

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

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04/16/2020 03:02 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Amanda Pope	Please reopen Nc! I am an independent hair stylist and have no paid leave, no retirement and no insurance! I can't survive much longer! Also there has been a 20% increase in domestic violence just in Charlotte. Robberies have also increased. This will continue to be the trend as long as people are unable to work! The solution is now becoming worse than the problem. Also side note. I've noticed during press conferences the governor and his associates are obviously getting their hair done! Tell me how that's fair. If i can't work as a stylist or barber then no one should be allowed!
04/16/2020 03:02 PM	Economic Support Working Group		We need to let the current stay at home order expire at the end of April and not extend it. We cannot keep stripping people of their right to earn a living and expecting them to be able to survive. Unemployment has been a failure. The stimulus checks are a failure. We need to stop failing our people and allow them to do business. It should be left up to the individuals if they want to patronize business, not the government to close all businesses. If you continue the lockdown you are putting millions of people in danger of starvation, homelessness, suicide, overdose and substance abuse.
04/16/2020 03:02 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Ashley Turner	I DO NOT support mail in voting!
04/16/2020 03:02 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Ms Barbra Petzold-Isringhausen	Please open The state of NC now. Small business is dying and we need the state open for business
04/16/2020 03:02 PM	Education Working Group	Ms Ana Rivera	I work in the private sector of education and would like to get back to work before I lose my children and employment.
04/16/2020 03:02 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Vicki O'Hearn	We need north Carolina open ASAP. People need to get back to work.
04/16/2020 03:02 PM	Education Working Group	Amy Wilson	ReOpen NC. The people need need to get back to work to prevent the economy from imploding. Our children are missing out on education widening the achievement gap between wealthy and poor families.
04/16/2020 03:03 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms Anne Bullard	Please don't waste the tremendous sacrifice of North Carolinians who have lost their incomes by staying at home. Reopening the economy prematurely would jeopardize the gains we've made in our collective efforts at bending the curve. It is a difficult time for all of us, but some of our neighbors have paid a significantly higher price than others. Attempting to "fix it" by restarting the economy prematurely will only invalidate the sacrifices of those who can't afford to go through a second shutdown. Please allow our state to stick with the current program. It's working, and in the end, the price will be lower in terms of economic AND public health. Please don't invalidate the gains we have made.
04/16/2020 03:03 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr. Adam Leonard	Do not open the state until it is safe to do so! Even putting the loss of life aside, reopening the state too early will only force us to have to shut it down again. Do not listen to a small

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04/16/2020 03:03 PM	Health Care Working Group	Mikhail Radionchenko	<p>but vocal fringe group that is mostly motivated by politics!</p> <p>I am deeply concerned about the growing number of people calling to "Reopen NC" without adequate testing, tracing, or containment. Please continue to make decisions based on the recommendations of experts.</p> <p>A poll of NC voters released today by Public Policy Polling showed: "69% think the state's response has been 'about right,' to only 15% who think it's overreacted and 11% who believe it's underreacted. By contrast a plurality of voters- 44%- think the federal government has underreacted to 42% who think its response has been about right and 11% who think it's overreacted."</p> <p>The Reopen NC group may be very vocal, but it speaks for a small fraction of North Carolinians. The vast majority of us support evidence-based measures to protect our health.</p>
04/16/2020 03:03 PM	Health Care Working Group	Mr Patrick OHearn	North Carolina needs to open ASAP. We are losing jobs in this state. Please help
04/16/2020 03:04 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Shannon Rohden	Governor Cooper. I want NC to reopen. Our people are suffering and the aid that was promised isn't there or isn't making a difference. Either way, it's destroying our state. I employ you as our representative to take some common sense actions to get our state up and running again. Many North Carolinians are questioning the models and statistics behind your decisions. Let us have our state back.
04/16/2020 03:04 PM	Economic Support Working Group	#reopen nc Melissa Roberts	The broad overreaching stay at home policies of Gov. Cooper must be ended! Killing our state's economy, and making more of our fellow citizens mentally, emotionally, and physically(+economically) unwell is not the way to beat this pandemic! Need some common sense brought into this, as well as individual cities, towns, communities, deciding what's best for their own situations. Remember the Duke Lacrosse fiasco? That was Cooper's doing! Sad we didn't we learn from that :(
04/16/2020 03:04 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mr Josh Misso	<p>First off, I want to applaud the State of North Carolina for doing everything they can to beat an invisible enemy. The response was rapid, which is always much appreciated when faced with uncertainty.</p> <p>Now, I would like to call on North Carolina to continue to do the right thing and re-open for business and commerce. This includes lifting the stay-at-home order No Later Than 01 May 2020.</p> <p>Many have sacrificed their economic livelihood in order to comply with an unconstitutional mandate to shelter in place. While federal relief has been promised, many are waiting for stimulus checks that are still months away from businesses and families that did not get a tax refund from the IRS within the past 2 years. Hospitals, especially Wake Med, have ended many medical procedures and hired on extra staff expecting a surge in COVID-19 cases that never came -- as a result the very institutions designed to guide us through sickness are becoming cash-strapped with management hinting at the possibility of layoffs.</p>

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			If we, as a people, are devoted to safeguarding the lives of citizens while pursuing life, liberty, and happiness then the next logical step is to re-open the State and discontinue the stay-at-home order. Our nurses and hospital workers deserve better. Our small businesses deserve better. Our citizens deserve their civil liberties.
04/16/2020 03:05 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Rebecca Shoaf	Children do not belong on house arrest. Reopen the parks, businesses, and tourism. Deaths of despair and poverty are not the gifts North Carolina has to offer. New York's overwhelm are not representative of the effects of this virus. Don't hold my children and their future hostage for the 0.1% who MIGHT be negatively impacted by a cold. Let those who are afraid stay home, not condemn us all.
04/16/2020 03:05 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Debby Sprankle	Small businesses need to be open! We sanitize better then food stores and can follow the same guidelines. Get us off unemployment!!
04/16/2020 03:05 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Miss Samantha Shillingburg	First thank you for your tireless effort while dealing with Covid-19. I am a mother of an immunocompromised 2 year old. I can not protect him from this virus if the state reopens. Please think of him and others struggling with their health or the health of a loved one when making these unprecedented decisions.
04/16/2020 03:06 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Deacon George Morgan	Gov. Cooper and the general assembly, now IS the time to reopen our churches, reopen our beaches, parks, stores, restaurants! In short, NOW is the time to REOPEN NORTH CAROLINA! Thank you for listening to a tax paying citizen of the great state of North Carolina.
04/16/2020 03:06 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Re-open NC! Susannah Sides	We need NC open again. I am sick of seeing people I love suffer economically and emotionally from this shutdown. Covid-19 has a smaller mortality rate than many common viruses, so it doesn't make any sense to treat it like an apocalypse. The fear mongering needs to stop and our businesses need to be allowed to operate again before more irreparable damage is done. It will take decades to undo the damage that the shutdown already has created. The stimulus has already run out of funding for small businesses, so business owners have nothing to fall back on. Every second the shutdown continues, another business dies. You are creating massive economical and emotional damage by continuing to keep businesses from operating. Everything about this shutdown has been unconstitutional and it has to stop. North Carolina can survive this virus, but not by cowering in fear. We need to face it head on. People may very well get sick, but the vast majority will survive. Most Americans are more afraid of a tyrannical government than they are of Covid-19 because anyone who's read a history book knows which one will cause more damage.
04/16/2020 03:06 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Dawn Barham	ReOpen NC
04/16/2020 03:06 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Dr Holly Ackerman	Please protect public health and keep and extend stay-at-home orders, because without the public's health, there is no economy. That's how things actually work. Do not be buffaloes by a small group of lunk-headed social darwinists who somehow think they are invulnerable.
04/16/2020 03:06 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Timothy Anderson	Livelihoods are being destroyed and family's are oppressed by government overreach. Fear is destructive and toxic. Education on prevention is the solution. Continuation of government overreach will be fully recognized as tyranny and people will act to protect

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04/16/2020 03:06 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Elisabeth Wertz	Please consider re-opening small businesses in our state! We are able to do this in a responsible manner. We can have business open and working and still be smart about how to manage the effects of the virus!
04/16/2020 03:06 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Thomas Case	Please lift the restrictions currently in place due to SARS-Cov-19.  The data no longer supports such severe and oppressive measures. #ReopenNC
04/16/2020 03:07 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Phillip	If the cure is worse than the disease, we don't need the cure.
04/16/2020 03:07 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Josh Misso	First off, I want to applaud the State of North Carolina for doing everything they can to beat an invisible enemy. The response to COVID-19 was rapid, which is always much appreciated when faced with uncertainty.  Now, I would like to call on North Carolina to continue to do the right thing and re-open for business and commerce. This includes lifting the stay-at-home order No Later Than 01 May 2020.  Many have sacrificed their economic livelihood in order to comply with an unconstitutional mandate to shelter in place. While federal relief has been promised, many are waiting for stimulus checks that are still months away from businesses and families that did not get a tax refund from the IRS within the past 2 years. Hospitals, especially Wake Med, have ended many medical procedures and hired on extra staff expecting a surge in COVID-19 cases that never came -- as a result the very institutions designed to guide us through sickness are becoming cash-strapped with management hinting at the possibility of layoffs.  If we, as a people, are devoted to safeguarding the lives of citizens while pursuing life, liberty, and happiness then the next logical step is to re-open the State and discontinue the stay-at-home order. Our nurses and hospital workers deserve better. Our small businesses deserve better. Our citizens deserve their civil liberties.
04/16/2020 03:07 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Josh Overbeck	Please allow economy to reopen on May 1. This has become devastating to many in the small business community
04/16/2020 03:07 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Anna Hanks	To whom it may concern, I am writing in support of the re-opening of North Carolina. We were asked to stay home and then mandated to stay home based on not overwhelming the hospitals. The models predicting deaths from this virus have been thrown out for being incredibly inaccurate. There is no longer any reason to continue tanking our economy and removing our constitutional freedom for this issue. Thank you.
04/16/2020 03:07 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Veteran, mother to 11 Ashley Beaty	I swore to uphold and defend the constitution against all enemies, foreign and domestic. I'm an Iraq war veteran. These executive orders are unconstitutional. Reopen NC!
04/16/2020 03:07 PM	Economic Support	Mrs A. Elliott	It is time to reopen N.C.! We need to open and get people back to work! Hospitals are even

