p>STOP all business activity with CHINA! Bring our businesses home. Pharmaceuticals with our huge biotech base! Undo the Smithfield deal. To date 23,000+ American lives have been lost at the hands of Communist China and Xi Jinping. Stop trade, student exchange, technology info exchange! Our citizens, economy, infrastructure and defense come first! Bring back the three R's to our schools. Teach NC and US history starting with the Constitution! We're losing our heritage. We're losing our identity as Americans and</p>

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04/14/2020 12:15 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Dr. Cathy Sewell	<p>Tarheels! Protect the right to Worship! Reduce an unnecessary tax burden on citizens. Sll we see are hands out constantly asking for more!</p> <p>Dear House Select COVID-19 Committee Members:</p> <p>I'm writing you as a concerned North Carolina citizen. I vehemently oppose the continued shutdown of our state and the Unconstitutional orders in place. The data does not support the actions taken by our state government. As an American I have inalienable rights recognized by the Constitution granted by my Creator and these orders and arrests are in direct violation. Our economy is suffering and people are out of work. Stress and worry about finances can compromise our immune system and cause other significant issues. Also, a significant concern is that domestic violence is on the increase. These are just some examples of many societal concerns as a result of this shutdown. I won't even go into the many unseen or unspoken consequences of this type of power grab.</p> <p>In my city, the Enrichment Center for the Elderly has stopped delivering meals to the elderly. I think this is a seriously negative result. People in charge are going to a level of disconnect with humanity than I have ever seen before. So much false information about the Corona Virus has been used to panic people when it would have been more helpful to tell people about the ways to help build their immune systems to fight off the virus. People that have a compromised immune system or other health issues would certainly need to isolate themselves more and have family or commercial delivery services made available to them. There are many able bodied people that need to and are able to go back to work and resume some normal sense of existence. We need to REOPEN NC now. Action taken now will directly influence how I and others will vote in November. We demand our rights!</p>
04/14/2020 12:21 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Anja Rainwater	<p>Open up our state again on May 1st. Too many people are hurting from this shut down. WE NEED TO GET BACK TO WORK. Our state desperately need to get the economy going again. The scales have tipped and there is way more hurt and damage from the shut down than from the current risks from this horrid virus. Lift the banns and save our businesses and our jobs.</p>
04/14/2020 12:23 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr. William L Thigpen	<p>I implore this committee to recommend that North Carolina remove the stay at home orders and reopen the state for work. There is plenty of evidence to show the models have not been correct about SARS-COV2 and that shows we are not overwhelming the healthcare system. There are experts from Stanford, RockefellerUniversity, Oxford, and Carnegie Mellon that state these lock down measures are not truly effective and there are other ways to handle this crisis. No one will debate this virus is serious but there are other ways to address this problem. Here are a few questions and suggestions.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How can we "flatten the curve" of cases or deaths if we do not know when the curve started? There are indications this virus has been here much longer than we have been testing for SARS-COV2. If you look at the CDC numbers for pneumonia COVID 19 could have very well been the reason for such high numbers of pneumonia going back into late 2019. There is also evidence that shows many more people have had this and had mild symptoms never requiring a doctor visit. Thus the case fatality rate could be much lower than is being purported. 2. The LockDown strategy was sold to the public as a way to keep from overwhelming our hospitals. Currently, we only have 313 hospitalizations for this virus in the whole state of North Carolina. The fact that North Carolina hospitals have not even been close to being

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04/14/2020 12:39 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Nicole Hessler	<p>At what point does the solution to the Covid-19 Virus become worse than the virus itself? I for one am more worried about what this quarantine and business /work shut down is doing to our country and our way of life. At some point the solution of shutting this economy down does become more dangerous than this virus. That's hard for some people to hear and I get that, but your feelings and your fear don't make it any less true.</p> <p>For instance, when we go to war, what are we going to war for? Answer; It's to preserve our way of life. Period. And we have been willing for generations to sacrifice lives to that end. This is not any different.</p> <p>This incredible engine that is the American economy IS our national defense. We rely on it and need it for our survival. Otherwise we will be over-run or just become another 2nd or 3rd world country. Why would we allow that to happen? Fear? Cowardice? If we allow that to happen, we would be destroying everything the greatest generation and all those generations before us fought and died for.</p> <p>It's sad that we allowed fear to shut down the greatest country with the greatest ever economy over a virus that "IF" you get it you still have a 98% recovery rate. And if you take Hydroxychloroquine the recovery numbers are closer to 99 – 100%.</p> <p>Re-Open North Carolina Now!!!</p>
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04/14/2020 12:42 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mike Duncan	<p>I have a small business that is currently handcuffed by this lockdown. Businesses are being called non essential. My business IS essential to my family. The measures that have been taken are way past what is allowed by our rights and constitution. More people will be harmed from this precaution than will be from the virus. Many other experts have much more logical measures to deal with the virus. More of a surgical approach. https://www.thecollegefix.com/bulletin-board/cdc-advisor-says-real-fatality-rate-of-covid-19-is-too-low-to-justify-drastic-crackdowns/</p> <p>If the measures are not soon lifted our economy will be devastated. Please look at all aspects of the decisions ghat were made. Currently in NC there are a little over 300 people in hospitals because of the virus. 300 out of around 10,000,000 in NC. Please overturn the governors dictatorial decision!</p>
04/14/2020 12:51 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group		<p>This shut down needs to come to an end before the people rebel</p>
04/14/2020 12:57 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Crystal Stewart	<p>I am a hair stylist and new salon owner Of just 5 yrs. this year. So I am self employed.. I work with 3 other stylist. They all pay booth rent so they are independent contractors. We have no back up plans to pay our bills . We have been out of work now for 3 wks. But had been working very little prior for over month because of fear of the virus. We don't make enough money to have back up plans in such a short time. An to our knowledge. There is no help out there for us as True Small business owners like our salon and stylist need. We ask that there be some way to get financial help for self employed or independent contractors .. Sense we can not return to work until we get permission from the government</p> <p>Thank You</p>
04/14/2020 01:04 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Brad Thompson	<p>The actions that have been taken by national and state governments in order to control the COVID-19 virus has been detrimental to all. Were the actions substantiated; possibly. However, I feel that the actions that were imposed were not fair to all businesses and individuals. By allowing certain businesses to stay open and having others close was entirely ridiculous. Tell me how policies such as closing small businesses and allowing larger businesses such as Lowe's, Food Lion, and Walmart to remain open with minimal social distancing helped to control this virus? The Governor just made policy for stores to limit the number of people within the store while within the past 2 weeks there could be 200 people in a Lowe's on a Saturday and no social distancing policy was being imposed.</p>

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04/14/2020 01:06 AM	Health Care Working Group	Chrystal Eckard	Please fight to have NC open back for business! Unlike what you see in the media, I work in a hospital and our census is so low they had to cut everyone's hours and if things do not improve within the next 2 weeks there will be layoffs! Yes, in the hospital which according to the media, should be overflowing with deathly sick patients considering we are in a pandemic! This is the case for both hospitals in my area! Furthermore, most local business will have to permanently shut down as well! Our economic future depends on you to do what is right for the people of NC #ReopenNC
04/14/2020 01:18 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Baker/barista - furloughed Lezlie Rusin	Please reopen North Carolina now. We can open safely and quarantine the sick- not the healthy. Let's protect our most vulnerable while also protecting our economy!
04/14/2020 01:27 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Reopen NC by May 1 Elisa Keefe	<p>Why should NC reopen by May 1?</p> <p>The Covid-19 mortality rate has been overestimated.</p> <p>We have not saturated the health care system.</p> <p>Economic collapse and unemployment are already destroying families.</p> <p>Suicide may kill almost as many people as COVID-19 this year.</p> <p>It's the best thing for the people of North Carolina.</p>
04/14/2020 01:33 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Miss Sarah Gochenour	Whereas the Governor is required to seek the authorization of the Council of State , in invoking Orders, and has failed to do so, I am calling on the General Assembly to address

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04/14/2020 01:36 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Ms Christine Zimmermann	Public health considerations, informed by science and data, should be given priority when considering when to lift restrictions due to COVID-19.
04/14/2020 01:38 AM	Health Care Working Group	Covid19 Beth Markesino	<p>Governor Cooper</p> <p>I have been a advocate for North Carolina residents for sometime. I have always wanted our communities health and well-being first. It has been brought to my attention that their is a group called Reopen N.C. that has bombarded you and the general assembly to reopen. I want you to know that myself and so many other North Carolinians stand united with you and your decisions to keep the stay at home order, because it is working. We are seeing in China that individuals that once had covid19 are not immune like we once thought. We do not need our state open and our numbers increased due to the pressure of a few individuals. We all will get through this. You have a large team working on many facets within our state. I would recommend maybe bringing in different experts to the press conferences, for instance scientists from Duke and doctors. If residents see a doctor in scrubs or that they are working on a cure they will listen. If this doctor tell them we're working hard for your safety and stay home, people will listen. Make your press conferences relatable. Have a teacher there to talk to parents and tell them it's ok if you don't do all of the work one day and that they are doing a great job. Also, speak to our communities that you understand that staying at home can be boring, tell them you and your wife walk your dog and go on bike rides, show your homemade masks you use. Oh and one last thing that is really annoying when you have a press conference, everyone touches the Podium. It would be great if we saw you use hand sanitizer or Lysol to spray it down. Kind of practicing what you preach. Again thank you for what you're doing, and don't listen to the group Reopen N.C.</p> <p>Best wishes, Beth Markesino</p>
04/14/2020 02:10 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Jessica Willard	I have lost my source of income due to the fact restaurants have been shut down. I would like the stay at home order to end in April, so I am able to work and pay my bill! I have been unemployed for almost a month and still have not received my check yet. I am asking for you to open up the restaurant and give us people back our job please and help the small

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04/14/2020 02:48 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms. Margaret Mosca	These 'orders' are unconstitutional. A governor cannot make laws. Law enforcement cannot enforce these unconstitutional orders. These orders must be rescinded or lawsuits will follow.
04/14/2020 03:59 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Rhonda Helms	Reopen North Carolina. People are loosing everything over this.
04/14/2020 04:04 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Tabitha Woodard	We need to get NC back open. BILLIONS NC business (humans), particularly Small Business owners, are losing for .00041% of the population.
04/14/2020 04:10 AM	Economic Support Working Group	please reopen NC may 1! chelsea le chatelier	as a citizen of this state for 30+ years, this is absolute madness that small business has to be shut down for this long. please open NC back up so people can work! you're wreckinf our economy and putting people in a hardship by not letting them work.
04/14/2020 04:13 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Dr Mary King	We need to open NC businesses 01 May 2020. The cases in NC 4,800 and 80 deaths out of 10 million people does not warrant stay at home measures to continue. This is government overreach and will be detrimental to the people you serve as a public servant. Shelter the elderly, the sick and immune compromise. The people will not allow this much longer and your seats will be filled with patriots of this great NC state.
04/14/2020 04:14 AM	Health Care Working Group	Eleanor Daniels	It's simply not time to reopen. There are numerous articles and look at japans 2nd wa e.
04/14/2020 04:14 AM	Economic Support Working Group	We The People Erin Muldoon	You are stifling us by violating our God given Constitutional rights. You have allowed only certain businesses to remain open and out lical lived businesses out of business for good. We are being tild where to go and what to wear and being lied to by the media and more regarding the actual state of what is happening. We did not elect you to babysit us. You do realize YOU WORK FOR US, you were not elected to allie us our rights, we are ENTITLED TO THEM. Open our state back up for us to salvage what we can and try to piece our lives back together as normal. Notice we still have to pay our taxes and mortgages yet you have allowed us to be put out of work and doing nothing to assist us in our financial nightmare. We will live our lives as normal as possible, you cannot keep us caged as animals.
04/14/2020 04:53 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Lisa Kittrell	Reopen North Carolina please..
04/14/2020 06:13 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Richard Hudson	NC leaders need to be working 24/7 on the CV-19 disaster. We hear nothing from the NCGA and Roy Cooper is decimating our state. We all need to use common sense to make ourselves as safe as possible, but we also need to be free. By emergency order our state government has wrecked a robust economy, which in my opinion had been political attack against the Trump Administration. Quit listening completely to academia and science and use some horse sense to get us back to work.
04/14/2020 06:14 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Jeff Johnson	REOPEN NC NOW...
04/14/2020 06:23 AM	Education Working Group	Jennifer Taylor	I think homeschoolers and private school students should also be exempted from end of year assessments as the public school children were.
04/14/2020 06:37 AM	Economic Support	Mr Kenneth Beason	We need to GET BACK TO WORK PERIOD. And as far as Mr. Cooper bill to STOP VOTING at