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	Working Group		cutting hours and freezing hiring because there is no elective procedures and negligible number of COVID patients. Quarantine is confining sick people, Tyranny is holding well people hostage!!! This is tyranny !
04/16/2020 03:07 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Re open NC Melanie Stokes	Please reopen this state. We can not afford to stay closed Much longer
04/16/2020 03:07 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Dr Holly Ackerman	North Carolina needs vote by mail, now, to ensure free, fair and safe elections come November. Citizens in our democracy should not have to risk our lives to cast votes in the most consequential election of our lifetime. There will almost certainly still be a great risk of COVID19 in the fall; without a vaccine, treatment, adequate testing for active infection or serologic testing, safety of citizens to vote cannot be assured. The NCBE should move immediately to make this happen.
04/16/2020 03:07 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr. Bill Henkel	The measures we have taken have flattened the curve sufficiently and should be eased. We have not overrun the hospital system and people should be allowed to go to work. Some of the measures that have been taken are unconstitutional and should be removed immediately.
04/16/2020 03:08 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Reopen NC NOW Emily Poli	Please reopen the state immediately. We can follow proper health guidelines and limit customers but please let us get back to work! If all of you want to be reelected you should consider how you respond to the people who put you in office in the first place. Thank you.
04/16/2020 03:08 PM	Health Care Working Group	Dr Holly Ackerman	The NCGA must expand Medicaid immediately. COVID19 is a risk to all North Carolinians. By withholding health insurance from 600,000 of our citizens, the NCGA endangers all of our lives. Without access to health care, risk of C19 infection increases, those infected can in turn infect others. If our health care system is overwhelmed by C19 patients, all will suffer, including those having heart attacks, strokes or other emergencies, if the ICUs are filled with C19 patients. It is shortsighted and ignorant, not to mention inhumane, to withh
04/16/2020 03:08 PM	Health Care Working Group	Mr Bill Wallis	Open this state back up now and stop moving the goalposts for re-opening.The curve has flattened here and nationwide.Don't think we won't remember in November!
04/16/2020 03:09 PM	Education Working Group	Pam Panaccione	Re-open N.C. you have no right to keep us locked down.
04/16/2020 03:09 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Michelle Miller Harris	Please open NC, let our small business open back up
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04/16/2020 03:11 PM	Health Care Working Group	Reopen NC Mandy Brown	<p>This is a plea to reopen our great state of North Carolina by the end of April . I agree wholeheartedly that this virus is real and is costing lives. However, so does the flu, especially for people with other inhibiting factors or underlying medical conditions. I suspect that a lot of those factors are not being reported on when we get these numbers. In fact, by the numbers we DO have, it is still much less impactful than flu has been, but we don't lock everything down to inhibit the spread of that. I agree we must protect ourselves and our family, but the response to this situation and shutting down our entire state, and mandating people to stay home because you say so, is a vast vast overreach of power and is taking away the rights of our citizens to intelligently protect themselves and their families at their OWN discretion, while being able to maintain their livelihoods, and care for their families.</p> <p>If we do not reopen NC, and soon, you will be the cause of much more hardship and ruin than the virus itself.</p>
04/16/2020 03:11 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Mye Wilson	Reopen NC now!
04/16/2020 03:13 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Kim Taylor	Reopen NC!! Now
04/16/2020 03:13 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Philip Talley	<p>Hello. I have a message for Governor Cooper. I am a resident of North Carolina and I am very concerned about the prolonged closure of our area and the passing of unconstitutional orders by your administration. I have seen people illegally arrested in our state, while practicing social distancing, and I am alarmed. I and my fellow North Carolinians are writing to urge you to uphold the Constitution. According to the Constitution, we have God given rights to worship, to work, to peaceably assemble, to be secure in our persons, homes, and documents, among other things.</p> <p>We are citizens. Not subjects. We, the people, are the government. Government only exists by the consent of the governed. We voted you in and we will vote you out if you refuse to respect our constitutional rights. If you elect to trample on our constitutional rights and promote tyrannical rule we will remove you as is our duty according to the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution. We need to REOPEN NC now. The people will not continue to stand for this prolonged closure. I've provided a refresher on the constitutional rights being violated below.</p> <p>First Amendment: Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.</p>



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			<p>Second Amendment: A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed.</p> <p>Fourth Amendment: The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated, and no Warrants shall issue, but upon probable cause, supported by Oath or affirmation, and particularly describing the place to be searched, and the persons or things to be seized.</p> <p>Fifth Amendment: No person shall be held to answer for a capital, or otherwise infamous crime, unless on a presentment or indictment of a Grand Jury, except in cases arising in the land or naval forces, or in the Militia, when in actual service in time of War or public danger; nor shall any person be subject for the same offence to be twice put in jeopardy of life or limb; nor shall be compelled in any criminal case to be a witness against himself, nor be deprived of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor shall private property be taken for public use, without just compensation.</p> <p>Eighth Amendment: Excessive bail shall not be required, nor excessive fines imposed, nor cruel and unusual punishments inflicted.</p> <p>Fourteenth Amendment (S1): All persons born or naturalized in the United States, and subject to the jurisdiction thereof, are citizens of the United States and of the state wherein they reside. No state shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States; nor shall any state deprive any person of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws.</p> <p>Give Me Liberty or Give Me Death,</p> <p>Philip Talley</p>
04/16/2020 03:13 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Robert Mead	Please reopen NC's economy
04/16/2020 03:13 PM	Economic Support Working Group	J Carpenter	<p>REOPEN NC!</p> <p>The longer our state is closed the more small businesses will close, livelihoods, homes, and lives will be lost. I do not discount lives lost due to the virus, but more will die due to suicide, poverty, and abuse. Take into account those who have lost their jobs and are now unemployed and STRUGGLING to even receive their unemployment checks. You close businesses down and people aren't paid, guess what else is not paid? Taxes! There are so many more long term things to be concerned with than this virus. Don't keep us on lock down longer than the end of this month. If you do, the voices of those of us who are tired of our liberties being stomped on will rise up. REOPEN NC!</p>
04/16/2020 03:13 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections &		Reopen the state! We are only prolonging the inevitable and ruining our economy in the process.

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	Public Safety) Working Group		
04/16/2020 03:14 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Dr John McGregor	The current restrictions placed on individuals and business in North Carolina due to COVID-19 are at odds with a risk based approach. By defaulting to the precautionary principle to address COVID-19, it is clear the leadership of NC is taking the "easy way out" as opposed to a thoughtful & detailed consideration of the risks and benefits. A precise and targeted approach is required, not the one size fits all simplistic solution that is currently in place.
04/16/2020 03:14 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Michelle Hoffman	Please open up our state for small businesses. I own a small gym and I need the income!!! Even 15-20 people at a time would help!! Thank you in advance.
04/16/2020 03:14 PM	Health Care Working Group	Dr Iva Nusbaum DVM	The coronavirus is species specific . We see this in cats and dogs with weak immune systems. This Wuhan virus came from a restricted 4 lab in Wuhan and has been circulating since November 2019. There were cases in US before the mass hysteria in February 2020. Many citizens were sick but tested negative for the flu. Seems to be by my observation, we are in the tail end of the Wuhan virus. According to the NC Health and Human Services data, this Chinese Originated Viral Infectious Disease 19, there has been a decline of cases across our state. Just testing for COVID19 will only indicate exposure not necessarily infection. So when Test is positive that means you have produced antibodies against the virus. Your antibody level is much better way to protect than a vaccine. The Bill Gates Foundation funds the World Health Organization and funds studies to mass produce vaccines that are tested in Africa and many third world countries . Do you follow me! This Wuhan Virus is not that terrible to us healthy citizens. When you isolate us healthy ones then this is tyranny. When you isolate the sick and weak that is called quarantine. So all Americans should understand that our law of the land is the US Constitution. Government should never ever dictate on our health, civil liberties and our pursuit of happiness. Therefore, as an American our government: Governor Roy Cooper, County Commissioners and Mayors have all overstepped their oath. We need our NC General Assembly to overrule the Governor and Open Up NC now and forever.
04/16/2020 03:14 PM	Education Working Group	Pass/Fail Policy Mackenzie Roach	I believe that high schools switching to mandatory pass/fail policy is a huge mistake and will hurt students grade 9-11. By making the pass/fail mandatory for everyone, you limit the hard working students from raising their GPA and decrease their incentive to actually learn the classroom material. Instead, you give them an opportunity to be lazier and not learn the information just to receive a passing grade that will have no effect on anything. The NC Board of Education should make the pass/fail policy optional, such as most colleges are implementing. In this case, a student could work for the grades they want, and after the semester is over, if they do not like some of their grades, they can choose to enact pass/fail for those classes. Under this policy, students can choose to keep the classes' grades that they want to keep. For students grade 9-11, this would help them in their college search process by possibly increasing their GPA, and therefore college options. The mandatory pass/fail policy only hinders these students and limits their opportunities to excel in high school. These are critical years for building their resume for college, and the mandatory pass/fail option is severely hurting students that are trying to go to college.
04/16/2020 03:15 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr. John Ellis	Open NC back up immediately.



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04/16/2020 03:15 PM	Economic Support Working Group	President C R Goodwin	We are struggling! Reopen NC now.
04/16/2020 03:16 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Open NC Brittany McGee	As a North Carolinian I ask that Governor Roy Cooper see that we NEED to get back to work! Open NC!
04/16/2020 03:16 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Reopen Don Woodard	We need to lift restrictions at the end of this month. Do not extend the "lock down"!
04/16/2020 03:17 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Alan Montgomery	We need a plan to begin opening back up immediately! So many people are suffering!
04/16/2020 03:18 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Covid19 Tom Conway	Re Open NC!
04/16/2020 03:18 PM	Education Working Group	Alecia English	My son has 6 months left before his 3rd birthday when myelination will be complete and his brain will be less plastic the rest of his life. He had extensive brain surgery at Duke 2 years ago. All his in-person therapies have been cancelled. We have worked so hard on his recovery and we need his therapists back in his natural environment helping in this precious time. All children ages 0-3 are in a critical period that we cannot get back after myelination. Reopen as soon as possible!
04/16/2020 03:18 PM	Economic Support Working Group	amanda tarlton	Reopen NC! Our economy and small businesses can't handle this shut down.
04/16/2020 03:18 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Patricia Rammacher	Our economy is in ruins. Our constitutional rights are being stomped on. Please #ReOpenNC
04/16/2020 03:19 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	John Obelenus	Nc needs to open the businesses and put people back to work. Government is choking the life out of residents the way no virus ever could. Every day more preset out of work BBC with no recourse but to watch the talking heads regurgitate how "this is for your own safety ". Open up the state now!
04/16/2020 03:19 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	President Pamela Mims	I am an owner of a business that does repair of medical equipment all over Nc and va. I am keeping my employees employed through all this but no one wants us to come do any work because of the stay at home order. I am getting no help from the government and all salaries will be coming out of my pocket until I can't do this anymore and have to close as well. We cannot continue as s state and country to continue with this shut down. It is killing the economy. Poverty will killing many more than this virus. Please reopen N.C. ASAP!
04/16/2020 03:19 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Robert Kelly-Goss	I'm concerned about the number of people calling to "Reopen NC" without virus testing, tracing, or containment. I ask as someone who is at risk that you rely on the scientific community to guide your decisions. Based on statewide polls, the majority of NC supports evidence-based measures from our scientific community to protect our health.
04/16/2020 03:19 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Suzanne Gregory	This is a trying time and I know the virus is serious and unfortunately deadly to some of the population. However this government shut down for businesses is just as deadly to those self employed who are trying to support their family and employees during this time. A great number of the NC population request that you reopen NC. If we continue to be shut down, the economy will have a difficult time rebounding and families will lose their businesses they have worked so hard to build, their homes, possibly their families. This is

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			such a detriment to our communities and workforce. I believe we can reopen NC as most people know to protect themselves and others in public places while encouraging the at risk population to stay home until they feel safer. I am also worried that portions of the state that have a high percentage of tourism will suffer. Without tourism into these areas, not only will the county's suffer with less monies received from rental tax etc, since that income helps support schools and numerous other items. But also worried the homeowners of rental properties will quite frankly end up in foreclosure. And being involved in the 2008 debacle, I know lending institutions do not want a repeat. When making your decisions that have severe impacts on ALL NC residents, please consider the majority of the population are healthy enough to survive the virus but may not be able to survive the economic conditions. I humbly ask you to reopen NC. Thank you.
04/16/2020 03:19 PM	Health Care Working Group	Rev. Tamara Kersey	<p>I am writing to request legislators revisit the option to expand Medicaid. Expanding Medicaid will assist in covering the uninsured in our state.</p> <p>It will also help stabilize the health insurance industry so insurers will not be faced with the dire decision to raise premiums and healthcare costs needed to absorb and cover healthcare (i.e., testing for Covid for uninsured) in addition to covering costs for Evaluation and Management Services related to the global pandemic for the un/under-insured citizens of NC.</p> <p>North Carolina is missing out on billions in federal health care dollars to help stabilize the economy as well as maintain the health and wellness of millions of NC citizens.</p>
04/16/2020 03:20 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr. DJ Davis	Please reopen NC. Small business owners are being hammered. This isn't right. Let us get back to work. Please
04/16/2020 03:20 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Kirstyn Harbeson	Please reopen our state! Please! The IRS miscoded our stimulus and we will not be receiving anything for months! We are both contractors, we can't live like this! We have three kids and will lose everything! LET. US. WORK. PLEASE!!!
04/16/2020 03:21 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Emily McAllister	OPEN NC!!!!!!
04/16/2020 03:21 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Hairdresser Deborah Roberts	My husband and I are self employed .work everyday and live from payck to another
04/16/2020 03:22 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Teresa Garvin	<p>Reopen NC</p> <p>We, the people, want to work. We want to feed our families and pay our bills. We, the people, are intelligent and know how to protect ourselves and our family best!!</p>
04/16/2020 03:22 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Lorraine Tain	We need businesses to reopen as quickly as possible. People need to get back to work! Please override the governor on this!
04/16/2020 03:23 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group		It's time to get this state open. Rescind the unconstitutional shutdown orders now and open up this State. Statistics show that this not nearly as deadly and infectious as we've been lead to believe. Businesses cannot be shutdown for another hour let along another couple months. We have rent to pay and a significant number of small businesses either don't qualify for the loan or they have high overhead and cannot pay 75% of the loan to salaries and thus must pay back the loan.