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	Working Group		the polls that is Unconstitutional
04/14/2020 06:42 AM	Health Care Working Group	Melody Walker	No vaccine mandates!! Where there is risk there MUST be a choice!!
04/14/2020 06:48 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Ms. Martha Allan	Hello, I strongly believe that we need continuity of State Operations for Emergency services, elections, and public safety. I do not believe that we should hold public elections for now which exposes our people to COVID-19 and I do not believe that mail-in voting is a good way to vote unless necessary identification documents are included with each and every ballot and that those ballots are verified. I also very strongly believe that we need to wait to open our country until the virus is more under control. Please support the concerns and thoughts of your people.
04/14/2020 06:49 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr. Robert Peele	I had a staff of 8 teachers and 140 kids attending my music school before this. Now I have about 40 online students and 6 teachers. I've applied for the Payroll Protection Program but 9 days later the application is in limbo somewhere. After 10 years of serving the Garner community and educating our children, the school will likely not recover from this and will have to close our doors. 98% of the people that contract this disease will survive it, the NCDHHS statistics are very clear on this. That's a very high survivability rate for such a massive and draconian response by NC government. Please open NC as much as possible and start saving the small businesses like mine that actually can be saved. This isn't 1918, our society is technologically advanced, we can do it safely.
04/14/2020 06:54 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mark Wallace	My wife and I have eight kids whom we cannot support with the shutdown of North Carolina. I build houses here in Salisbury NC and the man I build them for isn't going to build any with the shut down so I am completely out of work with no income at all being self employed and no way to work. I have been building(framing) houses 22 years and have done well. I am broke and my wife has lupus and unable to work. Please open back up NC
04/14/2020 07:06 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Frank Conti	As a small business owner, this is a life or death situation. My businesses impact 50+ employees that are out of work. My landlords may or may not work with me to reopen. You are killing the backbone of the state for unproven data. There will be hell to pay in November.
04/14/2020 07:10 AM	Economic Support Working Group	John Hinnant	Tenth Amendment The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people. The legislature needs to weigh in and not let the governor do this alone.
04/14/2020 07:17 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Sherrie Bailey	We have to reopen NC! I also am strongly against the "immunity pass"!
04/14/2020 07:22 AM	Education Working Group	School Reopening Timeline Eric Gibbons	20%- 50% of those who are positive for Coronavirus have no symptoms. (When testing a random population broadly) Most of those people are children. Students are asymptomatic carriers passing the virus amongst themselves and the adults they interact with. Unless every student can be tested, and staff member, we should not reopen schools until there is a cure. Cities that kept schools open longer are reporting high numbers of staff deaths and community spread.

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04/14/2020 07:23 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Dr. Kathleen Malley	<p>https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/clinical-guidance-management-patients.html</p> <p>Good morning, Thank you all for everything you are doing to keep our state safe. I know, like others, this has been challenging for our family to say the least. However, I think that the most important thing to do right now is listen to the experts and protect our workers who are risking their health every day. This not only includes doctors and nurses but also those in the delivery services, food industries, farmers, sanitation workers, etc. The most important thing we can do is not rush a reopen and provide more protection to workers on the front lines. I'm concerned about the food supply chain and how this will affect the general public and businesses that utilize these services. Please consider how we can help pay and protect these workers and also give owners and managers enough time to implement measures that go into effect since it is so hard to find things like PPE or hand sanitizer quickly-much less finding these things on a large scale quickly. Please do not listen to those who are not being driven by science. Thank you</p>
04/14/2020 07:26 AM	Health Care Working Group	Angie Insko	Our hospitals and ERs are not overwhelmed and we need to get back to work AND school now. Those who are high risk for COVID19 should take the necessary precautions if they choose, but the rest of us need to get back to living, learning, and worshipping together. It's shameful that Gov. Cooper and NCDHHS are withholding granular data from the citizens of this state in order to hold on to their power. This shut down is killing small businesses left and right, like the one where my daughter works. It's also killing my son's learning experience. As a special needs student who cannot learn remotely, he's missing crucial interaction with teachers and peers that are vital to his overall health and well being. #ReopenNC #Releasethedata
04/14/2020 07:28 AM	Economic Support Working Group		It is time reopen NC- small businesses must reopen to survive
04/14/2020 07:29 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Jonathan Currin	As a small business owner, even though I'm essential, I'm worried about the lives lost of those who have become unemployed and we need a plan to reopen NC as soon as possibly. The side effects of the current policies are more detrimental to our society than we understand.
04/14/2020 07:32 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mrs. Evelyn Mozingo	I am small business and working on a very limited crew. Our business will not survive if you do not open business's. I look at all the business's and closed on the front. Whatever it takes let's do this now or asap.
04/14/2020 07:33 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Tim Reichert	Reopen the State!!!
04/14/2020 07:34 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Betsy Avery	We are small business owners and we need to reopen NC before we have to close our business. Our family needs to eat and pay our bills.
04/14/2020 07:37 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Jeanmarie Casanave	We cannot keep the stay at home order any longer. Please demand that we reopen for business and other states will follow! Protect the most vulnerable in nursing homes and lets move on to save what is left of what was the greatest economy we have had in a long time! Speak loudly!

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04/14/2020 07:44 AM	Health Care Working Group	Mrs Kerri Martone	This is absurd! People are sick, more people have died from the flu, abortions, obesity. Please don't push your agenda on me & my family, friends & state. You will not be re-elected & this is a clear reason why. Your agenda will not follow through. Trump will still be re-elected & you sheep can go back to your pastures!
04/14/2020 07:45 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Flattening the Curve Stacey LaCock	<p>Thank you for your great work for our state. As a recent transplant to N.C. (less than 2 years) we love everything about living down here and the amount of caring and sacrifice our leaders do for us. As you meet to begin discussing what to do during this pandemic, please consider the following facts.</p> <p>We went under stay at home orders to flatten the curve. We knew beforehand this would cause cases to continue, however we were protecting the surge in hospitals. Currently, we have just over 300 hospitalized. That is 0.002 percent of our states population.</p> <p>The amount of positive cases is 0.04%.</p> <p>I believe the facts show we have DONE OUR GREAT JOB to protect healthcare. Businesses and self-employed people like myself are losing money daily, putting more strain on our economy as we look to feed our families without income to provide.</p> <p>Please highly consider re-opening our state so your citizens can get back to work, finding pride and strength and joy in providing for their loved ones. Our hospitals are not at risk for overcrowding. We have been successful. It's time, with safeguards and protocols in place, to allow us to get back to work.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>
04/14/2020 07:48 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Debbie Cromartie	<p>North Carolina is now a socialist government. You have followed the actions of communist countries. You have decided which products/services N.C. residents can buy and which businesses are allowed to operate. You have forced citizens into isolation without hope of recovering, without the means to help themselves. No one can quantify the mental devastation you have caused to the people of N.C. , by taking away our rights. We the people have faced tough times, gone without funds to support our families, but we had the choice and opportunity to find employment. We don't have the means to support our families because you took our jobs. You took our freedom.</p>
04/14/2020 07:48 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Thomas Lombardi	<p>North Carolina needs to be reopened for business. The spread of COVID19 has been stemmed, and it is time to get back to work. We can not allow our small businesses, and farms be destroyed.</p> <p>Thanks you.</p>
04/14/2020 07:49 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Heidi Coughlin	<p>Hello, I am writing to express my concern with The Governor's overreach of the citizens of NC. It seems Gov Cooper is running unchecked by Legislature body. How can one person be allowed to ruin so much here of people's lives economically, socially, Constitutionally. We the People have the Right of Assembly. Yet if we gather at a park, store, etc there's a chance we could be arrested... this all smells of Nazi Germantown. It's come to the point where fellow citizens are calling the police because someone is out or even a contractor is working outside on a house. This craziness MUST STOP. Small businesses are hanging by a thread. I fear Cooper's actions will cause dyer repercussions. This has got to come to a stop ASAP!!! In the long run these actions will guarantee alot of people not being re-elected . Please take the politics and The Trump hating out of this. Look in the mirror are you one of</p>

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			<p>these that would rather see North Carolinians struggle before President Trump have a great economy.</p> <p>Please take the politics out of this</p> <p>Thank you</p> <p>Heidi K Coughlin</p> <p>7969 NC 39 Hwy</p> <p>Zebulon, NC</p>
04/14/2020 07:50 AM	Health Care Working Group	Karyn Mulligan	Please open our state. The cure is getting worse than the virus!!! Do you want that burden? I pray not. #Reopen NC
04/14/2020 07:51 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms Denise Akulis	Reopen our state now!
04/14/2020 07:56 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Jasmine Peebles	<p>Hello,</p> <p>For a month now our economy has come to a crashing halt in the name of public safety. One reason I appreciate president Trump leaving the states to make these decisions that are best for their perspective states is lawmakers are able to see exactly what's going on in our state. With a population of over 10 million and only 81 deaths and less than 5,000 positive tests, it does not seem in the best interest of the state to remain on lockdown. This lockdown has gutted small businesses, education, etc and if it continues the irreparable damage will affect generations. Please consider lifting the ban.</p>
04/14/2020 07:57 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr. Jo Whitehill	Reopen NC, it is time. So many are suffering more from economical devastation then the virus.
04/14/2020 08:05 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Jennings Wright	<p>We MUST open the businesses in this state!! The predictions of the supposed devastation from Covid19 have proven DAILY to be false, meanwhile we have millions who are actually unemployed, actually going bankrupt, actually abusive due to the social isolation, actually turning to alcohol and drugs to cope, actually contemplating or committing suicide. Small businesses like ours are barely hanging on, and there is no relief in site from PPP due to the lengthy delays everyone is running into to get any money at all. It's been half of the "8 weeks worth of relief" time already, at a time many businesses are coming out of their slowest quarter of the year.</p> <p>North Carolina cannot sustain a shutdown, even with actual data to back it up. There is no such data.</p> <p>North Carolinians will not be held under virtual house arrest without cause, and there has proven to be no such cause.</p> <p>North Carolinians are smart enough to protect themselves if they are at risk, and generous enough to not want everyone else to suffer catastrophic damage on their behalf. We CAN protect those whose need and want it without plunging our state into a Great Depression.</p> <p>Please make the reopening of the state your number one priority on April 28!</p>
04/14/2020 08:05 AM	Health Care Working Group	Jessica Ford	Please reopen North Carolina. This shut down is bleeding our economy. Allow people to make their own choices in regards to self isolation based on their personal needs. Healthy people should not be quarantined because we need to build herd immunity. A shut down