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			Open this state and country now!
04/16/2020 03:23 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Carol Lyn Wauford	we need to reopen NC immediately or the economic and psychological damage will be much worse and longer lasting than the covid virus
04/16/2020 03:24 PM	Health Care Working Group	Sergeant James Vance	<p>Elected representatives !</p> <p>It is time to call for Governor Cooper to lift the stay home order. Hospital systems are not overwhelmed, and infection rates are well below even the most conservative forecasts.</p> <p>Businesses and citizens are being overwhelmed and our economy is suffering.</p> <p>The Governor is overstepping his lawful authority and condoning violations of the Constitution.</p> <p>We the people are watching carefully at what our elected representatives choose to do, or not do, in this time.</p> <p>Be on the right side of history and demand Governor Cooper open the state.</p>
04/16/2020 03:24 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Carolina Cooper	Reopen North Carolina now! The number of cases does not support the continuation of this shutdown. Many more people will suffer and die from the economic devastation of the shutdown than will ever die from this virus. Not even close! We need to reopen now! It can't wait any longer! If the government won't do it, the people will do it themselves, with or without the government's blessing. If you want any say in how it gets done, you better take action now or get left behind.
04/16/2020 03:25 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mr Van Williams	<p>#ReOpenNC</p> <p>This has gone on long enough. The state needs to reopen.</p>
04/16/2020 03:25 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group		I do not approve of lifting the stay at home orders. I worry for mine and my family's health.
04/16/2020 03:26 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Wes Reese	OPEN! Keeping north Carolina closed is killing the economy. Those of us that are suffering needlessly will remember it when it's time to vote
04/16/2020 03:26 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Limited Reopening and con Nicholas Irving	<p>I believe that North Carolina should loosen the self-isolation restrictions beginning sometime in May. I understand some areas should be kept more restricted for longer than others, but some of the areas that have limited to no cases should be allowed to return to business. And maybe those that do return to business will have altered startups, where they have 50% return capacity and then are slowly able to increase to full capacity. I believe that if the state continues to self-isolate and have "non-essential" business shutdown it could have lasting impacts on the smaller businesses that are shutdown without revenue to the point that some of them may not be able to reopen.</p> <p>And the small-business protection program that the US congress passed is not going to</p>

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			be a great help because as of writing this all of the funds dedicated to it have run out. And the pass on rent and eviction won't help for much longer because once the pandemic ends banks and landlords are likely to request full payment for any missed months all at once.
04/16/2020 03:27 PM	Health Care Working Group	Biller Cham Atkinson	Extend the stay at homr order please!
04/16/2020 03:27 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Donna Warlick	OPEN NC Now. This is RIDICULOUS! There is ABSOLUTELY no justification for this shutdown. You look like fools. Can you people not do math?
04/16/2020 03:27 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mrs Angel Hedrick	Gov Cooper, You HAVE to stop this nonsense and open our state back up. Your press conferences just lead to more fear and none of it is factual. Our state MUST open and allow people to go back to work. If people are scared or fear for their health, those people and only those should stay home. Just like during a regular cold and flu season. Stop this nonsense NOW. OPEN OUR STATE.
04/16/2020 03:29 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Open N.C. Christopher Lewter	Please open N.C. back up. My friends are suffering and is about to lose everything. Please
04/16/2020 03:29 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mr Corey Whittaker	Please open NC back up! The mental health nd physical health impacts are enormous. Just today I heard about several UNC and Duke students committed suicide. I will bet you didn't hear that in the news. I have friends and family out of work, friends rebattling addiction. I can't imagine the horror of being stuck at home with an abusive family member. You may save a few from dying by continuing this, but you are destroying those still alive.
04/16/2020 03:29 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mrs Kamden Holland	Please reopen NC. The data no longer supports the narrative of Gov Cooper. It is time to do what is right for the state
04/16/2020 03:29 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Reopen NC Charles Cook	Reopen NC...SBA cash infusion is being blocked by Democrats amd I am a small business owner in NC who still hasn't recieved an answer. Why hasn't Hov. Cooper sone a single thing to help us out.
04/16/2020 03:29 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Dwayne Barber	Open NC back up!!! This is a joke!!
04/16/2020 03:30 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Wayne Darco	It's time to put people back to work in my opinion. Don't extend the stay at home order past May 1st. It's doing more harm emotionally and economically than it is good.
04/16/2020 03:32 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Leah Albright	Get NC back OPEN!
04/16/2020 03:32 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Randall Skinner	Reopen North Carolina with conditions
04/16/2020 03:32 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr. Sean Gilsenan	We have about 6,000 confirmed cases in our state but I imagine we really have 10 to 20 times that number. In a state with over 10 million people, 60 -120,000 cases just isn't much

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			of a factor. I would like to see more businesses allowed to open within the next 2 weeks. People who are over 60 or who have underlying health problems can choose to stay home but the rest of us should be free to go about our business.
04/16/2020 03:32 PM	Health Care Working Group	Amy	Please keep NC shut down.
04/16/2020 03:32 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	D Kerlin	Dear Governor- it is reasonable to start opening our economy no later than May 1. Citizens will suffer greatly and beyond measure if this economic suppression continues. I urge you to END NC's stay at home order NO LATER THAN THE ORIGINAL END DATE.
04/16/2020 03:32 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Dustin Isenhour	Open N.C. now. There is no factual data that what you are doing is helping while there is an overwhelming amount of data showing that it is not. You are killing the economy and it's people with speculation, herd immunity does a much better job and the scientist with decades of experience are saying the same thing.
04/16/2020 03:32 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Kathryn Hedgepeth	I strongly urge the Legislature to give more discretionary powers - including expanded absentee voting and no-cost-to-voter mailing of absentee ballots - to the State Board of Elections. The BoE must be able to change the way North Carolinians vote in November 2020 if the COVID19 pandemic prevents voters from safely voting in person. This is a safety issue both for the voter and the poll workers. We need to make it easier for all voters to exercise their right to vote while still maintaining the integrity of the ballot.
04/16/2020 03:32 PM	Economic Support Working Group	mr charles showfety	NC needs to re-open. According to the CDC last year in 2018 2067 people died in NC from the flu and it's complications. Less than 150 NC citizens have died from Covid 19. In 2018 there was no shut down of the economy or destroying of the small business base of the NC economy. Much about these "pandemic" measures are politically based due to the election year. It's time to be rational not emotional and begin taking steps to get business in NC back in gear.
04/16/2020 03:32 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Elizabeth Demofonte	Absolutely need to leave to shelter orders in place until we are sure we are out of danger. If we go back to "normal" too soon, we'll just be doing this again later and more lives will be lost. In the long run, it could be worse for the economy to reopen before ready.
04/16/2020 03:33 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Alisha Leonard	I would like the state to start easing the stay at home order! I work in Heath care and i understand the need for some protection , however i also believe that the way things are with the economy and depression and anxiety sitting in the longer this continues with no end in sight, there will be more deaths but not due to the virus!!! People need to work and live and function ( safely) !! We can't not live , we can't !!!
04/16/2020 03:33 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Jill Grivois	It's time to reopen the state!!! All businesses matter and all people's livelihoods matter!
04/16/2020 03:34 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr. Terry Oldham	Elected representatives!  It is time to call for Governor Cooper to lift the stay home order. Hospital systems are not overwhelmed, and infection rates are well below even the most conservative forecasts!

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			<p>Businesses and citizens are being overwhelmed and our economy is suffering!</p> <p>The Governor is overstepping his lawful authority and condoning violations of the Constitution!</p> <p>We the people are watching carefully at what our elected representatives choose to do, or not do, in this time!</p> <p>Be on the right side of history and demand Governor Cooper open the state!</p>
04/16/2020 03:34 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Eric Treants	We support our Governor and demand that we keep the stay at home order until it's deemed safe to return.
04/16/2020 03:34 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Cynthia Kangars	#ReopenNC
04/16/2020 03:34 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Joseph Ince	Although COVID-19 poses a very real health pandemic, the government's overreaction through shutdown and lockdown measures now threatens our economy and the livelihood and retirement of hundreds of millions of Americans. These lockdown measures also push all limits of government power even during an "emergency" and are a serious threat to our liberties. I want to say I oppose "stay-at-home" orders and blanket business and school shutdowns that are crippling our economy. Instead, government should use measures to contain the virus that focus on the most at-risk demographics and communities. The projections that these "stay-at-home" orders are based on were flawed from the beginning and are being shown still today to be flawed. The State of North Carolina needs to return to work and focus protection efforts instead of continuing far reaching blanket orders that are doing more harm than good.
04/16/2020 03:35 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Jill Grivois	Reopen the state!! All businesses matter and all people's livelihoods matter. This isn't a left or right thing this is an economic thing and you are making it just that!
04/16/2020 03:35 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Paul Drum	You need to to allow Massage therapist to go back to work. They see at the most 3 to 4 people a day and their spas are kept cleaner than most hospitals. Y'all are killing the independent owners because their bills are still required to be paid.
04/16/2020 03:35 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Liz Vaughan	Reopen NC!!!!
04/16/2020 03:35 PM	Education Working Group	Realtor Lisa Rosencrans	<p>We need the state open to continue our livelihood. We have survived many deadly pandemics without losing our jobs. We need to pay our bills, go to work and get our economy back. This is no time for politics. People are so stressed from being without income and the mere self-esteem bring employed brings. Please get this open!</p> <p>Respectfully submitted,</p>



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			Lisa & Eric Rosencrans
04/16/2020 03:36 PM	Economic Support Working Group	mr carl mims	Please open this economy up. We are headed to a great depression if this continues!
04/16/2020 03:36 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Shelley	The time for NC to open up is long been over due. We, the citizens of this state, are not ignorant & Gov Cooper's tyranny has over stepped many constitutional rights. We have families that can't sustain without their work. This is more so for self-employed & those who work for a company that has had to shut their doors due to the shelter in place order. Outdoor activities & parks have been shut down but yet golf courses & such are still allowed. We the people (those that elect you to your position) are fed up & are willing to fight for our rights, no matter the cost.
04/16/2020 03:36 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Annette Craver	Keep stay at home in place
04/16/2020 03:37 PM	Health Care Working Group	Karen Peda	My county(Cabarrus) only has three deaths over a six week period. Thousands are not allowed to return to work. Let's start opening businesses.
04/16/2020 03:37 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Jamie Snyder	While the virus is a serious issue the suffering of many families cannot be ignored. It is imperative that our state's economy be reopened immediately to allow everyone to support their families while continuing to observe and support the mitigation effort. Allowing high risk individuals to remain at home while others carefully resume normal economic activity is the only practical way to move forward. Continuing with the stay at home order and other arbitrarily enforced guidelines not only violates the God given rights of all North Carolina citizens but will promote discord and civil unrest as time goes by and the economic conditions deteriorate for more and more citizens.
04/16/2020 03:37 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Open Nc Paula Moore	We need to open Nc asap. Our constitutional rights demand it! People need to get back to work. There is no help out there for self employed people.
04/16/2020 03:37 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mrs Amanda Duke-Lipcsak	Please open our state. It is important that we do it safely, but cautiously opening up is just as vital to our citizens! Keeping us closed is going to abolish the economy in our state! Please have mercy on us!
04/16/2020 03:37 PM	Economic Support Working Group		Open the state!
04/16/2020 03:37 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mr Michael Johnston	Reopen NC. Publish "common sense " guidelines for Citizens and ask that citizens followThem. Ask people to be considerate of others as we live our lives. We live in a free country.
04/16/2020 03:37 PM	Health Care Working Group	Carolyn Wisecarver	I'm a Registered Nurse and support the reopening of our state. People staying at home has never strengthened their immune system. Thanks
04/16/2020 03:37 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Cameron Tokay	Let's get back to work
04/16/2020 03:37 PM	Continuity of State	Melissa Rapaj	Reopen NC