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			of our regularly functioning economy is an absurd way to react to a virus and sets a dangerous precedent.
04/14/2020 08:06 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Reopen NC Mary McQuaig	Please consider reopening NC. My family has personally suffered from COVID, but in the end have all recovered. Which we are thankful. The virus itself for us was no worse than a regular sickness which I'm thankful for, but the stress of not knowing where the money to pay bills is going to come from is a much larger impact than the virus itself.
04/14/2020 08:06 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Jessica Ford	Please reopen North Carolina. This shut down is bleeding our economy. Allow people to make their own choices in regards to self isolation based on their personal needs. Healthy people should not be quarantined because we need to build herd immunity. A shut down of our regularly functioning economy is an absurd way to react to a virus and sets a dangerous precedent.
04/14/2020 08:06 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Jessica Ford	Please reopen North Carolina. This shut down is bleeding our economy. Allow people to make their own choices in regards to self isolation based on their personal needs. Healthy people should not be quarantined because we need to build herd immunity. A shut down of our regularly functioning economy is an absurd way to react to a virus and sets a dangerous precedent.
04/14/2020 08:07 AM	Education Working Group	Jessica Ford	Please reopen North Carolina. This shut down is bleeding our economy. Allow people to make their own choices in regards to self isolation based on their personal needs. Healthy people should not be quarantined because we need to build herd immunity. A shut down of our regularly functioning education system is an absurd way to react to a virus and sets a dangerous precedent.
04/14/2020 08:07 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mrs Gloria Hegarty	Honorable committee members: Please re-open our state. The future of our small businesses, the backbone of our state, are in jeopardy every day we keep them from re-opening. Please! Consider the interests of our workers who are without pay. Allow our great state to thrive again. We did a great job fighting this virus thanks to leadership. Now it's time to move forward with life. G. Hegarty
04/14/2020 08:09 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr. William White	Stand up and tell people the truth. Tell businesses to open their doors. Tell people to live their lives. Tell people their Creator has given them certain inalienable rights and they should use them.
04/14/2020 08:11 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Karen Dioli	The shutdown is killing our communities. Yesterday the Winston Salem Journal headline on the front page was "ONE new case of Covid-19 reported in Forsyth County" So completely irresponsible to headline with this. How about reporting on the new cases of suicide, domestic abuse, heart attacks, opioid overdoses, child abuse all due to the shutdown? The cure is worse than the disease #ReopenNC
04/14/2020 08:14 AM	Health Care Working Group	Ms. Gail Cole	Please don't cave to pressure to open the economy prematurely. We have spent trillions of dollars literally dumping money into personal and business bank accounts. That gives us the cushion we need to reopen according to science and data, not dollars.
04/14/2020 08:15 AM	Health Care Working Group	Mrs. Erin Miller	I am strictly opposed to vaccine mandates of any kind, including COVID-19. Vaccine mandates are a direct violation of our Constitution, and whether you choose to believe it or not, vaccines do carry risks, which is something my family has personally experienced. Where there is a risk, a person MUST be given a choice.
04/14/2020 08:16 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Covid 19 Michelle Merritt	I am a one owner salon and have the ability to work on one client at the time. Why is it that I have to be out of work but furniture stores, nurseries, abc stores, ect are still allowed to

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			be opened with large crowds of people continuing to be in the same area but more so, how are they considered essential?
04/14/2020 08:16 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Edmund Wright	<p>We are getting extremely angry as officials and bureaucrats stand before us daily - missing not a single paycheck or penny of their pension - and blithely, without regard or understanding - cancel our entire lives. It's absurd, and this incredible over reach is going to kill millions in the coming five to ten years from heart attacks, strokes, suicides and everything else that is made worse by financial distress, anxiety and depression.</p> <p>Workers at state liquor stores and Walmarts and Costco and Target and Grocery stores have been working...and they are not dropping like flies...proving that this extreme lockdown is unnecessary and it is certainly devastating.</p> <p>Peoples lives are being destroyed and it's getting worse daily - and there will be hell to pay for this in so many ways for so many years. People will not be able to pay their taxes - nor will they be willing to pay them - to a state, a city or a county that cancelled their income while holding their peacock press conferences of the fully paid every day. You have no idea what you are doing to the real world...the world that PAYS FOR GOVERNMENT. You are killing it.</p> <p>Open the state now. If liquor stores can open, if COSTCO can open, if Walmart can open....THE STATE CAN OPEN. Stop being fools.</p>
04/14/2020 08:16 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Leigh Ann Raiford Odom	Please consider opening businesses back up on a limited basis to get economy back up and running!
04/14/2020 08:17 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms Holly Arbogast	Please get the unemployment claims moving for the the people of North Carolina. It is a nightmare to get your claims moving. You cannot reach anyone at the office because of the phone lines being backed up and if by some chance you do get through you are waiting literally hours for someone to pick up and help you. There are so many people hurting out here and nobody is listening. The rule on if your employer doesn't respond in 10 days it will be approved is not happening and we are receiving no response on our claims. We are 50th in the country in how much your constituents are receiving for money and you are not hearing our needs. Please get this moving.
04/14/2020 08:18 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms Cynthia Papia	End of the month we need to let people and businesses open while continuing sanitary practices (which all should have been doing all along), and let people keep using face masks if they want, keep stressing hygiene (which everyone should have always been doing), etc. People will do social distancing for a while without being ORDERED to and if they don't feel comfortable, they can keep doing what they want as far as staying home. We can keep balance between mental health and getting back on the road to being fully open.
04/14/2020 08:18 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mrs Amy Lynn Kelley	Good morning from Chapel Hill. I wanted to express my concerns about the rapid increase of seemingly over reactions and restrictions due to a very limited (though precious lives) impact of Covid-19. For example, closing Piegah National Forest when being active and outside on trails embody safe social distancing and improves mental and physical health. Please immediately work to keep limited restrictions that make sense such as at risk populations in nursing homes but cease the ones that do not make sense in a state like ours that isn't a New York City or somewhere with mass urban

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			concentration. It simply doesn't make sense that now you can't hike in the fresh air but can stand with the masses outside a store waiting to get in. This is not even mentioning the economic Impact which is going to create even more mental health issues, long term economic challenges and put so many families in unhealthy situations that could be avoided. Thank you.
04/14/2020 08:23 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Reopen N.C.!! Monica Robbins	Violation of rights ! Open back up now !
04/14/2020 08:26 AM	Health Care Working Group	Mrs Leanne Burns	<p>I am appalled at the overreaction by our Government and the restrictions of our Constitutional liberties. The numbers DO NOT warrant such response, nor do they warrant closing of our beautiful National Forests in the western part of the state. As individuals, we mitigate risk every day of our lives--how fast to drive, how many times we wash our hands, staying home when sick, enjoying the great outdoors when well, getting or not getting a flu vaccination each year, brushing our teeth, flossing our teeth, etc, etc. As a physical therapist for 34 years (military trained), inactivity is known to do harm. See The Dallas Bedrest Study, https://www.ahajournals.org/doi/full/10.1161/circ.104.12.1350, and note that these individuals were sitting up in bed, reading, not lying on their backs. A key statement: "Most notably, 3 weeks of bedrest in these same men at 20 years of age (1966) had a more profound impact on physical work capacity than did 3 decades of aging." Also, the health effects of sitting are well documented: https://www.startstanding.org/sitting-new-smoking/#para6</p> <p>Further, I have been working EVERY DAY (defined as essential infrastructure worker by the Dept of Homeland Security) and speaking to many in the public. Many parents tell me stories of their children's anxieties (elementary school) due to the fear mongering and shut downs (not from the parents, but by the actions of our government). High school aged teens are suffering from depression and extreme unrest because their future is unknown--no one is giving clear guidance on when this will end, despite meeting the initial parameters of the "stay at home" order which was to "ease the burden on hospitals."</p> <p>I have spoken with numerous MDs --many are ready to dissolve their practices because their treatment rooms are empty--the fear and panic, coupled with the elective procedure restrictions, and further complicated by unemployment (copay \$) have all limited the health care industry. Our hospital in Onslow county is empty. Our ER is empty.</p> <p>Studies are now showing that ventilators are more harmful to Covid-19 patients than helpful, yet we shut down an economy to "reduce the number of ventilators needed." https://www.wral.com/some-doctors-moving-away-from-ventilators-for-virus-patients/19047755/?fbclid=IwAR3aoM_YrzgJ4IM-YTWyynQGQdml0YyzKnvGXAeWzRFcLLuVwoKYD_SHdxE</p> <p>Studies and many MDs (and patients) are seeing REAL results from hydroxychloroquine. South Dakota is now implementing a statewide use of the drug. https://www.thegatewaypundit.com/2020/04/trumps-miracle-drug-french-study-1000-patients</p>

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			<p>including-seniors-see-98-success-rate-hydroxychloroquine-azithromycin-regimen/?utm_source=Facebook&utm_medium=PostTopSharingButtons&utm_campaign=websitesharingbuttons&fbclid=IwAR1xX617pgO_NVbpooV4p-ft75Ocbba8P9DwWiFdiuklpqKjQI5hexleo</p> <p>When the issue of a vaccine (lack thereof) is being raised as an argument for staying at home, even my 13 year old understood a problem with that argument---"we have a vaccine for the flu, yet 60,000 die per year anyway."</p> <p>When government says "social distancing is working, see?" I cringe. Once again, my homeschooled 13 year old said, "that's an "Post Hoc Ergo Propter Hoc fallacy. It concludes that since A happened before B, A must have caused B." Spot on. How many things have we, as a state and a nation, changed that all limit virus transmission? Since we had no controlled variables, we can't say for sure what worked. Here are a few: "Curve Flattening" Variables:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Cleaning flat surfaces with anti-viral wipes (we've been doing it for years at my house and business) 2. Washing hands better, more thoroughly (has that been scientifically measured?) 3. KEEPING HANDS OFF FACE (what percentage has that dropped? Has anyone measured this?) 4. Cleaning house daily 5. Wiping grocery cart handles with anti-viral wipes EVERY TIME YOU SHOP 6. Using hand sanitizer—who and how many? 7. Coughing into your elbow or shirt—who and how many? 8. Social distancing (it has not been measured; tracking people by their phone travels measures where they've been, not how close they have stood to another individual.) 9. Hugging restrictions? ? How many people have stopped? Not stopped? 10. Kissing restrictions? How many people have stopped? Not stopped? 11. Washing your glass after each drink? 12. Washing your coffee cup daily 13. Masking—how many and who are doing it? Is it controlled? How many are filtered? What material is being used? How many layers? Are the filters filtering outside air or the expelled air of the user? 14. Wiping your phone with anti-viral wipes <p>We do not have the population density or housing dilemmas that NYC has; our deaths per million population show 11 this AM (I would say it is probably lower since the deaths due to covid 19 are questionable and well documented) https://www.americanthinker.com/articles/2020/04/the_cdc_confesses_to_lying_about_covid19_death_numbers.html?fbclid=IwAR1hF4Xzw6bHmLiZZ8Q8uHKVcSqNh4zXHow0qrObqTEmdUCs5PWkR-nPKEc.</p> <p>I respectfully ask NCGA to lighten the outdoor restrictions (remove completely), step the return to business (even if it means mask wear), and let North Carolinians return to work. I respectfully ask NCGA to allow us to exercise our inalienable rights under the Constitution. As I said, we mitigate risk daily and should be able to do this freely, without government oversight.</p>

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04/14/2020 08:27 AM	Health Care Working Group	Shanna Lehr	We barely have any Covid patients in my hospital. Time to reopen NC!! Everyone shouldn't have to stay home for this.
04/14/2020 08:38 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Emily Newcomb	Looking forward to the plan to open N.C. Per the IHME forecast we have peaked and will decline to 0 by early May.
04/14/2020 08:46 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Covid19 unemployed Melissa Baggett	I am beyond disappointed in my state! We were not prepared! I own a local hair salon. Not only were we stripped of any chance to remain in business but we qualified for no help right away! We are still sitting home with NO options we can not even file for unemployment until April 25???? At that time we will have been home for an entire month with no way to contribute to the needs of our family! We need to go back to work as early as we can in May. Even if we are allowed to go into homes that's 2 people not a gathering! People can then choose if they want services in their home or if they wish to wait until things have cleared! I've done my part and would gladly do anything to avoid anyone getting sick but our economy is going to suffer and we are not getting the help promised! There has to be a compromise in which people can continue to remain distanced but yet still be able to provide and work! I have a grocery bill for 4 kids plus the normal bills such as a mortgage, utilities, cars, etc. the amount I was told I qualified for from the CARES act for Payment Protection will only cover 1 month of rent and utilities at my salon! Someone didn't consider how the salon business is operated when they came up with that plan! Please put us back to work!!
04/14/2020 08:47 AM	Health Care Working Group	Dr Mark Helms	Please allow our citizens to go back to work as our state has few covid-19 risks. Our citizens are suffering economically and a continuation of shelter at home will negatively affect our state for years to come. Thank you!
04/14/2020 08:49 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Open NC Jason Worrell	The financial effects of this shutdown will greatly exceed the health concerns. We live in a free republic and any limitation on free and healthy people is tyrannical. Period!
04/14/2020 08:52 AM	Education Working Group	Allison Gale	Please keep NC closed! Opening NC would cause the virus to spread through schools. Even it kids "don't get sick" they spread it all over the community!
04/14/2020 08:53 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Covid-19 Erica Freed	I have seen many at risk people shopping with the public. Many elderly individuals and even a women who states she has respiratory issues and survived cancer are the sorts of people I am seeing. The at risk individuals are the ones who need to stay home. For the individuals that have no family or friends bringing them their groceries and other necessities, NC should set up some sort of delivery service for those individuals. Or at least some training on how to order groceries for pickup and delivery. The public at large must be able to move freely for work and shopping. The economy cannot be sustained for much longer. I have already seen businesses posting on their Facebook pages that they are closed for good. And this is due to an elected governor mandating they close down or severely limit their contact with customers. Reopen N.C.!
04/14/2020 08:53 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Safety for liberty Archie Massie	Ladies and gentlemen, the one question that we have to ask ourselves is this. Is there ever a justification to remove people's constitutional rights. The answer is either yes or no. And if the answer is yes, then we are not really what this nation claims to be, FREE. None of us want any one to get sick, much less die, but we certainly do not want to give away our liberty and our economy either. I looked at the numbers this morning and the fact is, less then .03% of NC has this virus but we have now shut down the entire economy, criminalized leaving home and assembly, and put the fear of God in law abiding folks. It just isn't warranted and the people of NC see that. I have a feeling that the governors

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

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			home, alcohol abuse is prevalent, many children are in abusive situations, food is scarce for many underprivileged homes. The list goes on & on!
04/14/2020 09:13 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms B Laura Steider	what programs are available for senior citizens who live alone and depend on soc security but do not qualify for medicaid or food stamps
04/14/2020 09:15 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr. Phillip Lamberth	Follow our president Trump's lead. Get behind our president and support him. He's our leader right now.
04/14/2020 09:17 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	mr. Loring Pardee	I have heard that there is some citizens' coalition pressure being applied to re-open the NC economy as soon as possible. There are many uninformed people, following the president's lead, who do not give credence to the experts in communicable diseases. The advice of those experts should be headed above all else. The economy will only recover when the pandemic is under control. I urge you to define the markers that will certify this health recovery now, so that a logical and safe economic recovery can take place. I also strongly urge you to follow Ohio's lead, and set up a vote by mail only system for the Nov. ballot. This is a prudent measure that will assure full participation and keep the fundamental requirement of our democracy intact. This makes so much sense under the present conditions (not to forget the threat of foreign interference) that you must take this action now. Loring Pardee
04/14/2020 09:17 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Anne Veal	Gradually re-open North Carolina. Outdoor seating in restaurants, breweries, and wineries.
04/14/2020 09:20 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Jesse Rinehart	The idea that free citizens will only act in the goodwill of others by coercion of the government is ludicrous and dangerous. The Governor and legislature must trust NC Residents to do the right thing by following CDC guidelines, every day that civil liberties are infringed upon is a testament to your lack of trust in your fellow citizen. As compared to Influenza and other Influenza Like Illnesses (ILI's), the COVID-19 is at or below outpatient care percentages form historical reports. Yet in the past we did not have these government mandates. I ask you to take into consideration the irresponsible actions of a state-wide blanket policy as our state is vast and differentiated by culture and geography. Our citizens have stayed home and hospitals have not been overwhelmed. In fact just the opposite has happened. Hospitals are laying off doctors, nurses and staff because they are being underutilized. Take into consideration the millions of NC residents who have forgone medical procedures while the State hyper-focuses on COVID-19. Please re-open North Carolina immediately.
04/14/2020 09:21 AM	Health Care Working Group	Rev Eric Reece	Please help our self employed farmers have affordable medical insurance so they can do their job without worrying about getting sick. Thank you.
04/14/2020 09:31 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Tracy Hayes	I implore the Committee to recommend that the stay-at-home order in our fine state not be extended past April 30. When the drastic measure was taken to shut down our state, we were operating with understanding based on predictions, blindly trying to make decisions without enough information. Now we have so many more numbers and facts about this disease, and it is quite clear the threat is nowhere near what we thought it was. I urge you to make recommendations based on what we actually know about this disease. Hospitalizations are dropping, the death rate is a tiny fraction of what it was projected to be. Meanwhile, the people who have been furloughed or lost jobs are the people least

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			likely to be able to recover from it. Never, in the history of the planet, have the healthy been forced to stay home to stop the spread of disease. Quarantine has ALWAYS been for the infected or vulnerable. There is simply no good reason to restrict the healthy from working to feed our families when we can urge the vulnerable to continue staying home. Finally, be liberty-minded. Recognize that the citizens of this state will not stand by quietly while shackles of slavery are placed upon us. Thank you for your work on this matter.
04/14/2020 09:41 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Reopen NC Desiree Parker	Please reopen NC for work, I am a hairstylist and single mother, my children depend on my income to be taking care of them. I cannot wait until June to get back to work, I need to work NOW. I'm trying to understand how people can go to essential public places and a simple hair salon cannot be open when we can control how many people are in our chair or salon but you walk in walmart with hundreds of people and that's ok. Our working economy is struggling with little to no help, just let us get back to work, so we can take care of our families the way they are supposed to be taken care of. Re open NC May 1st like you all originally planned.
04/14/2020 09:46 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Ms Jeanne Johnson	We need to have a plan that insures the health of all North Carolinians as our top priority. Opening too soon may just cause a resurgence of COVID-19. We should be focusing on testing and tracking so we are aware of who can safely return to work and who needs to continue isolation.
04/14/2020 09:50 AM	Education Working Group	Mrs.. Elizabeth Dunton	I urge you to begin to reopen our state. Children need to be with their peers in school. I am witnessing happy, engaged kids who loved school become sad, depressed, unmotivated children. This isolation is not healthy or normal. We, as human beings, do not have the power to completely stop a virus. We have to have PERSONAL responsibility: stay home if sick, wash hands, etc. Please reopen businesses and schools before the damage is irreversible. This is still the United States of America, but if we continue down this totalitarian road, our country will be lost. We WILL hold those in charge responsible. Praying for our leaders to be full of wisdom and make the right decisions.
04/14/2020 09:52 AM	Health Care Working Group	Kris Churchill	The knee jerk reaction of the Governor to the exaggerated fearfilled "modeling" by wealth(not health)experts like B&M Gates is destructive and wreckless. Deliberately violating the oaths of office in the name of "safety" is weak and demonstrates many flaws in our leadership. We mastered isolation and sanitation over 100 years ago. If the precedent is being set for authoritarian rule to commence during any resurgent contagions I guess the Republic is finished and we might as well call it a day. Covid, Flu and the other 10 billion strains will be back in October. You either want to live free and prosperous or you want to prosper(for a short time) at the expense of the middle class. Continue this tyrannical strategy and destroy what was left of a free people. God will judge you and He (unlike many of you) can't be bought or career threatened. Repent of this crime you're undertaking. You aren't authorized to shut down life itself. Read the Constitution and our Bill of Rights. Humble yourselves. Promote health instead of selling drugs for pedo-friendly pharma creatures like Gates. It's not too late. Come on America I know you're in there somewhere.
04/14/2020 09:53 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Pamela Briscoe	It is imperative that NC open up immediately. North Carolinians are struggling financially. NCESC is not equipped to handle the volume of applications for unemployment benefits. People are experiencing an increase in depression and anxiety.

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04/14/2020 09:54 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Michael Soos	As Brian Wesbury (Chief Economist-First Trust Advisors) said, The longer the shutdown lasts, the more permanent damage to the economy. Capacity would eventually come back, but it would take time, perhaps years. Businesses that had just the right mix of managers, workers, and suppliers, can't just magically re-create that mix by snapping their fingers when this is done. The US economy is not Sleeping Beauty, ready to wake up at first kiss by the government. Things need to change. Why can't landscapers work? Construction crews in many states are still working. Why can't factories or machine shops that normally produce 8 hours a day, go to 24-hour production schedules – three, 8-hour shifts with fewer employees? If I can pick up food, why can't I eat somewhere 6 feet away from others? There have to be a million ideas. Let's start thinking about them, because the costs of the shutdown must be balanced with the benefits. It may not be possible to "do no harm" in the response to this pandemic, but we can at least try to "do the least harm."
04/14/2020 09:55 AM	Health Care Working Group	Kelli Creech	Vaccines should not be made mandatory. Where there is risk there must be choice. NC has gone too far in draconian measures during this outbreak. What is the next step, immunity cards and mandatory vaccines to move around again? These new vaccines could have very serious side effects. It doesn't sound like they will be tested nearly enough. Who will be held liable if there are issues??? Focus on therapeutics and things to help people who get the virus and focus on health and keeping immune systems strong. You will get major pushback if you try to mandate vaccines for this.
04/14/2020 09:57 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Stay Home Stay Healthy Cheryl Warren	Please continue the stay home order. It is working now. Do not open this back up and allow the virus to explode a 2nd time. While everyone is abiding & supporting the order in place, it needs to remain in place. Once it's opened it will be even harder to get public cooperation by quarantining. It's working. Everyone is adhering to order. DO NOT reopen until safety and consideration is given for the citizens.
04/14/2020 09:57 AM	Health Care Working Group	No Forced Vaccines Brandi Plyler	No Forced Vaccinations. The Constitution upholds my medical and religious freedoms. No Forced Vaccinations.
04/14/2020 09:57 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mrs. Pamela Anderson	Everyone is entitled to express their opinion and should respect others opinions. Dr. Fauci has said that anyone that can say the economy will open on a particular date doesn't know what they are talking about. The virus dictates when we can relax stay at home behavior. Each community has a myriad of variables that would factor into when they can re-open. The decision to reopen an area which may have a couple of out of town visitors a week would be different than a community which has 30,000 visitors from all over the world a week. I personally do not want to be responsible for someone's death because I breath on them. Advancing a position of let's just open the Outer Banks on May 1 is opening up our area to the world. A world where the virus is still spreading, there is no pill you can take to make you recover, no matter your age you are susceptible, there is no widespread testing available to tell who has had it and recovered or if you have it asymptotically and are a spreader, and there is no vaccine. I personally want to know if anyone in groups pushing to relax stay at home behavior has stepped into a hospital caring for COVID-19 patients and volunteered to work up close and personal with the infected. If you want to open the OBX on May 1, show me you are also willing to volunteer to work in a hospital with COVID-19 patients. You can volunteer in housekeeping, kitchen services, janitorial. You don't need a medical degree to volunteer to help. I want my life back as fast as humanly possible but not at the expense of costing someone their life. If you are on the front line exposing