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04/16/2020 03:38 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mrs. Xuan Tran	Please keep NC closed. Protect our citizens, families, and children. Our peek outbreak isn't predicted until June. If we reopen now we risk exposure and infecting everyone. We won't be able to handle the sick. Our people are more important then the words of a foolish president that thinks he's had years of experience in as the director of allergy and infectious diseases.
04/16/2020 03:38 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Rebecca Fuller	<p>"Elected representatives !</p> <p>It is time to call for Governor Cooper to lift the stay home order. Hospital systems are not overwhelmed, and infection rates are well below even the most conservative forecasts.</p> <p>Businesses and citizens are being overwhelmed and our economy is suffering.</p> <p>The Governor is overstepping his lawful authority and condoning violations of the Constitution.</p> <p>We the people are watching carefully at what our elected representatives choose to do, or not do, in this time.</p> <p>Be on the right side of history and demand Governor Cooper open the state."</p>
04/16/2020 03:38 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Milady Meadows	Please leave NC shut down. The safety of my family and others depends on it.
04/16/2020 03:38 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Bob Watts	The primary objective of the stay at home order was to flatten the curve and ensure hospitals were able to meet the increase in CV-19 patient requirements. This has been achieved (through the voluntary cooperation of the citizenry) and the "actual" data proves it. It is impossible to ensure no one gets the virus. We live everyday with the risk of contracting a virus. The time has come to intelligently and systematically re-open the company while still taking reasonable and balanced measures to protect the at-risk population. Otherwise, the destruction and death caused by widespread tragedy of chronic unemployment will far exceed any CV-19 deaths. Time to protect and prioritize the healthy population.
04/16/2020 03:39 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Shaun Pollenz	Keep us closed until it makes scientific sense to reopen. ??
04/16/2020 03:39 PM	Health Care Working Group	Mrs Theresa Heath	Open up North Carolina!! The numbers are way lower than projected! People are still going to get the flu, cold, covid-19, diabetes, cancer , car accidents etc.....So open up??
04/16/2020 03:39 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr. Brett McDowell	Open the economy now. People can't pay rent/mortgages, running out of food and can't get daily needs for families. The longer you wait the more people will get layed off. Isolate the high risk and help them. You are going to destroy families and small business.

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04/16/2020 03:39 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Linda Starr	Please, please,please reopen the state. We need to get back to work!
04/16/2020 03:40 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Sam Eneman	Governor Cooper has followed the recommendations of physicians, epidemiologists and scientists in taking measures to mitigate the spread of COVID19. It has been successful, decreasing both morbidity and mortality in our state. He should continue to do so, regardless of pressure from groups funded by unknown sources pushing to reopen NC. Widespread death and suffering will not be a boon to our economy. Reopening too soon would mean a spike in cases, as well as increased risk for health care workers and others on the front lines, as well as all other North Carolinians.
04/16/2020 03:40 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Francis Israel	Please reopen North Carolina. We need to get back to work.
04/16/2020 03:40 PM	Economic Support Working Group	mary mountcastle	Governor Cooper has followed the recommendations of physicians, epidemiologists and scientists in taking measures to mitigate the spread of COVID19. His measured response has been successful, decreasing both morbidity and mortality in our state. He should continue to do so, regardless of pressure from groups funded by unknown sources pushing to "ReopenNC." Widespread death and suffering will not be a boon to our economy. Reopening NC would mean a spike in cases, as well as increased risk for health care workers and others on the front lines, as well as all other North Carolinians. Why would anyone wish an increase in unnecessary death? I appreciate the sound, science-based approach of our state leaders.
04/16/2020 03:41 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms. Kathy Rauhauser-Smith	<p>Please keep the state under restrictions until we have a safe way to come out of this responsibly. Yes, I want the state and economy to come back to full strength. I work at a small non-profit history museum in Mount Airy. We are largely dependent on tourism and school groups for our visitorship and survival. The idea of coming into the summer season closed or with limited attendance is, frankly, terrifying. However, the thought of the damage this ongoing pandemic is doing to families and communities as it strikes down the most vulnerable among us, is worse.</p> <p>Please put effort and energy into getting test kits easily available so we can contain this disease more efficiently and with less negative impact. In 1918 the world was blind dealing with the Flu Pandemic that killed so many. We needn't be blind today but for delay in taking the threat from covid19 virus seriously earlier.</p> <p>From my perspective, it is better to hurt for awhile if we are working in that time to arm ourselves to address it better in the future. Please, please, do not allow those demanding immediate reopening to push the NC state leadership into potentially destructive decisions. Hold out for the tools we need to reopen responsibly and safely.</p>
04/16/2020 03:41 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms Elizabeth Blake-Kazmerski	Please extend the stay at home order until there are at least 14 days of consistent decline in new cases.
04/16/2020 03:42 PM	Health Care Working Group	Robert Pitts	Reopen NC.
04/16/2020 03:42 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections &	John Rundle	<p>Laudable aspirations but you should get your facts straight:</p> <p>My wife and I just applied for Mail-in voters forms which are available for any legal age NC</p>

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	Public Safety) Working Group		resident. So your only issue is the cost of mailing!!
04/16/2020 03:43 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mr.and Mrs. William Altreuter	In my opinion the necessity to be prepared for possible wars, pandemics, natural disasters falls directly on our State Legislators. You are elected to be our front line for untimely disasters which can, and do, sometimes befall us. To that end, you who are charged with preserving and protecting our Constitutional form of government depends. The right and opportunity of all our citizens needs more protection at any such times. There should not be, for example, a necessity to protect one's health and well being or the right to vote. We saw that was a very real choice in the recent Primary election in Wisconsin. Please don't let that happen in North Carolina. Please support more robust, verifiable and accessible absentee voting.
04/16/2020 03:43 PM	Health Care Working Group	Re Open NC Tim Roehrs	Please Re open NC
04/16/2020 03:43 PM	Health Care Working Group	Mrs Fran Silver	It is imperative we now finally care for the people of NC. They must for once, come first. We must feed the hungry, house the homeless, help the sick and elderly. The give aways to the rich and corporations by the republicans over so many years, will come home to roost. If all that money had been used for the public, good, rather than the huge tax breaks to "donors" we would now be in better shape to fight this pandemic while not cutting services to the bone because of loss of funds. Enough of that robbery! Now try to redeem yourselves by putting the people if this state finally first!
04/16/2020 03:44 PM	Health Care Working Group	Susan Arthur	Please, PLEASE, do not rush to reopen stores and non-essential businesses until we have adequate testing so that we *all* know our own status and can be certain it is safe to go out again. Opening too soon will only cause a new wave of infections.
04/16/2020 03:45 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Jennifer Moss	As an informed citizen of North Carolina, I am concerned that 'stay-at-home' measures are becoming too extreme. Please open up NC by the end of April. Thank you.
04/16/2020 03:45 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Janet McDougal	It is time to reopen North Carolina. It is our right given by God and our constitution to work, worship, and stay home when we are sick. Please let us go back to work!
04/16/2020 03:45 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr. Charles Keeling	<p>1. Maximize federal assistance To maximize the state's capacity to respond in this crisis, make full use of opportunities to use federal dollars before tapping into state reserves. Congressional actions have increased the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) by 6.2 percent, injected over \$4 billion into state and local government, and provided access to disaster relief and education stabilization funds.<sup>1</sup></p> <p>2. Don't cut taxes Lawmakers should resist the urge to cut corporate taxes. Most businesses are experiencing dramatic declines in revenues, and therefore will have little income to tax. Small business assistance and workforce stabilization are more effective ways to stimulate the economy than broad tax cuts, which would only deepen the revenue hole the state will be forced to crawl out of post-pandemic. That hole has been made worse by the state's recent tax cuts, which have dropped the corporate income tax rate from 6.9 percent</p>

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			<p>in 2013 to 2.5 percent today.</p> <p>3. Use state funds wisely Once federal funds have been exhausted, North Carolina should tap into its more than \$1 billion in rainy day funds and more than \$2 billion in unappropriated funds. To avoid budget cuts, North Carolina should use its reserves to meet the immediate needs of our state's most vulnerable without depleting these reserves for future natural disaster needs (e.g., climate-related) and while investing in long-term sustainability. Legislators should appropriate dollars toward urgent and systemic needs through a comprehensive budget that provides the public with a transparent view of their priorities.</p> <p>4. Don't cut services Demand for public services like health care, housing, and public safety are rarely more important than they are today. In the past three weeks, nearly 500,000 people in North Carolina have filed for unemployment insurance, an average of 21,000 people per day. The growing strain on our hospitals and public institutions requires urgent attention in the form of flexibility, funding, and capacity. The public sector, which is usually taken for granted, is now the only lifeline for people facing illness and financial ruin. Now more than ever, our public institutions need the staffing, capacity, and resources to deliver statewide the quality services and programming that serve as the foundation for a sound economy that delivers well-being to all.</p> <p>5. Raise revenue from those most able to pay After the Great Recession, North Carolina cut taxes for the wealthy and big corporations at the expense of everyone else. As a result of these tax cuts, the state is currently collecting at least \$3.6 billion less in revenue each year. Due to the "flat tax", taxpayers with the lowest income currently pay more of their income in taxes than millionaires pay. Restoring fairness to North Carolina's tax code will help generate the resources that are needed to respond to the current crisis and to benefit the state long-term.</p> <p>During this crisis, we must pull together across racial, economic, and ideological lines. That means prioritizing the needs of our communities most at risk to the public health and economic harms of COVID-19 and asking those most well-insulated from economic harm to contribute at least their fair share. It also requires our lawmakers to lead with sound fiscal decisions that invest in the well-being of people first and build systems that can sustain our communities through the recovery from this pandemic.</p>
04/16/2020 03:45 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms Christina Harkey	Please reopen NC. It is abhorrent that our economy has been ruined for the good of few while ruining the lives of many. Death happens. Open NC back up.
04/16/2020 03:46 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Kathryn Harris	I want my state open by May 1. My family and my economic future is at stake. I cannot survive another month without work - and the financial hardships.
04/16/2020 03:46 PM	Health Care Working Group	Reopen some of nc Julie M	Hospitals are EMPTY please allow people to go back to work to feed their families.
04/16/2020 03:47 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Amanda Honeycutt	Reopen NC! People need to get back to work and businesses need to reopen!
04/16/2020 03:47 PM	Continuity of State	susan Bare	Open up NC before we all die !!