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			yourself every day to COVID-19 to care for the sick and you feel we're ready to open, then I will support your efforts 100%. Otherwise, I choose to follow Dr. Fauci.
04/14/2020 09:59 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Walter Wooten	Please address the appalling lack of customer support at the NC Division of Employment Security. I have been trying for weeks to help someone simply log in to the system so that they can file an unemployment claim. Because of a glitch, this person was not able to verify (using their email) and consequently is "locked out" of the system. I was finally able to get a hold of a person yesterday and they told me they could not help me. I repeat, they told me they could not help me. Please do what you can to bolster this department at this time and make it functional for the citizens of this state in this time of crisis. If a safety net system like this one does not work during a crisis, what is the point of having the system at all? Thank you for your time and consideration.
04/14/2020 10:02 AM	Health Care Working Group	Catherine Ames	Do not mandate vaccines or take away religious exemptions to vaccines, including potential new ones being discussed. Do not take away our God and Constitutionally given rights to bodily autonomy and religious freedom.
04/14/2020 10:02 AM	Health Care Working Group	Taryn	You should never dictate policy out of fear. Forcing the healthy to take risky pharmaceuticals is encroaching on medical tyranny and we all know how that ended up in Germany.
04/14/2020 10:04 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Carl Hilderbrand	As a resident of Onslow County, our Covid-19 contraction percentages are extremely low when compared to our actual population. I see no reason to continue these draconian measures that violate our Constitutional rights and civil liberties. Restricting the movement of healthy citizens is tyranny.
04/14/2020 10:08 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Ms Carol Caffey	Please for the love of humanity which Phil Berger and the GOP CARE NOTHING ABOUT , DO NOT loosen restrictions. I've been away from my 96 yr old dementia client for a month to protect us both. I do not want that to be all for naught! She will never get that 30 days of "routine" and comfort back. We likely have time to get back some of those days. And, please when reporting, remind North Carolinians that this is not a state problem or a US problem, this is a WORLD PROBLEM! And the majority of dumbasses that believe it's a hoax or experiment in socialism live in the USA! Thank you Gov. Cooper for understanding that if the majority of us die, the economy will not rebound. I hate STUPID! Have a blessed day and stay safe (all of you that are fighting to protect all of us!)
04/14/2020 10:11 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Christine Wertz	When we have facts, the right decisions are obvious to all. Unfortunately, no one knows how many people have had Covid19, so we have no way of knowing how contagious or deadly it is... or isn't. As a result, lawmakers are being forced to make consequential decisions with no reliable reference points or measurable goals. So for some, the temptation will be to just "err on the side of life - all lives matter, and if extreme measures save just one life..." But this is neither rational nor compassionate. It is an irrational, lazy approach to making hard decisions. Logically, we know that Covid19 will always exist somewhere in the world; and we cannot keep the world in an indefinite lockdown. So, using what we do know factually - some people get it and remain asymptomatic, some people get it and die - just like we do with any other threat to our well-being, we need to let people manage our own risk, and adjust our own lives accordingly. It is irrational to quarantine healthy people and to think the state can sustain a workforce that is not working. Since we do not have all of the facts that would lead you to an obvious solution,

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			you MUST find a balance. Shutting down all activities and holding healthy citizens under house arrest is irresponsible and lazy legislating. Stop it. Life matters. Let us live ours.
04/14/2020 10:15 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Athenia OConnor	As a senior resident I am concerned about the closing down of so many businesses. It is time to open up our business sector again. My main concern right now is what I have been hearing about forced vaccinations. I feel that forced vaccinations are taking away my freedom. Of choice to do with my body as I see fit. I am totally against it and feel that should I get sick because of my choice then so be it. I cannot infect those that are vaccinated and I do not travel around much to infect anyone else due to my age. Do not take any more of my freedoms away from me.
04/14/2020 10:25 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Dr. Sarah Boyce	Please develop a plan to reopen NC by May 1st. The current situation is untenable. People do not need to be left in limbo about their future. Small business owners are desperate to get back to business. Precautions can be taken. Approximately 100 people have died in NC from COVID-19, hundreds of thousands have file unemployment. The current numbers do not warrant the current closure measures. The predictions of 250,000 confirmed cases are unfounded in the face of approximately 5,000 confirmed cases today. The "cure" is quickly becoming worse than the disease.
04/14/2020 10:28 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms. Katherine Barr	There is a growing group of people who are pushing Governor Cooper to relax social distancing guidelines and to adhere to April 29 as the end of these guidelines no matter what. I urge the Committee to consider the science and data surrounding COVID-19 when making these difficult decisions. Business is a very important concern in this pandemic, but so too is public health and avoiding overwhelming the hospitals of our state. Thank you for your consideration.
04/14/2020 10:31 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Nina Fehr	Don't know why I had to pick a group. I am here to voice my strong support for continuing the Stay at Home order for as long as needed using science to help make that decision.
04/14/2020 10:32 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Barbara Cameron	Please listen to our public health experts and do not lift the stay-at-home order at the end of April. As of now, we are on a track to keep the death toll low and not overwhelm our hospitals. Lifting restrictions early could have catastrophic consequences for our citizens, especially our most vulnerable ones--not to mention overtaxing our already overworked health care providers.
04/14/2020 10:33 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mrs Wanda Stamper	Could North Carolina close its borders to non essential travel only allowing emergency workers, trucking, mail carriers etc. I know some people live out of state and work here in N. C. Check to see how Florida is managing with their travel ban.
04/14/2020 10:34 AM	Economic Support Working Group		Please look at the real factual data before make decisions. The numbers are low and you can trust North Carolinians to protect the vulnerable, continue to social distance, wear masks and go back to work at the same time!
04/14/2020 10:37 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Sally Berra	I am retired and getting older every day. Please give me a little more time before I go. Don't rush opening up.
04/14/2020 10:42 AM	Economic Support	Tina Hunt	It's time to open up the state. The longer we have the stay at home order the more issues

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	Working Group		we will have down the road. Ex: depression, PTSD, sense of failure, no money really flowing, etc. If you was serious about it you would have done at shelter in place at the beginning, closed the parks, 6 foot rule and all. You should know you have to be strict on the front end not the back end. I have personally obeyed the stay at home rule, but why should I continue and others are not. Do the right thing open businesses and schools up. Stop the political bullying!! Talk about the positive and stop being negative!!
04/14/2020 10:43 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Shannon Colangelo	<p>According to Elaine Marshall, Secretary of State, "at the present time, it is impermissible to perform a remote video or other remote notarial act until the General Assembly approves such actions." This prevents freelance court reporters from performing the oath before a deposition can be held remotely. The only way we can legally have the witness sworn in is in person. Please approve the ability of public notaries to perform the oath remotely via video-conference where we can see the witness and their identification. This allowance can be separate and apart from the notarization of documents if need be.</p> <p>Apparently, due to this COVID-19 crisis, Guilford County is swearing in new notaries via video-conference, which seems to me to be a double standard that the government can issue the oath remotely, but notaries cannot. (https://www.guilfordcountync.gov/our-county/register-of-deeds/notary) "For the health and safety of our staff, customers and the general public, you will no longer be required to physically visit the Register of Deeds office to complete your Notary Oath Appointment. This is effective Monday April 13th 2020. Notaries may be sworn in virtually online via video conference by appointment... For virtual Notary Oath Appointments, you must have access to a smartphone with a camera and internet access as well as the Android or iPhone Google Duo App. All others may call (336)641-7556 to set up an in office Notary Public appointment time."</p> <p>I am asking on behalf of myself and all freelance court reporters that the same allowance be given to us so that we have the ability to work remotely during this time. The last day I worked was March 19th, which this Friday makes a full month. That is unacceptable when so many states have issued special orders to enable their court reporters and notaries to work remotely.</p>
04/14/2020 10:50 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mrs. Renee Habrack	<p>I am a small business owner and court reporter in the state of North Carolina. I am also a notary. My business is headquartered in Charlotte, however I do work all over the state as a freelance court reporter. Court reporters go to attorneys' offices on a daily basis to take down testimony at depositions, arbitrations, and mediations.</p> <p>As you might imagine with COVID-19 and the stay-at-home orders, business has come to a grinding halt. However, that didn't need to happen with our industry. We have been using videoconferencing technology for years for attorneys from across the country to join in on depositions and other legal matters from the comfort of their office or home. We typically appear live with the person being questioned, we swear them in using our notary, and it's business as usual. HOWEVER, with the Governor's stay-at-home order and no reasonable way to be in person-to-person contact with the individual being questioned, that has brought our ability to work to a grinding halt.</p> <p>We have petitioned Secretary Marshall's office, as well as Chief Justice Beasley's office, for the ability to be able to perform our notarial act via videoconference (namely swearing</p>

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			<p>someone under oath). We would be able to see the individual, visualize their identification document, and see them throughout their testimony. The answer we have received has been that they do not have the power to grant that and it would need to come from the Governor or the General Assembly. Well, the Governor's office refuses to act on our need and says that order must come from the General Assembly.</p> <p>We are now at into our fifth week with no emergency order to allow us to work! This was something that the State of Florida was able to accomplish in 48 hours. They gave their notaries the emergency order to continue to work by swearing in witnesses via videoconference so they never missed any work. However, for court reporters in North Carolina, we have been sitting on our hands unable to perform our duties and support our families. Unfortunately for me, my husband is in the same industry as a legal videographer and needs to perform his work in person.</p> <p>Because of the failure of our Governor to act, myself and other court reporters have been unduly forced to take action by deferring mortgage and loan payments and suffer the consequences of falling drastically behind. All it would have taken is the emergency order allowing notaries to perform their duties visually through videoconference to keep a large segment of the population contributing to the economy of North Carolina. Instead, we are filing for loans and taking from the small pot of money that could help others who are unable to do their jobs in this time. In addition we are unable to contribute to the economy of North Carolina and that work is being performed by others outside our state or by those in our state breaking the law.</p> <p>I truly am disheartened that all of the surrounding states were able to come to a solution for their notaries and North Carolina continues to fail us in large measure by not acting appropriately and putting people out of work needlessly. Please give us the approval that we need to swear witnesses remotely so we can keep moving the judicial process along and supporting ourselves and our communities.</p>
04/14/2020 10:50 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Rachel	As a constituent and a citizen of NC, I must ask that the governor and the general assembly continue to follow the advice and guidance of leading public health experts and PUT PUBLIC HEALTH FIRST by maintaining the necessary restrictions for as long as is necessary to ensure the health and safety of our citizens. Thank you.
04/14/2020 10:52 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr. Scott Allred	I contacted Jon Hardister last week about my concerns of the Stay at Home order from Roy Cooper. Without intervention from the General Assembly and/or a grass roots effort from the public, I feel that Roy Cooper will be unduly influenced by the medical community (and the media) to excessively extend the Stay at Home orders and continue to enact additional draconian controls over the public. I feel it is time to move past the "Essential Business" discussion and work to get the Stay at Home orders removed so that all business can be essential again. The quicker this happens; more businesses will survive and the need for stimulus dollars will decrease.
04/14/2020 10:57 AM	Health Care Working Group	Mrs Johns	I have increasing concern over healthcare being so restricted healthcare for those without SARS-Covd2. With only 313 hospitalizations state wide I do not see how it is okay to delay many procedures that could by delaying them cause potentially life threatening issues, as was already mentioned in the meeting the child needing tubes in his ears ending up in the NICU. In addition I have heard many personal stories of people dying without being able to

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			<p>see their family members or being unable to see their family members during hospital stays which could cause hopelessness in patients and hinder improvement. I know many who are normally the picture of mentally healthy people who are spiraling into severe depression which could lead them into dire situations, addiction, homelessness, suicide. While it's not of course completely the healthcare facilities responsibility. If we are able to find better alternatives, such as separate areas of the hospitals or delegate hospitals altogether with infectious disease facilities. While allowing other hospitals to continue elective surgeries and more freedoms though maybe still requiring screening before admitting visitors. No one should be hidden away to die alone or recover alone. Especially when they have passed screening. I am currently pregnant and will likely be delivering during this crisis. I am grateful that my husband and a doula will be able to attend though my doula is expected to leave as soon as baby is born and she is a massive support person for me mentally to help me process the birth of my baby. I understand the decisions being made for the safety during this situation but the mental health of your patients is incredibly important and isolation is detrimental to many forced out of work and school but also those in the hospital alone. We need to begin safely reopening NC in order to allowing income back into the hospitals, bringing people back to work to help benefit their mental health and safely allow elective/non-essential services at hospitals.</p>
04/14/2020 10:58 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Premature reopen Whitney Harris	<p>I woke up this am and checked facebook as usual. I am now terrified all over again from seeing these groups like Reopen OBX and others demanding reopening non essential businesses and the OBX to visitors and NRPO. As an unemployed full time resident homeowner and single mother, I am fully aware what is happening to our economy locally, nationally and worldwide. However, I believe that our health must come first. If places like the OBX go back to business as usual too soon, all that we have gone through for the past month will be for nothing. We will be heading straight into the busy season here and I guarantee that more cases of Covid will come in with that influx of people and will then spread like wildfire. No ones life and health should be gambled with in that way. I implore of you to hold firm to the restrictions in place. Do not back pedal. Please.</p>
04/14/2020 11:01 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Susan Fox	<p>Dear House Select Committee,</p> <p>As a citizen of North Carolina for all but about 5 of my 62 years, I wish to make clear my stance concerning decisions you will be making that will effect the future of our state.</p> <p>As a United Republic we have a Constitution establishing your legal limits as representatives for our country. The Bill of Rights clearly lays out our rights as citizens of this great country.</p> <p>My concerns:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. I am adamantly against even the discussion of mandatory vaccines under any circumstance, including COVID 19. This is private doctor/patient decision. 2. The overreach of some of our state and local officials with regards to social distancing and stay in place orders. 3. As a small business owner, defined essential, we are still working and adhering to the guidelines. But, the need to reopen businesses you deem non-essential needs to happen as soon as possible. The economic collapse that will ensue if not, could and will be more damaging to our health, state, and nation, than the COVID 19. <p>Please consider the far reaching ramifications of your decisions.</p> <p>May God bless the bounty of our great land.</p>
04/14/2020 11:03 AM	Economic Support	Do Not Lift the Ban	<p>Lifting the ban to early will only allow people to recongregate and cause cases to spike</p>

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	Working Group	Reginald Cooke	again. We are not at peak and even if we were , re-introducing people back out will allow them to think everything is fine and it is not fine. We are seeing a resurge in cases of those that "recovered" and now have it again. Too may unknowns and I am not ready to sacrifice my family or yours as guinea pigs to allow politics to prevail over medicine. Sorry not sorry!
04/14/2020 11:12 AM	Education Working Group	Inessa Fannin	As a public school employee, I would urge the governor to leave the schools closed through the end of the school year. It seems unwise to take such a risk to go back for just a few weeks. The summer will give the state more time to plan an effective reopening for the fall.
04/14/2020 11:13 AM	Education Working Group	Lynn Jones-Hoats	Please keep us safe by making the hard decisions to remain closed down at this time. I realize it is hard to make these decisions especially when others feel that they can risk it, but I am small business owner and have no income coming in. I value my employees and their lives and their family's lives. Please keep the course listening to experts in the field not those that just care about bottom line.
04/14/2020 11:22 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Hannah Schoen	My own economic position is secure because my husband is military but I fear for many neighbors and friends that this shutdown continuing will bring them to their knees financially and then will have health affects and many other affects that we don't even know right now. Please reopen the state. Quarantine the SICK but do not restrict movement of the healthy. Encourage those that are immunocompromised or high risk to continue to take precautions. But reopen the state before more harm is done!!!
04/14/2020 11:22 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Addison	Please open businesses back up! We can continue to "social distance". We are doing nothing but hurting the economy and no we will not be taking a vaccine.
04/14/2020 11:25 AM	Education Working Group	Mrs. Corrie Price	<p>Thank you for your hard work for your citizens. We are in dire need of someone to stand for us as our rights and voices are taken away. Those who have been marginalized for too long and at risk of loosing their homes, lives, and freedom if something isn't done.</p> <p>NO MORE BAILOUTS FOR BIG BUSINESS OR STOCK MARKETS!!!</p> <p>Please prioritize: Health Care without stipulations for preexisting conditions. Medical Choice- each family should have the right to chose their treatments Early Education (0-5) as supported and funded as Public and Private Schools. ECE teachers deserve benefits and living wage pay. Project our medical care staff and ensure they have what they need</p> <p>Overall do things that radically center those who are often the "swing vote" but not the priority in office. It is time for us all to rise together. We are watching and the revolution is not being televised. We the people will stand and no longer will we wait for politicians to do the right thing. We demand your actions for everyone.</p>

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04/14/2020 11:35 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Pam Lanno	I am concerned about NC remaining locked down beyond the end of April and the devastation it is creating on every level. It is time to reopen NC and realize that the "cure" cannot be worse than the disease. Those who are over 65 years of age with compromised immune systems or other underlying conditions can isolate themselves as much as possible until the population reaches 80 % immunity which will happen naturally. The rest of the population needs to return to work, school, and living life while taking normal precautions to prevent the spread of covid 19 as well as any other communicable virus or disease. Antibody testing should be offered so that a more accurate assessment can be made of the case fatality rate and so that those who have had the virus can have confirmation, and those who are asymptomatic can self quarantine. This seems to be a more realistic approach than locking down an entire population as a virus does not go away until 80% immunity has been reached. That does not happen when people are locked down. The virus will reappear once people resume normal life, which cannot be prevented by protracted stay at home mandates. I would hope that in future occurrences of this nature, executive orders, and decisions affecting the people of NC, would be based on modeling that consists of more accurate data rather than those based off of models whose demographics are not compatible with our own.
04/14/2020 11:36 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mrs. Janel Carbone	I believe it is time for America to get back on our feet. We cannot survive as humans and a country when we are on lockdown. I understand the need for safety, however; I believe we should only be quarantining those who are at a high risk of dying from the virus. There have been more recoveries from this virus than deaths. All the media wants to talk about is the deaths. I believe we should be looking for and promoting healthy and better ways to take care of ourselves than promoting vaccines. Vaccines are not the end all be all answer. Better living, better eating, better hygiene, etc. are the answers. Put an end to this endless quarantine. Get back to living life. In living life you take risks every time you walk out the door. America was built on risk taking.
04/14/2020 11:50 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Ms. MARILYN CAMPBELL	I hope the Legislature is working on voting by mail this November. At the least I hope very much that anyone and all can vote by absentee ballot. I understand that all citizens voting by mail works well in Oregon. The most precious thing a citizen has is her/his right to vote. Please work to protect that in all ways possible - many you would have thought of - many I have not. Thank you for your work - I consider your contributions more important than any in upholding our democracy.
04/14/2020 11:54 AM	Health Care Working Group	Pamrla Tilghman	I am a health care worker and am very aware that the virus is real and that some are dying from it. At the same time, I can't help but think there is more to the story. I feel we are tinkering very closely to a government take over and this scares me much more than virus. What can I, as a citizen do to take a stand?
04/14/2020 12:01 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Calinda Jones	Please reopen NC as planned on April 30/May 1st. Continued recommendation of social distancing is advisable, but we know our risks, let us make our choices. Do not dictate what is essential to us and what is not. Over the US, a 1 point increase in unemployment directly results in tens of thousands of deaths by way of heart issues, suicides, homicides, and other deaths of despair. This NEEDS to be included in any model determining the relative danger of the illness versus the danger of overreaching lockdowns. Please open NC.
04/14/2020 12:03 PM	Economic Support	Ms. patricia crews	Please reopen NC now. The models predicting the number of infected and deaths are

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	Working Group		wrong, we are not NY or Washington State. We are destroying our economy and way of life over this non crisis. With SENSIBLE guidelines and businesses and customers choosing what is best for them, we can make this state great again.
04/14/2020 12:05 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Sara Bender	<p>We are residents of Charlotte North Carolina that stand for The Constitution and demand our officials Reopen NC no later than April 29, 2020. We are losing our small businesses, which are the backbone of our economy. The shutdown is not warranted, nor sustainable for our area. The vulnerable can be isolated or protected in other ways, without sacrificing our entire state economy.</p> <p>The population of State of North Carolina is approximately 10.5 million. As of today, there are only 4,884 confirmed cases of the Corona Virus, and 107 related deaths. This is a very small occurrence out of a population of 10.5 million and we know from statements made by Dr Deborah Birx that deaths of all kinds are coded COVID deaths even when it was not the cause of death, but only a possible accompanying co-factor. In fact, the Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation (which is the model used by the White House to make policy decisions) has projected 522 total COVID19 deaths for NC.</p> <p>It's time to put an end to this and REOPEN NC.</p>
04/14/2020 12:06 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Kathleen McDermott	Please reopen on May 1st. This is devastating to our economy. The cure cannot be worse than the disease and that is where we are now.
04/14/2020 12:07 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Ms Katrina Stenger	<p>We absolutely MUST continue flattening the curve for the good of our communities. I am a small business owner who has ZERO income right now and I STILL believe we as North Carolinians are doing the right thing and SHOULD be doing more. I understand our economy is in jeopardy, trust me... we have NO INCOME and our commercial landlord (of over six years) as well as our commercial utilities have given us ZERO assistance during this global pandemic. We have also NOT received NC unemployment OR any federal monies including these promised SBA loans and paycheck protections.</p> <p>All of this said, I still believe that keeping this virus at bay is the only answer. Please help us continue to flatten the curve. Keep these precautions in place, let's vote by mail, let's keep the USPS open. Let's keep our healthcare workers as safe as possible at this point. We've failed them already, let's not make it worse by going back to business as usual.</p>
04/14/2020 12:17 PM	Economic Support Working Group	MS Donnicia Pepper	Please reopen NC. The Covid numbers do not support the economic harm that is being done. I believe this stripping away of peoples rights and destroying business and peoples lives is unconstitutional. It is time to resume life, try to salvage the economy and give people a chance to determine their own financial future. How can you live with yourselves knowing you chose winners and losers in this and destroyed lives? I understand the challenges of the virus, but this is no life.
04/14/2020 12:21 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Dave Glover	My renters don't work, I don't get rent!
04/14/2020 12:21 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Thomas Fitzpatrick	The data/models used to inform the governor's policy decisions need to be made publicly available. The national models have been grossly overestimating the impact of the virus, even with the social distancing and other risk mitigation factors included. We all understand that the situation is rapidly evolving, but we can also see the trend towards a much smaller impact than anticipated. The regulatory and policy overreach by the governor must be justified by facts and data.
04/14/2020 12:22 PM	Health Care Working	Mrs. Elizabeth Jones	Please cover the uninsured in our state by expanding Medicaid. North Carolina is missing

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	Group		out on billions in federal health care dollars
04/14/2020 12:22 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mandy Huffman	As a self employed ceramic artist residing in Western NC, my concern is the lack of help for sole proprietors and small business owners and the complete disregard concerning the economic downfall that is taking place as we continue this statewide lockdown. I cannot get unemployment. The website will not even be set up for another 2 weeks for self employed people. We cannot get answers from SBA and the PPP loans are for businesses with payroll. How does that help us???? Why are the hospital census numbers way down and nurses being flexed off when we supposedly are peaking right now in new cases???? Where is the data to support keeping the economy shut? we need help and answers and all we get in double talk and the run around. You guys supposedly work for the tax payers and yet, you are not the one suffering
04/14/2020 12:23 PM	Health Care Working Group	Nicole Daugherty	I am concerned that legislators in NC may be considering mandating a corona virus vaccine. I want you to know that I will vehemently oppose this.
04/14/2020 12:25 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Ms Heiferode Kober	Please support the Stay-at-Home order beyond the end of this month. Like so many other North Carolinians, my husband is in the high risk category and I fear for his life if the restrictions are lifted too soon. Lives above profit!
04/14/2020 12:26 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Open boat ramps & marinas Greg Cave	Best form of social distancing is spending time with family and being outside and closing boat ramps and marinas is not the answer. Why are people getting tickets for surfing and walking on beaches. Or we can simply start taking things of this nature to the courts.
04/14/2020 12:27 PM	Economic Support Working Group		hi
04/14/2020 12:30 PM	Health Care Working Group	Mr. Alex P	I know people who work in medical communities and they are saying hospitals are half empty, nurses are being fired or forced to take paid time off, and there is no emergency. You will all be voted out of office if this does not change soon.
04/14/2020 12:31 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Sheryl Chandler	open NC. You are hurting far more people than you are helping with this shutdown.
04/14/2020 12:32 PM	Economic Support Working Group	homeschool Leigh Fowler	I heard you were getting messages pressuring you to open the economy soon. I request that we let science lead the way, waiting to begin the reopening process until the models indicate the time is right. Please don't feel rushed. We all know this is a difficult decision that involves weighing complicated factors. My hope is that our state will act slowly and deliberately, not bow to the pressure of any one group.
04/14/2020 12:37 PM	Health Care Working Group	Ms. Lewise Busch	I encourage you to vote to expand Medicaid coverage in our state. It will let us access federal funding for healthcare and reduce the number of uninsured residents of North Carolina.
04/14/2020 12:37 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Reopen North Carolina Carrie Harciga	Please open all businesses and trust the citizens to do what is best for them and their families!
04/14/2020 12:39 PM	Health Care Working Group	Anna Brown	The COVID-19 pandemic has put an additional burden on the uninsured and highlights the urgent need for North Carolina to expand Medicaid. When more citizens have health