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04/16/2020 03:47 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mr Sam Eneman	In-person voting is inherently risky in a pandemic. Many poll workers are older. And many polling locations are in senior centers. Holding an in-person election in the midst of a pandemic would put all of our citizens at risk, particularly older people and those with compromised immune systems.  That's why we need to act NOW to prepare to expand access to November's elections by mail and/or absentee ballot!
04/16/2020 03:47 PM	Health Care Working Group	Carol Van Buren	Please reopen NC with precautions on 5/1. I know lawyers out of work. Doctors out of work. My daughter who just graduated college and her friends can't get job. Recent hires have been let go. Please don't let the recession this creates be worse than Co-Vid. Extending this stay at home order does more harm than good. We can reopen with precautions.
04/16/2020 03:48 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Open NC Now! Kimberly B	Open NC now!
04/16/2020 03:48 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Reopen NC Rachel IIs	We must reopen NC by May 1st. Our constitutional rights are being stomped on and it is not acceptable. The United States was founded on the idea of freedom and self responsibility. As individuals we are capable of using common sense measures to protect the health of our families. Small businesses are closing permanently like crazy. Families do not have paychecks to feed their families. Mental health is a major concern as people are isolated and a fear agenda has been pushed to force people into submission. Poverty, hunger and suicide are going to far surpass COVID19 as cause of death during this unprecedented time in history if we no not open up our economy and let people work and exercise their freedoms. My family suffered during the recession that started 2007-2008. My husband was laid off twice and was underemployed for 5 years after that. My family experienced plenty of hardships. We have yet to recover from it. I'm sure we are not alone. As a state and as a nation we cannot afford to delay the reopening of our state. NC has been fortunate in that we have had the virus very mildly. It is ridiculous to treat this state as though it is some hot spot of virus activity. I thank you for your consideration.
04/16/2020 03:48 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Kim Clifford	We need to open N.C. now-I have too many friends who are losing their livelihood and will not be able to recover from this. Please help not only these small businesses but also Large business are suffering as well. When they go down-small business go down with them. Keep our jobs here in NC
04/16/2020 03:48 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Kim Callaway	We need to open our state!! Our numbers are low and we cannot continue to let the economy decline. Please let us get back to work!
04/16/2020 03:48 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Nicholas Minney	ReOpenNC. Respect for human life goes hand in hand with respect for individual rights and self-government. My small business is ready to do its part and go the extra mile to keep our customers and employees healthy while ALSO providing our services to the



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04/16/2020 03:49 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Derek Flynt	<p>community, income to our employees, and tax dollars to our localities.</p> <p>Governor Cooper, I found this letter written to you and wanted to make sure you or your team saw it. It is very important for the numerous reasons listed and more that you completely reverse your actions against the citizens of our state.</p> <p>An urgent appeal to North Carolina Gov. Roy Cooper:</p> <p>For every COVID-19 case in North Carolina (4,500 estimated), 125 people have lost their jobs (500,000 unemployed across the state). You created this tragedy.</p> <p>Your executive orders have quarantined healthy individuals for the first time in American history. Small businesses can no longer operate, and their employees are jobless. This may be a solution for your medical advisers, but the results are now devastating nearly every facet of our society.</p> <p>You have also effectively denied religious freedom, a God-given and constitutional right. Now you are in the process of stripping all our freedoms, purportedly to protect us from ourselves.</p> <p>COVID-19 is a serious virus, but North Carolinians are intelligent and practical. Each person is very capable of avoiding COVID-19 by practicing social distancing, hand washing, and refraining from face touching. The vulnerable and those with COVID-19 must stay home, but healthy individuals need to return to work and sustain our economy.</p> <p>It is important to put this virus into perspective. In 2009–10, 60 million Americans had SARS, and 18,000 died, but few remember this event because the government did not restrict freedoms.</p> <p>We are grateful and thankful to medical personnel and the health-care industry for scaling up quickly and caring for those in need.</p> <p>Your executive orders have inflicted severe pain and suffering on our state:</p> <p>The 500,000 who have filed for unemployment are just the beginning; soon there will be millions pleading for support.</p> <p>You vetoed the state budget, which means many agencies do not have the financial resources needed in this crisis.</p> <p>Because businesses cannot survive very long without revenue, thousands of small businesses soon will be permanently lost due to bankruptcy. The dreams and aspirations of their employees and families will be lost, as well.</p> <p>We now have widespread shortages of critically needed products such as paper goods, masks, and some food supplies. Since you have shuttered many producers, these shortages will become worse every week.</p> <p>Economies are fragile and interdependent; people and businesses rely on products and services provided by those shut down by your executive order. We are now witnessing a</p>

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

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			All healthy individuals in North Carolina must return to work immediately, before our state economy and jobs are destroyed.
			Bob Luddy CaptiveAire Founder & CEO
04/16/2020 03:49 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Robin Salzman	Time to open up NC! There are other ways to protect the population from the virus at the same time as allowing people to earn a living for their families.
04/16/2020 03:49 PM	Education Working Group	Open NC NOW! Kimberly B	Open NC NOW!
04/16/2020 03:49 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Reopen NC Rhiannon Holbrook	NC small businesses need to be allowed to reopen with the same precautions that huge corporations are being allowed to operate under! It is not fair to allow 600+ people in our Walmart but not a salon with 10 people that could all be 6 feet apart and wearing masks...or the mom and pop stores on Main Street that could do the same! Let small businesses have the same rights as corporations!! Give us back our rights!
04/16/2020 03:50 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Kathy Sherrill	Open North Carolina! People's lives are being destroyed! We can put safety measures in place but we have to open. Please do not extend stay at home past 4/29. Be smart!
04/16/2020 03:50 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms Brenda Carter	Please reopen the state.
04/16/2020 03:50 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Derek Flynt	<p>The Governor used the IHME model to declare a state of emergency and implement an Executive Order effectively shutting down the North Carolina's economy. The dire predictions of 80 deaths per day and 2537 deaths total came with a caveat that those numbers were IF extensive social distancing and lockdowns were implemented immediately, which is what the governor did on March 30th. Needless to say, those numbers were inaccurate by a factor of 6-10. The Governor says he is driven by data to make his decisions. I would like to know what data he is looking at since they are clearly incorrect. In fact, he issued another EO to restrict movement further this week.</p> <p>Total Deaths Predicted March 30th: 2537</p> <p>Total Deaths Predicted April 16: 415</p> <p>Actual To Date: 132</p> <p>Total ICU at Peak: 1,173</p> <p>Actual ICU at Peak: 165</p>
04/16/2020 03:51 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Open NC NOW! Kimberly B	<p>Elected representatives !</p> <p>It is time to call for Governor Cooper to lift the stay home order. Hospital systems are not overwhelmed, and infection rates are well below even the most conservative forecasts.</p> <p>Businesses and citizens are being overwhelmed and our economy is suffering.</p> <p>The Governor is overstepping his lawful authority and condoning violations of the</p>

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			We the people are watching carefully at what our elected representatives choose to do, or not do, in this time.
			Be on the right side of history and demand Governor Cooper open the state.
04/16/2020 03:51 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Dr. Royster Hedgepeth	One of the crucial measures of a healthy democracy is the state's commitment to making voting as accessible and as available as possible at all times! The COVID-19 pandemic should strengthen government's resolve to do everything in its power to make upcoming elections welcoming, available and accessible to EVERYONE. That means rules changes, extra funding and legislative commitment. It is a very visible expression of commitment to the fundamental of our cherished, inalienable democratic way of life.
04/16/2020 03:52 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms. Sarah Ford	I am a concerned Small Business Owner. I have exhausted every resource and have received very little help. We are sinking! People are scared. People are hungry, we need to re-open.
			Can we please put politics to the side and understand the dyer need for change? We cannot go on much longer.
			People will start rioting, people will start doing awful things, if we don't change. The Covid-19 numbers don't even make sense. Every time you leave your house your taking a risk.... yes, I get it, it's contagious, however, God gave us immune systems for a reason.
04/16/2020 03:52 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Re open NC Greg Zarpas	Please REOPEN NC!!!! NC needs to be reopened by May 1st. If people can be checked with the new saliva testing before returning to work or something to that effect. NC families can't afford to wait another month or 2 to go back to work or wait for unemployment.
04/16/2020 03:52 PM	Economic Support Working Group	ReOpen NC Mark Ramsey	I have had several friends get laid off due to these overbearing restrictions. If they are working then why are so many people in nursing homes dying?! Maybe that's where you should focus on keeping people safe as opposed to limiting the freedoms of your "subjects". That is what we are now right? Told where we can eat, where we can shop, when we can go outside. This is tyranny.
04/16/2020 03:53 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Death of Small Businesses Marcy Petti	Please decide to let businesses open at our discretion as soon as possible. We are dying a slow death because our doors are closed and the hardship will become a bigger issue when families lose everything we've worked for for many long years. Make rules for the vulnerable populations and the rest of us will use safety measures and common sense. I beg of you! We have to open back up before it is all lost. Thank you!
04/16/2020 03:53 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Reopen NC Chase Stikeleather	We need NC opened up as soon as possible. It can be done strategically, but needs to be started. Healthcare workers ate being laid off because the low number of citizens with the virus. Companies are going out of business because they can't continue with no customers. Please consider the long term problems with this. Take politics out and do what's best for this state.
04/16/2020 03:53 PM	Education Working Group	Julia Walsh	Good Afternoon,

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			<p>As a parent of elementary students, I am looking for them to return to school because the learning they receive there is a much higher quality than the remote learning at home. The teachers are more available to extend learning and meet the needs of all students (including special needs children). While my children are doing okay at home, and the teachers have been very supportive, it is NOT a substitute for attending school.</p> <p>Children are losing valuable education, and if waiting until the fall to return to school, there will be many challenges to overcome. Additionally, there are many students who are in unsafe environments as well.</p> <p>I look forward to the day that my children can return to school as well as the rest of the students in North Carolina. None of our kids had closure to this current school year and that would be something that would be helpful for them during this challenging time.</p> <p>Thank you for your time.</p> <p>Julia Mooresville, NC</p>
04/16/2020 03:53 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr. Tyler Humphrey	<p>Hospital systems are not overwhelmed, and infection rates are well below even the most conservative forecasts. Businesses and citizens are being overwhelmed and our economy is suffering.</p> <p>The Governor is overstepping his lawful authority and condoning violations of the Constitution. We the people are watching carefully at what our elected representatives choose to do, or not do, in this time.</p> <p>Be on the right side of history and demand Governor Cooper open the state.</p>
04/16/2020 03:54 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Derek Flynt	<p>The majority of lives that will be adversely affected from this action is the coming economic depression. It will kill thousands more over the next few years, than this virus ever could.</p> <p>For every 1% the unemployment rate rises, 400 more deaths occur, statistically. Right now we are looking at a 27% increase in unemployment at the very least. That will result in over 10,000 deaths in the first 12 months. Do these lives matter to our state officials?</p>
04/16/2020 03:54 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Owner small business Denise Frank	I own a small business in Charlotte . Open for 15 years . We need to re-open NC . Our livelihood depends on it desperately. OPEN NC . We cannot continue like this !!!
04/16/2020 03:54 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Karen Lerch	RE OPEN North Carolina !!!! and our Nation for that matter ! democrats stop your evil destruction !
04/16/2020 03:54 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Robert Abernethy	<p>I am the one responsible for what "social distancing" I do. I am the one responsible for washing my hands.</p> <p>It is time to start reopening this state.</p> <p>There is no "blood on the hands" of any mayor, governor, or the President, for beginning this restart process. There WILL be people get sick and some may even die AFTER</p>

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			reopening, but that's going to happen with or without the country open.
			We require seatbelts and airbags in cars, yet some people still die in wrecks. We don't take away the privilege of driving, do we?
			I take responsibility for my own health safety, as should we all.
04/16/2020 03:55 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mrs. Gisselle Kondratuk	Reopen North Carolina
04/16/2020 03:55 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Debbie Cromartie	Reopen NC. This shutdown is not sustainable. There are small businesses that will not comeback. This government is a business and has lost revenue. The data/model does not support this shutdown. For individuals that are afraid, let them stay home, let them have home deliveres. Let the majority of citizens have a normal life. Fear should not be the basis for decision making.
04/16/2020 03:56 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Rita Collins	We need to get our people back to work.
04/16/2020 03:56 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Charlene Arrington	I urge you to take a serious look at the Covid 19 statistics on contagion rate compared to our population, remove the emotion from your analysis and re open this .state for business. No numbers justify keeping businesses closed and people at home!
04/16/2020 03:56 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Julie Mulhern	<p>Elected representatives !</p> <p>It is time to call for Governor Cooper to lift the stay home order. Hospital systems are not overwhelmed, and infection rates are well below even the most conservative forecasts.</p> <p>Businesses and citizens are being overwhelmed and our economy is suffering.</p> <p>The Governor is overstepping his lawful authority and condoning violations of the Constitution.</p> <p>We the people are watching carefully at what our elected representatives choose to do, or not do, in this time.</p> <p>Be on the right side of history and demand Governor Cooper to reopen the state.</p> <p>Thank you, Julie Mulhern</p>
04/16/2020 03:56 PM	Economic Support Working Group	REOPEN NC	RE OPEN THE STATE IMMEDIATELY
04/16/2020 03:56 PM	Health Care Working Group	Ms Donna Morrow	I have been a tax payer in NC since I turned 16yo. I have a Bachelors Degree in a Dental Hygiene from the University of NC @ Chapel Hill and have practice Dental Hygiene for 35