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			insurance, they are better able to manage chronic conditions and prevent illness. Additionally, our health care systems would save money and function more efficiently. COVID-19 has caused many to postpone treatment and surgeries, and our hospitals and health care practices are hurting. People with no health insurance are dying, and NC needs to expand Medicaid for our citizens and for our health care agencies. Thank you.
04/14/2020 12:41 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Betty Jones	It's time to reopen NC. This is killing off our small businesses.
04/14/2020 12:41 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr. Gary Kanady	We need to reopen NC to economic activity. We should include guidance on social behavior to include avoiding unnecessary social gatherings, wearing facial Coverings in public , using virtual conferences, and working from home where practical.
04/14/2020 12:41 PM	Health Care Working Group	Ms Jan Williams	Please expand Medicaid. Now, more than ever, this is needed. NC is missing out on billions of Federal dollars.
04/14/2020 12:45 PM	Economic Support Working Group		Gov. Roy Cooper is destroying out state and needs to be stopped. You are employed by the tax payers. By shutting down NC you have crippled the economy. Many will not recover from.
04/14/2020 12:48 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Kerri Williamson	Please continue to protect all of us by maintaining the stay at home order until such a time as health officials say we can safely begin to reopen the state. Thank you for all you have done so far.
04/14/2020 12:50 PM	Health Care Working Group	Dorcas Stolper	I support Medicaid expansion to provide healthcare coverage to the previously uninsured as well as those who have lost coverage as a result of losing their jobs in the CoVid crisis. The richest country in the world must ensure there is healthcare for all. NC needs to demonstrate its leadership by taking care of all their people.
04/14/2020 12:50 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms Kelly Yelland	Please consider the financial and economic impact hitting small businesses throughout our state due to COVID-19. The measures in place do not provide financial relief as unemployment is backlogged. People have been without pay especially in Dare County in excess of 35 days now. Let us re-open our state for economic commerce. Not only can the financial impacts destroy businesses and individuals sadly it is also contributing to the increase in domestic violence incidents across the nation.
04/14/2020 12:50 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Unemployment is NOT worki	We have applied for unemployment as small business owners and have been denied multiple times. Why is no one fixing this problem asap? Switzerland is open... We are not children and we need to build immunity and stop the violation of our constitutional rights now! There will be many lawsuits over government breach. Tell us the real truth about what threat we are facing. Put an end to income taxes and help the whole economy recover quickly. Show us you really care about your voters.
04/14/2020 12:50 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Maytee Sanz	Our workers, especially those that are not US citizens are suffering and have no lifeline to support their families. As a state that has so many farm industry workers and food industry workers, we need to support those that help feed us.
04/14/2020 12:54 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Dorcas Stolper	I support providing paid sick days, family leave, and full unemployment benefits for all impacted workers, including "gig workers", as well as support for vulnerable small businesses. Do the right and moral thing by supporting impacted employees with these critical benefits.
04/14/2020 12:56 PM	Economic Support	owner Scottie Smith	Please reopen our state now. Let it be up to the individual as to whether they will open and

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	Working Group		the individual as to whether they should risk being in public. Provide us with the data that will help each of us make a common sense decision not out of fear but out of logic.
04/14/2020 01:01 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Dorcas Stolper	I support allowing citizens of NC to exercise their right to vote without risking their health or their lives, and making voting more accessible to all voters, by: making voting by mail more accessible; increasing public promotion of absentee vote-by-mail option; and ensuring free return mail postage on absentee ballots. Voting is a Right and a very important part of our Democracy. Do not make it dangerous for citizens in NC to vote!
04/14/2020 01:03 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Janet Riggs	It is time to reopen North Carolina. There are other people suffering, not just the small percentage of people getting coronavirus. Please help us. Please let businesses reopen. Let employees work to support their families. Let the immune vulnerable and elderly stay sheltered. But let the rest of us have our freedom back.
04/14/2020 01:06 PM	Economic Support Working Group	ReopenNC Ted Siewers	Vote out Roy Cooper in November! Reopen N.C.
04/14/2020 01:07 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mr. Gardner Skinner	Thanks for supporting Dare County's temporary restriction on NRPOs. This county's revenue is crucial to the state, and it is still very early in the economic season. We have not lost anything yet that we cannot make up. However, if it opens early and there is a COVID resurgence, it could decimate the long term economy. The last thing we need is our lodging/rental properties getting a national reputation as a breeding ground for something that can ruin families. Right now we're safe, no risk yet and the outbreak is well-managed, but the local authorities must retain the ability to make a decision on access that could impact us for years to come. Thanks.
04/14/2020 01:14 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Melissa McVey	This full quarantine is not allowing support for our economy. Research suggests that allowing smaller quarantines of those who are elderly, young, or immune-compromised is a better course of action. By allowing the general "healthy" population to continue basic tasks (schooling, businesses, etc.) we allow the general public to build up antibodies and begin an immunity base to Covid-19. We can still have recommendations for safe practices (mask wearing, limited errands, small group gatherings, etc.) but we must allow the public the opportunity to function in a semi-normal economic state while building a natural defense to the virus.
04/14/2020 01:15 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Kathryn Wall	The state needs to listen to epidemiologists, medical professionals, and scientists on when to reopen the state's businesses and public spaces. People in my community have been visibly ignoring the stay at home orders (kids on playgrounds, crowding each other in stores, running in tight packs at parks, holding cookouts, etc.) and if we give people a reason to say "let's just get back to business as usual," it could be catastrophic for our state's health care system and for the most vulnerable among us. If Americans could come together and sacrifice in WWII or after 9-11 or in the pandemic of 1918, we can do this...please don't cave to pressure from people who are not listening to science.
04/14/2020 01:16 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Sarah Harper	I would like to see NC reopened no later than May 1. Keeping NC closed will do more harm to our state than the virus! I am also vehemently against mandatory vaccines including any future covid 19 vaccine.

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04/14/2020 01:18 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Holly Wengenroth-Mealer	In order for North Carolina to be able to provide excellent care to all of her citizens, she needs to re-open her economy immediately. We have an intricate economic system in which all elements are essential. Shutting down our economy will cause more harm than allowing it to work.
04/14/2020 01:19 PM	Health Care Working Group	Mr. TOD HILLER	<p>Making decisions at this time is going to be hard. I suggest we need to listen to another expert in the field of epidemiology. This a quote from an article from the Press and the Public Project. In the interview with Dr. Knut Wittkowski a question was raised about the best way to combat COVID-19 virus. Dr. Wittkowski has decades of service as the head of The Department of Biostatistics, Epidemiology, and Research Design at the Rockefeller University in New York City.</p> <p>[W]hat people are trying to do is flatten the curve. I don't really know why. But, what happens is if you flatten the curve, you also prolong, to widen it, and it takes more time. And I don't see a good reason for a respiratory disease to stay in the population longer than necessary," he said.</p> <p>"With all respiratory diseases, the only thing that stops the disease is herd immunity. About 80% of the people need to have had contact with the virus, and the majority of them won't even have recognized that they were infected, or they had very, very mild symptoms, especially if they are children. So, it's very important to keep the schools open and kids mingling to spread the virus to get herd immunity as fast as possible, and then the elderly people, who should be separated, and the nursing homes should be closed during that time, can come back and meet their children and grandchildren after about 4 weeks when the virus has been exterminated," he added.</p> <p>Wittkowski argued that the standard cycle of respiratory diseases is a two-week outbreak, including a peak, after which "it's gone." He pointed out that even in a regime of "social distancing," the virus will still find ways to spread, just more slowly:</p> <p>You cannot stop the spread of a respiratory disease within a family, and you cannot stop it from spreading with neighbors, with people who are delivering, who are physicians—anybody. People are social, and even in times of social distancing, they have contacts, and any of those contacts could spread the disease. It will go slowly, and so it will not build up herd immunity, but it will happen. And it will go on forever unless we let it go.</p> <p>Asked about Anthony Fauci, the White House medical expert who for weeks has been predicting significant numbers of COVID-19 deaths in America as well as major ongoing disruptions to daily life possibly for years, Wittkowski replied: "Well, I'm not paid by the government, so I'm entitled to actually do science."</p> <p>My advice/suggestion is to loosen the bonds imposed on the healthy people and take steps to protect the most vulnerable of us. Thank you for your consideration.</p>
04/14/2020 01:20 PM	Health Care Working Group	Mrs. Holly Wengenroth-Mealer	In order to combat Covid-19, North Carolina needs to continue to assure her citizens that they will not be mandated to take any form of medical or biologic against their will. Any kind of forced medicine is a clear violation of the Nuremberg Code.

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04/14/2020 01:21 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Reopen NC NOW Denise Kelly	Enough is enough. This very unnecessary shutdown has gone on long enough. NC needs to be reopened for ALL businesses no later than April 30, 2020. ALL JOBS ARE ESSENTIAL!
04/14/2020 01:24 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Debra Parker	Open North Carolina!
04/14/2020 01:29 PM	Health Care Working Group	mr walter weathers	One thing that has become abundantly clear during this epidemic is that the poor and mostly minority comprise the disproportionate majority of those who are dying from COVID-19. One of the main reasons is the historical lack of access to quality health care. It is this state do the right thing and insure that all persons have access to quality health care. People should not be dying from poverty.
04/14/2020 01:31 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Clarice Reber	Voters should not need to decide whether to vote or to keep safe. Please amend the rules to allow Board of Election flexibility during emergencies such as public health emergencies, natural disasters and armed conflict. 1. Please make absentee voter voting easier during emergencies. An on-line portal should be available to apply for an absentee ballot. Two witnesses during social distancing is unsafe and unrealistic especially for single, older people. 2. Allow Voter registration on line. 3. Absentee ballot postage should be paid by the state so there is no need for people to go to public places for postage. Thank you.
04/14/2020 01:33 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Jason Riggs	As a private citizen of North Carolina, I'm greatly concerned about the state of our economy in the midst of the Covid-19 pandemic. I'm simply asking for a more balanced approach. In those areas that are not as hard hit, allow businesses to reopen. It seems obvious at this point that we will have more than enough hospital beds to treat any future patients of this pandemic. I respectfully request your consideration in this matter.
04/14/2020 01:35 PM	Health Care Working Group	PA-C, MHS Kristina Silberstein	I am a health care professional with Duke Community and Family Medicine and Lincoln Community Health Center, providing basic health care to uninsured and underinsured patients who are being disproportionately affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. Please think of the health of NC and do not rush to open non-essential businesses.
04/14/2020 01:38 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Reopen NC Rebecca Shoaf	Every job is essential if it feeds a family. Reopen business, parks, and tourism, or have a mob of desperate people at your door. Civil liberties are not passes to be rescinded when people are afraid, but the basis of American Life. Bankrupting millions for the few at risk is insanity.
04/14/2020 01:38 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms. Candy Sugarman	Repeal the Governor's emergency powers and reopen North Carolina's commerce and free the people.
04/14/2020 01:42 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Steven Dodds	I truly believe lives are important and would help anyone in need. You need to understand you are absolutely killing this state's economy and the more restrictions you keep the fewer people you will have that are willing to take to rebuild after this mess ends. Our hospitals are cutting employee's hours beds are empty your models are very wrong. I'm ok with safety suggestions going forward (you definitely have people's attention) but you can't enforce them with our law enforcement. Spend your energy helping the elderly in rest homes but the death rate just isn't there for the rest of us. DO NOT EXTEND RESTRICTIONS or I and many more will join those marching on the streets. This will not stand.

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04/14/2020 01:52 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Paula Brafford	It is essential to take all steps necessary to insure that our Elections are held as scheduled. Maintaining our scheduled Elections will not only maintain the continuity of government, it will act as symbolic reassurance to the public of our state's ability to function during a crisis. We can vote in November with proper planning to include preparation for all the following: expanded mail -in votes, expanded curbside voting and expanded early voting. We should also seek training and supplies to insure the safety of our election workers. Funding should be requested now on the state and federal level. You must protect our our voting rights and maintain our voting schedule. We can outsmart a virus.
04/14/2020 01:52 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Ms. Aida Havel	I've lived in NC for 52 years, and this wonderful state has always had a reputation for moderation and for a careful, steady, measured approach to issues. I'd like to see that continue at this unprecedented time. Health is more important than money (just ask Steve Jobs, who died of pancreatic cancer, although he was one of the wealthiest men in the world). Yes, money and the economy are important...so use the rainy day fund to help small businesses and the self-employed. Expand Medicaid. Perhaps raise taxes just a smidgen. Spend money to shore up elections all over the state...that is one of the single most important things you can do to instill confidence in the management of the state. We don't want to be like Wisconsin! This, too, shall pass, but please do not ever thing that money and health are equally important; they are not.
04/14/2020 01:54 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms Elaine Sweeney	Please re open the state so business and families can get back to work. The hospitals and medical personnel are NOT overwhelmed and beds are not full. It is not possible to sustain this shutdown with so few people being impacted. My husband is currently sick with what we believe is COVID 19 and we are maintaining distance just like we normally would with a sick person. It's day 8 of his quarantine and not too bad. We need NC residents to be back to work and sustain their livelihoods. Please do not continue to tout this madness for such a small percentage of people getting sick.
04/14/2020 01:57 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr. Andy Unsworth	#ReopenNC now - smartly!
04/14/2020 01:59 PM	Health Care Working Group	Steve Shore	How long does political spite have to last that costs several hundred thousand North Carolina residents their livelihood, health and sometimes even their life? Apparently forever if you are a member of the majority legislative party in NC. Since appeals to Godly values, reason & practicality don't work, try seeing Medicaid expansion as a capitalist infrastructure plan to create jobs using the greatest capitalist instrument of all: "OPM" (Other People's Money), but without the high interest payments that usually come with it. North Carolina has lost years of productive lives, tax income & economic investment while the majority of the United States has benefited from the public/private partnership that Medicaid represents. Oh, and it actually strengthens families and the workforce to make the state more competitive in the global economy.
04/14/2020 01:59 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Cathy Smith	It's time to protect those who are vulnerable & allow others to get back to work. This lockdown can not continue through the summer. It's not allowed according to the Bill of Rights & our country's Constitution. We will not stand for it much longer
04/14/2020 02:00 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Loss of Liberty	In this moment in time, elected officials have taken unprecedented actions for a virus where little is known. These measures appear to be implemented out of fear and/or out of overzealous caution for the unknown. It is the belief of this voter that the haphazard

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			decisions made in determining what is "essential" and imposing unresearched restrictions is harming the North Carolina residents far more than a virus. Benjamin Franklin said it best when he said, "They who can give up essential liberty to obtain a little temporary safety, deserve neither liberty nor safety." The choices that have been made are stripping away our liberties and taking away people's ability to pursue happiness. My request is for you to use common sense and Grant each person access to the data and give them the information so that they can decide what the best course of action is for themselves. If they have a weak immune system, let them decide to isolate themselves. Do not continue to try and take away people's inalienable rights.
04/14/2020 02:08 PM	Health Care Working Group	Economy opening Jeff Kirsch	Please open our economy! We have the right to earn a living and assume the risks that may arise from this! This is our God-given right and we beg our state to recognize this!
04/14/2020 02:14 PM	Health Care Working Group	Mrs Jennifer Bolt	Please uphold freedom from mandatory vaccination. I oppose medical mandates. No mandatory vaccines.
04/14/2020 02:14 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Your Help Is Needed AB Chen	Our leaders have continued to get their paychecks during Cooper's shutdown. The data does not justify the closings. Check the numbers, not the media hysteria. #ReOpenNC
04/14/2020 02:18 PM	Health Care Working Group	Mrs Christina Brooks	Caring for sick, elderly and immunocompromised members of society is SO important for every single family in our world but also in NC, the best way we can do this is keep the unhealthy home and isolated while the healthy majority can get back to work to rebuild our economies. We can love our neighbors by eating clean, healthy diets, dropping off groceries for them and maintaining the economy their unable to contribute to while needing to be home. Our hospitals are NOT overrun. Our hospitals are NOT desperately unable to help patients. I've spoken to so many ER and ICU nurses who have all said, this is NOT a pandemic! It's our state and national economy that desperately needs our help now. I beg you to hear me and with open hands, open NC back up. There are 413 people currently hospitalized across 93 counties, under the banner of covid-19, this is absolutely blown out of proportion, the decisions to keep NC closed will be catastrophic for our economy, our state and our nation. Those who are healthy can build HERD IMMUNITY the natural way while lessening the strength of the virus for those at too great of risk to return to work. A vaccine is NOT going to save us and our family will NOT be participating in a vaccine to further pad big pharma's pockets. I would also like to beg you to not only fully hear my words but remember that a vaccination mandate is a one-size-fits-all approach to medicine which is unscientific and unconstitutional. The only people allowed to decide what goes into my body or my family member's is our decision with our medical provider but OURS to make. The government has overreached its jurisdiction and is violating our inherent CIVIL RIGHTS by even discussing or entertaining a medical mandate of ANY sort. Lastly, I want to thank you for working hard to do your best for our beautiful state. I know this is a difficult season with high emotions but would like to RESPECTFULLY remind you if you are not willing to hear your constituents, our voices will be heard come November. Please OPEN NC and MEDIC MANDATES ARE VIOLATIONS OF CIVIL RIGHTS. Thank you and wash your hands.
04/14/2020 02:20 PM	Health Care Working Group	Help protect us AB Chen	Should you and your dr decide your medical treatments, or should the government decide it for you? No Forced Vaccines!! Panic and Fear should NEVER DICTATE POLICY!
04/14/2020 02:31 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Lori Zeto	At what point does the solution to the Covid-19 Virus become worse than the virus itself? I for one am more worried about what this quarantine and business /work shut down is

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			<p>doing to our country and our way of life. At some point the solution of shutting this economy down does become more dangerous than this virus.</p> <p>For instance, when we go to war, what are we going to war for? Answer; It's to preserve our way of life. Period. And we have been willing for generations to sacrifice lives to that end. This is not any different.</p> <p>This incredible engine that is the American economy IS our national defense. We rely on it and need it for our survival. Otherwise we will be over-run or just become another 2nd or 3rd world country. Why would we allow that to happen? Fear? Cowardice? If we allow that to happen, we would be destroying everything the greatest generation and all those generations before us fought and died for.</p> <p>It's sad that we allowed fear to shut down the greatest country with the greatest ever economy over a virus that "IF" you get it you still have a 98% recovery rate. And if you take Hydroxychloroquine the recovery numbers are closer to 99-100%</p> <p>Re-open North Carolina NOW!!</p>
04/14/2020 02:37 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Jennifer Klas	<p>Many people don't have the luxury of just waiting this out. Businesses that are closed are generating zero revenue while still having to pay expenses (rent, utilities, suppliers, employees, etc). It's not like a disaster where insurance can kick in. Some will have to permanently shut down if they can't get back to work immediately, losing everything they built.</p> <p>Also many people just have to work to eat and pay bills. Most don't want a handout if their able to work for their needs.</p> <p>A woman doesn't want to experience childbirth alone be because her partner is not allowed in the hospital.</p> <p>people are suffering in so many ways because of these measures. It's time to end the widespread suffering caused by this.</p> <p>Wait and see is just not always feasible nor is it just.</p>
04/14/2020 02:42 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Dr Andy Jackson	<p>I had previously offered a comment on April being too early to consider changes in voting law based on the limited information on how the coronavirus will be progressing in North Carolina over the next several months. New data, such as from the University of Washington's Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation (IHME), find that the impact of coronavirus on North Carolina is much less than has been projected by health experts.</p> <p>Even if the committee decides to loosen election integrity laws in the upcoming 11th District second primary out of an (over)abundance of caution, there is no evidence that there will be any need for such loosening in the November general election.</p>
04/14/2020 02:43 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mark Anderson	<p>Do the right thing....that means require quarantining of ALL at risk individuals. Make it up to THEM to make the decision IF they want to risk being out with the virus. Take temperatures of individuals BEFORE they go to work, if they have a fever require them to go home and get tested and/or 14 day quarantine. Nobody wants people to die, but we can re open safely. Put it back on commerce to find a solution. Get gov't out of the way and get NC back to work!</p>
04/14/2020 02:43 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms. Lynne Walter, MSW	<p>I am UTTERLY mortified that today, 4/14/2020, approximately 100 so-called "Reopen NC" people disregarded both the Wake County and statewide stay-at-home orders and put the public health and safety of the larger community and various law enforcement officers (Raleigh Police Department, State Capitol Police, and Wake County Sheriff Department) at</p>

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			<p>risk by gathering near the NC General Assembly to push their dangerous demand to end stay-at-home orders.</p> <p>The only way North Carolina will even be able to "reopen" is if we flatten the curve and stop the spread of COVID-19. It is a basic public health principle that it takes each of us to protect all of us, and unwisely and unsafely ending protective measures will only cause spikes in COVID-19 and put more North Carolinians' health and lives at risk.</p> <p>The NCGA must take immediate action to bolster the steps the Governor's office has already taken by lifting the \$350 cap on Unemployment Insurance and extending the eligibility timeline to the federal maximum of 26 weeks (or longer if required to weather this crisis).</p>
04/14/2020 02:44 PM	Health Care Working Group	Mrs. Terri Tompkins	<p>We now know enough to know that COVID-19 or any mutation thereof has become a part of our lives going forward. Like influenza, the common cold et al, the healthy population will build immunity over time and ergo, the vast majority will survive the illness.</p> <p>Nursing homes, hospitals, and like situations can create new protocols for infection control to abide by. As with any illness, the elderly and those with weakened immune systems are always more likely to suffer ill consequences. Safe practices, i.e. taking the temperature of caregivers and visitors alike, should become the daily norm.</p> <p>This is also a lesson in why it is NOT acceptable to allow mass influxes of those from nations that do not adhere to the health care standards of the United States, to come here and intermingle for the long term amongst our citizenry. THAT fact, which healthcare providers could have attested to, should have been very close to common sense.</p> <p>It is time to rescue the economy and allow a return to a somewhat normal style of living while encouraging responsible hygienic practices and caution where known susceptibility lies.</p> <p>The people will not tolerate being held hostage where there is no need beyond a change in our standards of living - and by that, I do not mean financially. My disappointment with the handling of this "pandemic" with regard to those who wish to invoke accelerated levels of power is beyond my expression. What has/is transpiring now that we know more about the true numbers and outcomes of this disease, is reprehensible.</p> <p>Furthermore, no one needs to be using antibacterial products while in normal living conditions! The aforementioned, and the overuse of antibiotics through the years, has contributed to our society being more susceptible to any bacterial or viral foe that we might encounter. REMOVE those products from the shelves for normal purchase!</p>