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			years. I love my patients and provide a service by keeping their teeth and gums healthy ( which has been proven very important for heart health/ diabetic and prenatal health) and instruct them with ideas for good home care. In Dental Offices we practice high levels of protecting ourselves from any viruses or bacteria that could harm us or our patients- every patient is treated like they HAVE something that could be transmitted. We protect everyone from HIV, Hepatitis etc by pre-rinsing with antibacterial prescription mouthwash/ wrap or cover all surfaces and spray and wipe down all services in compliance with OSHA and where PPE required and are very educated in how to keep ourselves and patients safe. These practices are nothing new but we are open to any more protective devices recommended but WE need to get back to work! I appreciate the unemployment and the stimulus money but I WANT to work !!! I want to get back to helping my patients! Please get us back to our professions!!!
04/16/2020 03:57 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Barry Eriksen	Reopening too soon is a big mistake because it will cause a surge in COVID-19 cases. How about passing Medicaid Expansion, finally?
04/16/2020 03:57 PM	Health Care Working Group	Dr. Christine Ganis	If ever there was a time to insure healthcare is expanded to cover ALL North Carolinians, that time is NOW. I have advocated for these changes for years now, and unfortunately there is always a reason not to pass it, based on the contentious political stand our leaders at the top are engaged in. This is the time to use every bit of statesmanship (and statesmanship) to pass healthcare expansion. Our children are depending on us!
04/16/2020 03:57 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Tommy Hodge	I am a commercial insurance broker and I am already fielding calls about lowering payrolls, sales, shuttering autos, etc. If the shit down continues much longer I will be getting Cancellation request due to the shutdown. We were sold on the shut down to "Flatten the Curve" well looking at the data we have done that. We are adults and have a right to our freedoms provided by our constitution if people are afraid then stay home that is your choice. But forcing a business into bankruptcy and starting the worst global depression ever known to man will kill more than covid19. Stop playing politics and just Look at the data. We all know the risks. Open up the economy.
04/16/2020 03:59 PM	Economic Support Working Group	1966 Jayme Lockyer	Please keep the measures in place to stay at home until the testing for COVID-19 is more available. Keep NC citizens safe! Thank you Governor Cooper for leading in a responsible way to reduce death and illness.
04/16/2020 03:59 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mrs. Olgap Iris Diaz	Please reopen North Carolina! We need to get back to work! Thank you.
04/16/2020 03:59 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Debra Waller	I believe that businesses should be able to re-open on May 1st as previously scheduled. They can use precautions, such as only so many people inside at a time, sanitation, and distancing. These precautions will keep people safe. Compromised individuals need to be taking care of themselves. We, as I am one of the, do not need anyone to force my entire state, county, or city to protect me. That is my responsibility. If I feel unsafe going into an establishment, then I need to either use gloves and a mask or, just not go there and stay home. I do not feel the need to ask places to close to keep me safe. My health is in my hands when it comes to this situation, especially during a flu or virus spreading season.

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04/16/2020 04:00 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Andrae DeHaan	<p>Thank you.</p> <p>I am a small business owner who is asking that you open our state back up to normal operating conditions. As a citizen of the United States and North Carolina, it is my right to make choices for myself, my family, and my business. These rights have been trampled by our governor and his overreach with his executive orders mandating that NC citizens stay at home and non-essential (according to who?) businesses close.</p> <p>God created us in such a marvelous way! He gave our bodies the ability to combat illness in a variety of ways, and one of those major ways has been taken from us — the ability to gather together and be exposed to and develop immunities to illness. Limiting our ability to gather is only going to make this fiasco drag on and be worse in the long run. God also numbered our days before we were born. He and He alone knows the exact hour we will die, and the exact way we will pass from this life into eternity. And I'm 100% good with that! I am confident that HE is in control of my future, whether it be life or death.</p> <p>I would much rather die of a virus with my freedoms intact than to live in a world where a tyrannical "leader" reigns and shuts down our ability to work and make a living for our families! We were created to WORK, not sit at home and wait on a handout from a government that can't even balance its own budget.</p> <p>In closing — REOPEN NORTH CAROLINA NOW! Please.</p>
04/16/2020 04:00 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mrs Kathryn Denham	Reopen North Carolina and get North Carolinians back to work. There is no reason to keep low risk people out of work. Everyone supporting a family is essential!
04/16/2020 04:01 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Jeff Hoover	We don't want the cure to COVID-19 to be worse than the virus. The numbers do not justify the all the closures. Most of the deaths have been in nursing homes and people with other issues. Let the vulnerable state home, but put the rest of us back to work before we set back our economy back 40 years
04/16/2020 04:01 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mts Mindy Smith	Open NC immediately!
04/16/2020 04:01 PM	Health Care Working Group	Kathleen Tomecek	We need NC open sooner rather than later. I am working but I can't imagine how the people who lost their jobs feel.
04/16/2020 04:01 PM	Health Care Working Group	Kathleen Tomecek	We need NC open sooner rather than later. I am working but I can't imagine how the people who lost their jobs feel.
04/16/2020 04:02 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms Dorothy Freidt	We need to re open NC. This is becoming more of a Socialism issue.
04/16/2020 04:02 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Ms Kelly Blackington	Please consider that all small businesses are "essential" to provide income, pay bills, buy food and gas. With masks and distancing and common sense we can do it! Please ReOpen NC.

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04/16/2020 04:02 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Reopen NC Kim Miller	Please consider a middle ground philosophy with regard to reopening small businesses.
04/16/2020 04:02 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Jeni Wyatt	Governor Cooper has followed the recommendations of physicians, epidemiologists and scientists in taking measures to mitigate the spread of COVID19. It has been successful, decreasing both morbidity and mortality in our state. He should continue to do so, regardless of pressure from groups funded by unknown sources pushing to "ReopenNC." Widespread death and suffering will not be a boon to our economy. Reopening NC would mean a spike in cases, as well as increased risk for health care workers and others on the front lines, as well as all other North Carolinians. Dying from COVID19 is an excruciating and lonely. Why would anyone wish an increase in this? A well considered, organized and medically sound strategy going forward would be just what the doctor ordered.
04/16/2020 04:02 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Daniel Johnson	<p>According to NC GS § 166A-19.3., an "Emergency" is, "An occurrence or imminent threat of widespread or severe damage, injury, or loss of life or property resulting from any..." The actions to significantly shut down North Carolina were taken on the basis of a declaration of a State of Emergency by the governor. The problem with that action is that at plain reading of the language is that there has to be an imminent, widespread threat, but that didn't exist. We didn't have an imminent, widespread threat. We had models that, based on a finite amount of data, said the threat MIGHT be there.</p> <p>While it's fair to have differing opinions on whether particular epidemiological models are correct, there can be little doubt--especially by now--that the models that influenced the governor to make the decision were grossly incorrect. The models used didn't take in to account differences in population density, age distribution, geography, climate, lifestyle, hospital capacity, ventilator availability, etc. Building models and not controlling for differences like that is bad science. This was known when the models were the basis for the declaration.</p> <p>Even now, we're being told that the stay at home orders are "working," but there's no factual basis for that. It seems to be a logical conclusion, but it would be impossible to make a factual analysis given how little data there still is about the sate of the virus' spread in NC and its actual impact on the health, life, and death rates.</p> <p>What IS clear, though, is that we have an economic crisis on our hands. Hundreds of thousands of North Carolinians are out of work, thousands of businesses are closed--many to never reopen--and the economic impact is obvious. It doesn't need to be this way. We have plenty of capacity in our hospitals to deal with what may come, and as a state, country, and people we are so much more equipped--with knowledge about social distancing, methods of treatment for those who do get sick, etc.--to handle what is likely to turn out to be not significantly different that a host of other airborne respiratory diseases that widely affect North Carolina each year.</p> <p>We need to let North Carolina return to being North Carolina. We need to start the process</p>

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			<p>of letting our economy wake back up and take the first steps on what will be a long journey to healing. We need to find a way to support--through targeted regulatory relief, tax cuts, and other incentives--the recovery of our small business community. They have been the hardest hit by what has been a largely arbitrary approach to shutdown, and they are the backbone of our economy.</p> <p>Please quickly work to get North Carolina out of the pit in to which these Executive Orders--not the virus--have thrown our state.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>
04/16/2020 04:03 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Aaron Sheets	Please reopen business in the state.
04/16/2020 04:05 PM	Health Care Working Group	Ms Katherine Hall	There has got to be an open path to regular dental, medical and laboratory appointments and procedures. Forcing people to postpone filling a cavity or receiving treatment for an existing and or ongoing conditions deemed non-essential is not only damaging to daily quality of life but also places individuals under serious stress and or pain.
04/16/2020 04:05 PM	Economic Support Working Group		As a self employed business owner who has been FORCED to close my doors, I need NC to reopen so I can get back to work and pay my bills!
04/16/2020 04:05 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mrs Jennifer Rutherford	I am an essential employee and please consider a get back to work agenda for NC. My husband not working has affected us greatly and I know money is not worth a life but the life I am living isn't much but stress and fear. We can not cure the flu but education is key, humans have to take responsibility and wash hands etc but the government can not make us do that.
04/16/2020 04:06 PM	Health Care Working Group	MRS. Marilyn Palsha	I support Governor Cooper's speedy and thorough program for flatting the curve of the Corona virus. I do not support a speedy reopen without proper testing .I trust that he will continue to do what is best for North Carolinians,We need to Stay home and Stay Safe.
04/16/2020 04:06 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Robert Yeager	We need to open our economy up. This is doing more harm than good. Who's going to pay our bills when the SBA loans as advertised are closed? These actions are not saving lives they are destroying them. People have to realize the small business owner cannot support this country and state when our doors are forced to close. We want our businesses open we do not want stimulus checks. Cv19 is here for good. We are years away from a vaccine and this closure is only harming the masses. OPEN NC NOW!
04/16/2020 04:07 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Tina McClain	Open nc
04/16/2020 04:07 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mrs. Virginia Sparks	Please do not reopen N.C. until it is deemed safe by scientists/medical professionals. Lives are at stake. I truly appreciate Governor Cooper and his strong leadership during this incredibly difficult time. Please continue to lead through knowledge.
04/16/2020 04:08 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working	Mr Bradley Williams Williams	It is time for our great State of North Carolina to reopen and get back to work. To restate what Andrew Napolitano stated this morning the actions of many governors have been blatantly unconstitutional North Carolina was among those states he was referring to. He then proceeded to let be known that not only were these actions unconstitutional but were

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	Group		also Impeachable offenses. I completely agree with this. I am quite aware that this disease is serious as are many other diseases. I am also aware that this is deadly and contagious, as are many other diseases. That being said we can not give up our rights for this false sense of safety and security. It is time to get back to work without taking anymore of our god given liberties away and giving back those that have been infringed. As Ben Franklin stated, "Those who would give up essential Liberty to purchase a little temporary safety deserve neither liberty nor safety" Please open our state and get businesses back running NOW! Not later
04/16/2020 04:08 PM	Education Working Group	Business owner Beverly Reddinger	Let's open the date you stated! Keep those vulnerable isolated!
04/16/2020 04:08 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Sheila Pridgen	Please allow North Carolina to open back on May 1st with common sense safety measures. Those businesses that don't want to open yet or employees that don't want to go back to work yet can still stay home to protect themselves if they feel the need to. The little businesses cannot survive much more of this kind of lockdown. Grocery stores, Lowe's, Walmart and the such are prospering but what about the small businesses. Are they not important to you? Respectfully submitted.
04/16/2020 04:09 PM	Health Care Working Group		Re-open NC and use common sense. It is your job to protect the Constitution.
04/16/2020 04:09 PM	Health Care Working Group	Mrs Mary Combs	Enough is enough. It is time that the state opens for business. People are hurting- financially and mentally. We have patiently followed stay at home orders for weeks and weeks. Death is a part of life. Viruses happen but life goes on. Please reopen North Carolina.
04/16/2020 04:09 PM	Health Care Working Group	Mrs. Kathy Johnson	I know that you are working on recommendations for hte COVID 19 response. As a Nurse Practitioner who has worked in health care in NC for over 45 years, i ask you to please approve policies and fund programs to ensure no North Carolinian goes hungry. My recommendations include increasing funding for the Feeding the Carolinas food banks and school nutrition programs, and removing barriers to accessing SNAP, WIC, and farmers markets.
04/16/2020 04:09 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Tim Rogers	Please reopen as much as you can as soon as you can ... you can trust the people to make wise decisions about protecting the health-vulnerable, but we must provide some freedom with this responsibility ... otherwise, we risk economic disaster .... herd immunity is also not as possible with strict confinement.
04/16/2020 04:10 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Open NC Micah Baxter	Open back up our small business
04/16/2020 04:10 PM	Health Care Working Group	Community Volunteer/ Retire Mae Douglas	Please ensure the uninsured are covered by expansion of Medicaid, especially during this time of COVID19.
04/16/2020 04:11 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Reopen NC Hillary Haseley	Please consider opening up NC come May 1st. I myself am not considered essential and this is taking a major toll on my family and I, not only financially but emotionally and mentally. Please do the right thing but letting us work again!
04/16/2020 04:11 PM	Health Care Working Group	Ms Jill Strickler	We need widespread accurate testing to gain the info needed for NC to address covid-19 before we can step back from stay at home orders.
04/16/2020 04:11 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Reopen NC Charles Hathaway	Please allow all businesses to open - it is essential that we don't allow the work that North Carolina has done to build this economy to go down the drain. The crime rates that we will

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			see with stable 20% unemployment is something that our communities are not prepared for or want. We need to get NC back in business. We can balance the health concerns with also not allowing our state to go in to a recession
04/16/2020 04:12 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms. Kim Gant	We are peacefully and respectfully protesting the economic shutdown of NC. The numbers do not add up, so it is time for NC to go back to work immediately.
04/16/2020 04:12 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Tara Lewis	Reopen small business The Constitution is the law of our land. Reopen NC
04/16/2020 04:12 PM	Economic Support Working Group		We are ready to see NC opened back up!
04/16/2020 04:13 PM	Health Care Working Group	Ms Jill Strickler	In order to save our rural hospitals and maintain small town economies and to save lives, NC must expand Medicaid now. Thank you
04/16/2020 04:13 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Greta McAlpin	Reopen NC
04/16/2020 04:13 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ashley Smith	I vote that N.C. should remain closed for non essential businesses because it's not worth someone's life. It has been less than a month of shut down and we already have people angry with anyone that has this way of thinking. So much so that they are protesting & not following rules.
04/16/2020 04:14 PM	Health Care Working Group	Wendy Smith	NC needs to reopen with a restriction to non-emergency surgeries for at least 4 weeks. So many of our hospital workers in NC, including doctors and nurses are being furloughed because the hospitals are only at 1/4-1/3 capacity. It would be more beneficial for everyone in NC fir the state to open now.: 1) natural herd immunity to the virus would occur much faster than waiting on a vaccine that will be less than 100% effective, 2) NCs economy can recover much easier, 3) the hospitals will not be over-taxed if non-emergency surgeries are banned for 4 weeks, 4) North Carolinians will respect and trust our leaders more because right now they feel as if they are being dictated to, 5) there are so much domestic and child abuse occurring because of the stay at home order (the only escape some kids have from abuse is school), 6) crime rates are going to increase as individuals because resident's patience level are thin, 7) NC home grown businesses are going to go under because of the closures...i could go on and on.
04/16/2020 04:14 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Ms Jill Strickler	NC must provide mail in ballots for all in order to run legitimate elections amid a pandemic.
04/16/2020 04:14 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms. Elizabeth Coulter	It is so very important that we learn from and respect the health and science advisors on when to consider re-opening parts of our economy. We are very far behind the testing levels we need to have to make informed decisions about this. I get it. I'm have lost my job.....I have a stake in returning to work. I'm just not interested in prolonging the pandemic or in jeopardizing anyone's health and safety by opening early.
04/16/2020 04:15 PM	Health Care Working	Laura Moore	Please keep N.C. closed. It's not worth the health risk.



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04/16/2020 04:15 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms. Mary Manucy	PLEASE REOPEN NC! I have 3 small rental cabins near TIEC, and since you have closed the equestrian center I have NO business! This is my ONLY source of income! I need business in April thru November to make enough to live off for the rest of the year when my business dies down for the season! I can't get unemployment benefits nor PPE.....I have tried everything to no avail! I am 65 and NEED this income DESPERATELY!!!!!! PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE RE-OPEN NC !!!!!!!
04/16/2020 04:15 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr. Joshua Hoogerwerf	Open it up
04/16/2020 04:16 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mr Jeffrey Swaim	Gov Cooper, It is imperative that we reopen NC for business. Staying healthy is important but our livelihoods depend on working. We are smart enough to be careful and safe. We need you end the stay at home rule harming businesses. Specifically small businesses.
04/16/2020 04:16 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Andrew Morton	I just wanted to voice my support for the current stay-at-home mandate and the enforcement we've seen so far. There is already a contingent of deranged and irresponsible people holding public demonstrations with no regard for public health and safety, so I wanted to take the time to remind the Committee that there are a great deal of us who still value the lives and safety of our community, especially our healthcare workers and retail employees who are putting themselves at risk to provide needed services. As a measure of providing protection for them and combating the spread of this pandemic virus, the data clearly supports the efficacy of the recent stay-at-home and social distancing guidelines, and any easement of those restrictions should be done with very careful consideration and evidence-backed recommendations from epidemiology professionals.
04/16/2020 04:16 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Diane Goliwas	<p>Re Open NC. I'm not a heartless person, but for goodness sake, there's a &gt;98% survival rate. Let me say it again. &gt;98% SURVIVAL RATE.</p> <p>Odds are, you aren't going to die from corona. Period. The elderly &amp; vulnerable should be quarantined &amp; take proper precautions, just as they should with any virus. Not the rest of us.</p> <p>This is about educating ourselves &amp; not living in fear. This virus isn't going away in 2 weeks, 2 months or even 2 yrs. Yes, people are going to die. We're simply "staying home" to flatten the curve &amp; not overwhelm the healthcare system- we aren't staying home to wait for it to disappear. We're going to get it, it's a matter of when, not if. It's a virus. It will stay around &amp; we'll build up an immunity once we're exposed. Why do you think some people get the flu &amp; some don't? Flu has been around &amp; always will be. Corona will mutate, just like the flu. I just find it incredibly difficult to give up my rights and freedoms, my business, my livelihood, my family, friends and life as I knew it, for some virus that I MIGHT catch &amp; I MIGHT have a 2% chance of dying from. I also find it hard to swallow the pill that our government is locking us down to protect us. -Small businesses (many are not eligible for the SBA loan) are closing their doors forever.</p> <p>-Corporations have made pay cuts &amp; people cuts.</p> <p>-Prisoners are cashing in their 'get outta jail free' card.</p> <p>I value life, but more importantly, I value a life worth living.</p> <p>Re Open NC.</p>

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04/16/2020 04:16 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	mrs Catherine Porter-Brown	Please, 1.) Amend the voting rules. 2.) Make absentee voting easier. 3.) Make voter registration available online. 4.) Assume the costs for mailing in an absentee ballot.
04/16/2020 04:17 PM	Health Care Working Group	Mrs. Donna Webster	PLEASE!! WE CANNOT GO ON ANY LONGER. . PLEASE OPEN NC NOW!!!
04/16/2020 04:17 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Shannon Rogers	Reopen. Save our small businesses.
04/16/2020 04:18 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Amy Capps	It is not the responsibility of the government to police the health of the people. The constitution doesn't give rights "unless you might get sick" Reopen the state.
04/16/2020 04:19 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Cindy Mullett	We have a daughter who had a heart transplant, is immunocompromised and has very weak lungs. But it is absolutely outrageous and ridiculous for us to demand the whole state shuts down to keep her safe. We are being very cautious but it is OUR responsibility for our health. Or lack of it. She also goes into life-threatening anaphylactic shock to criss contamination of cow's milk. Should we be demanding you remove that from the market as well and everyone stops drinking yet? This is not in the best interest of our country. OPEN UP OUR STATE ASAP!!!
04/16/2020 04:19 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr James Stewart	NC needs to reopen ASAP. Small businesses and restaurants are going to go under if not. This virus has a 98% survival rate... why were we ever shut down in the first place. Not saying it's not serious as I have 3 family members that have had it but all recovered. It's not as bad as some are making it out to be. REOPEN NC!!
04/16/2020 04:20 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms. Lisa Patterson	I am writing to express concern in regard to calls to "reopen" the state as the COVID-19 pandemic continues to claim lives and sicken thousands. I am a parent who works full time, and while the situation is difficult, I believe, based on the evidence presented by the scientific community, that it would be unwise to prematurely lift social distancing restrictions and stay at home orders and send children back to school without a firm grasp of who in the community is infected or has been infected. Until testing is more accessible and consistent protocols established for contact tracing and notification, and/or until we know far more about this disease than we currently do (for instance, are those who've been exposed actually immune to it), it could potentially cause far more harm than a brief burst of economic good to lift restrictions. I am in favor of a phased approach to reopening should some of these other factors be addressed, but right now the groundwork has not been established for that kind of opening. Until I see a more coordinated and robust national response to this crisis and receive assurance from the public health experts who are best in a position to make these judgments, I am not willing to jeopardize my health, the health of my family and the health of those in my community. Thank you for your consideration.
04/16/2020 04:20 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mr. Frank Garrick	Dear Governor Cooper, enough is enough! Our constitutional rights are being taken away, virus or no virus. It's a matter of principle. I'm a man who lives by principles. And the Constitution clearly states that we the people it's like I have a right to assemble! Prohibiting people from assembling in downtown Raleigh to protest what they feel it's not right, goes against our constitutional rights! Of course we can open everything back up right away, but some things can be opened up starting now! Number one allowing people

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			to assemble in groups to protest according to our constitutional rights. And opening up all local state and national parks ASAP, so that people can exercise and get the fresh air that they need! Please heed this call Governor Cooper well, our lives depend on it. We need you to act and help us! Thank you!
04/16/2020 04:21 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Re-open NC Shelley Livengood	North Carolina's economy needs to be reopened, now. Closing the economy was unconstitutional and criminal. This has been a big mistake. Many people are NOT thinking and believe we will return to period if economic strength as we were a few months ago, but this IS NOT TRUE! While we mourn the dead and grieve for their families, it is time for us to continue living and not deprive ourselves of OUR freedoms and lifestyles. 22million people have been sacrificed by this gross oversight. There are many people who have had to continue to work over the past few weeks. They need a break by relief from their non essential co-workers! We know now how to wash our hands, many people have face masks, and we can distance ourselves as we feel necessary. RE-OPEN our NC economy NOW ! We have a right to live our lives and earn a living. Stimulus spending packages and not sustainable!!!
04/16/2020 04:21 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Gary McNeely	NC workers need to get back to work. Slowly for a couple of weeks if necessary but full bore ASAP. The science behind the shut down does not make sense. Nationally the models are constantly being adjusted downward. The shut down will not make the virus go away, it only prolongs the exposure of the citizenry. Protect those at the highest risk, but get everyone else back to work.
04/16/2020 04:22 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Bettie Steelman	REOPEN NC NOW!!
04/16/2020 04:22 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Susan Kay	We need to slowly start getting businesses up and running. We are supposed to be flattening the curve- not trying to hide until it goes away. By slowly opening up businesses (for example one client per hair dressing studio at a time while both wear masks) we will still flatten the curve and also work on herd immunity. 600,000 plus out of work is going to result in more deaths via suicide ect. Also, you already ran out of SBA money- how are people supposed to keep a roof over there heads?
04/16/2020 04:22 PM	Economic Support Working Group	<a href="https://www.ncleg.gov/">https://www.ncleg.gov/</a> Req Hannah Hathaway	It's time to reopen NC- let us get back to work. We've done our part, and stayed home while the country waited to see how lethal this would be. But it's ridiculous that instead of hospitals being at full capacity, that NC is actually laying off hospital staff & delaying real life threatening procedures from taking place. The hospitals aren't even close to full capacity with covid19 related conditions. Our county (Pitt) has only had ONE death related to covid19 (a 70 year old woman!) The charts were wrong. Let's reopen the economy- keeping it closed is killing small businesses and hurting everyone.
04/16/2020 04:23 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ginny Bunch	Please expand Medicare and ensure health care for all.
04/16/2020 04:23 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms. Judith Darling	This current order is disproportionate to the threat. In a state of 10 million people, we have 6000 cases of Covid 19 and 130 deaths. In the same 45 days, over 8000 other of our citizens died. If this is so contagious, WHY have only 6000 people been infected? And keep in mind, please, that 92% of the tests we've administered in this state were negative

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			<p>for Covid 19. But we have put 560,000 people out of work, almost 2 million students out of school, and millions out of their churches, plus closed our beaches, parks, and all movie theaters, sports arenas, concert halls, and theaters. Doesn't that seem a bit out of balance, extreme, and without a sense of perspective? Viruses infect and kill every year. We cannot do this every time. And then, consider the civil violations, the precedents, and the power that rested in one man's hands.</p> <p>Also, please note that the models upon which our governors have justified their orders have been inaccurate by magnitudes of 10 to 100, (the first model claimed the upper reach of 250,000 dead) and they have been revised downward every 4 – 5 days, currently predicting 60,000 deaths by the end of August. In a terrible irony, that 20,000 death toll is higher than it might have been from just the infection. We now suspect, because ventilating patients was resulting in higher rates of mortality, that instead proning (reported by CNN), oxygen alone, and CPAP's are saving more lives.</p>
04/16/2020 04:23 PM	Health Care Working Group		Please reopen N.C. the statistics don't support this shut down.
04/16/2020 04:24 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Dustin Clarke	<p>As a worker in both health care and the service industry I realize the importance of both protecting individuals from sickness and allowing the residents of this state the opportunity to make a living.</p> <p>While I certainly agree with social distancing guidelines, I feel that a "soft open" approach would be beneficial both for the economy of our state as well as the morale of our communities.</p> <p>While it would be best to refrain from large gatherings, I feel that opening select businesses with social distancing guidelines in place would be a big first step, with more and more participation if we see no concerning rise in illnesses. I would still advise those at high-risk (elderly individuals, immunocompromised individuals, etc.) to avoid public interaction, and if individual counties or municipalities want to delay these openings due to outbreak or high volume of cases they can feel free to do so.</p> <p>This is only a starting point, but an important first step in returning to a strong-functioning North Carolina. Thank you for your consideration.</p>
04/16/2020 04:24 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Open NC Now John Fetch	Please open NC for business. High risk individuals need to be extra careful during this time. The rest of us need to get back to work to save our economy and provide for our families.
04/16/2020 04:24 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Anne Lyons	We need to open the state. Now! We are not NY, NJ, MA, etc. The numbers for COVID do not support the ongoing shut down. This "cure" is way worse than the disease. If people need to stay home, they can.
04/16/2020 04:25 PM	Health Care Working Group	Ms. Becky Moore	<p>Put us back to work!!</p> <p>I understand the consequences but common sense and human responsibility would help us to overcome. What will change if we wait another month or two. The inevitable will happen whether we lay down and quit or keep fighting. It is an Americas right to voice opinions, be able to provide for our families and be a contributing citizen. I respect those who feel threatened by this virus, Be smart and make good choices so that we can live our lives and follow the American dream,</p>

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			Thank You!!
04/16/2020 04:25 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Jean Covington	I want to thank Gov Cooper for his leadership during this time. This is new to everyone, we are learning new things daily...sometimes hourly. His decision to issue a Stay at Home Order was greatly appreciated at our home. Yes, it means I lost my main source of income (& still have not received Unemployment and cannot reach anyone to find out why) but I know I am safer, my husband is safer, as is our family and friends..and this is what we need right now. Opening the state back up too soon will result in more sick people, more preventable deaths, and likely another Stay at Home Order which would be more devastating to our economy and to our spirit. Sometimes one has to give a little on their wants and their needs to do better for the good of all. This is one of those times. I have seen the ReOpen groups and read the comments. They scare me, they are not looking at the big picture but only at their small part in the community. Please keep the Stay at Home Order until April 30th. And listen to the scientists, the medical doctors, and the epidemiologists to decide to lift it at that time or extend this. Talk with neighboring Governors (Virginia, Maryland, DC Mayor) to share information and the experts suggestions. Get the test kits that are needed to see who has the virus and who does not. Test for antibodies to see who has had it but never got tested (we know this will be a bog number as so few have been tested though we were promised very different). Hire people to do thorough contact tracing. I know this can take 3-5 days per person trace but it is needed. This is not just an economic decision, it is life and death decision. Though I would like to go back to work (if my job is still there) I know right now this is what I need to give up to help people stay safe, to stay healthy. Thank You!
04/16/2020 04:25 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mrs Cameron Foster	Open Nc back up we need it.
04/16/2020 04:25 PM	Economic Support Working Group	REOPEN NC Barb Larkin	Please ! We need to re open North Carolina Re open the businesses Let the people go back to work We will social distance & wear masks Don't put us into a recession Reopen NC
04/16/2020 04:26 PM	Education Working Group	Jody Boone	Please open NC...for our kids!!!
04/16/2020 04:28 PM	Education Working Group	Carrie Cate	Re open NC
04/16/2020 04:29 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr William Feathers	The economy cannot survive the current restrictions due to covid-19. We need to allow all businesses to re open under safety guidelines. But, we need to allow our micro economies to generate income while still maintaining moderate precautions.
04/16/2020 04:30 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Reopen NC Now Teresa Fetch	Self Employed business owner. My last day of work was March 17. I organize in the homes of my clients. I am currently the only income for my home. No unemployment options for me until 4/25? PPP not available thorough Wells Fargo until yesterday. Funds exhausted.

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			New funds not approved. The other loan app submitted two weeks ago. No news. I don't want a government leg up. I want to go back to work.
04/16/2020 04:30 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Reopen North Carolina Alyssa Brady	As a small business owner who is currently part of the essential community I cannot imagine if our business were required to shutdown. It would be extremely difficult for us to continue living as we are or to even scrape by. Our livelihood would be ruined thus affecting our lives along with our young daughter's life as well. Many North Carolinians are facing this reality right now. North Carolina should reopen letting small businesses continue operating as they did before. Our economy is suffering because of the shutdown of "essential" deemed non-essential businesses.
04/16/2020 04:30 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Covid19 Re-opening Bedelia Bailey	Governor Cooper has done an excellent job in helping keep our state safe during the public health crisis. Please do not cave in to pressure if you feel it is not time to re-open. Our health and safety is of utmost importance. I stand with Governor Cooper.
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04/16/2020 04:30 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Sharon Morris	OPEN NC ,
04/16/2020 04:30 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Cooper Richard Hines	Open up we are not to be treated like this. Open up if people haven't gotten it by now to washy hands and personal space they never will! People are going to die no matter what!
04/16/2020 04:30 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Brandy Robb	ReOpen NC!
04/16/2020 04:31 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Nina Horton	Please do not give in to those who do not believe in science. Keep us safe. Do not lift social distancing or open up businesses until there is a vaccine to prevent us from getting covid 19 or effective medicine to help us treat covid 19.
04/16/2020 04:31 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Ms Mary Condon	Please consider letting some businesses open so people can get a paycheck . Some restrictions may apply .
04/16/2020 04:31 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Open NC Pauline Heiny	My old home state of Ohio just announced their plan to open on May 1st. They have many more cases and deaths than NC and also were one of the first to lead with shelter in place



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			orders. There is absolutely no reason NC cannot follow suit. We are aware and watching. <a href="https://www.whio.com/news/coronavirus-governor-outlines-ways-business-will-begin-re-open/QR2JAZKWTJDOJNVM6M7IES5ENU/">https://www.whio.com/news/coronavirus-governor-outlines-ways-business-will-begin-re-open/QR2JAZKWTJDOJNVM6M7IES5ENU/</a>
04/16/2020 04:31 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mr Steven Mckinley	I want to open NC back up.
04/16/2020 04:32 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Stephanie McKoy	Hi! I know there is a push to "ReOpen" NC however, please remember that we do not have widespread testing and I'm pretty sure a lot more people have covid than those that are tested due to the testing restrictions. If we open up sooner than we need to open then a we are only setting up ourselves for failure. Please think hard and consider the public health of our citizens before thinking about reopening. I know it is very hard for individuals that have lost their jobs but I also know people that have lost lives. I don't more people to love their lives to this virus. Thank you!
04/16/2020 04:33 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Lisa Blahusch	May 1st let the public decide! Open up NC !! Let the people make the choice if your at risk STAY HOME. Let us get back to work and make a living for our families.
04/16/2020 04:33 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ashley O'Connor	I am writing in regards to reopening the state of North Carolina. As a small business owner, I am suffering in ways I never imagined and with little to no warning. My household went from two stable incomes to one that is barely bringing in anything. My family is going to be homeless if this does not end. Yes, I can skip a few payments on things but guess what? When this time period is up, I owe ALL of that money and where is it magically supposed to come from? Does anyone even care? My husband filed for unemployment over a month ago. We haven't seen a dime. Our stimulus check? Still nonexistent. I can't just sit around and hope that it will show up all while having bills stacking up. This is a serious concern and I wish it was more of one to those higher up as well. I am all for the greater good, but leaving people homeless with no fault of their own doesn't seem like the best solution either. Something has to change!!!!
04/16/2020 04:34 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Carolyn Bourbeau	Keep NC Open. Families need to feed their children
04/16/2020 04:34 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Lois Cox	Please reopen businesses as of May 1st. These virus #'s are not adding up. People are losing their livelihoods over overreaction. I believe the elderly and immune compromised should stay home, but not the whole State. Reopen NC!!!
04/16/2020 04:34 PM	Health Care Working Group	Dr. Kyle Harner	Please let all NC businesses reopen by 1 May 2020 using common sense to keep customers as safe as possible. Ongoing unemployment and poverty is far worse than any outcome COVID19 can throw our way.
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04/16/2020 04:34 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Reopen NC Angela Streur	We must reopen NC in a way that we can jump start our economy while being mindful of those who are more susceptible to health issues. It is against the 1st amendment to restrict the movements and activities of the general constituency, restrict their ability to worship and enforce rules that disallow gathering together in protest to have OUR grievances heard. You let the 1st amendment fail and our court as we know it will cease to exist. I can barely recognize it as it is. Businesses MUST be reopened in a safe manner, our populous should have the ability to choose how, when, where and what they want or need without it being deemed essential by the state bureaucrats Who are elected to represent us not dictate to us.
04/16/2020 04:35 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	REOPEN NC! Blair Owens	This virus IS NOT having the fatal effects we all thought it would. REOPEN NC! By keeping her closed, we continue to dig our own graves. REOPEN NC!
04/16/2020 04:36 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Tad Thomas	We need to get back to work!! It's time to set plans in motion to reopen this great state!!
04/16/2020 04:37 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Jennifer Strassberg	Please keep NC shut down until we can get testing done for everyone. As you know, people with no symptoms can carry the virus and pass it to others without them knowing. We need to continue social distancing until we can track the virus better.
04/16/2020 04:37 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Sherice Cameron	please reopen North Carolina
04/16/2020 04:37 PM	Economic Support Working Group	End This Shutdown Mike Braundel	This shutdown has gone on long enough. The number of hospitalizations and deaths are far below the estimates to the point that healthcare workers are having their hours cut and being laid off. Countless businesses and their employees have been harmed economically to the point that it will be extremely difficult to recover from. The uncomfortable truth is that this shutdown has only prolonged the time that it will take for this virus to run its course. The curve has been flattened too much and at the expense of hundreds of thousands of North Carolinians economic livelihood and at the expense of our personal liberties that have been trampled.
04/16/2020 04:38 PM	Economic Support Working Group		Open NC now! These ridiculous stay at home orders are not going to help! Staying indoors only weakens your immune system. We have never shut down for the flu. This is all about a power trip and control it has never been about a virus! Give us our freedoms, jobs and our lives back! End these unconstitutional and ridiculous shut downs and stay at home orders! Your doing more harm than good and it needs to end NOW!!!!!!!!!!
04/16/2020 04:39 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Commissioner Joe Daughtery	It is time to place reasonable restrictions but allow ALL BUSINESSES to open and allow people to return to their jobs. Open NC before we see a depression
04/16/2020 04:39 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections &	Reopen NC Timpy Ellis	We need the state opened back up immediately!! We should not be punishing our citizens because some are afraid. They can stay home if they want! Quarantining healthy people is not governing, it is Tyranny!!

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04/16/2020 04:40 PM	Health Care Working Group	Mr. Tim Owings	I am writing, again, to put my support behind the ending of the state-wide restrictions on the movement and gathering of people and the unnecessary closing of businesses deemed "non-essential" in our state. The models used for the covid-19 virus all predicted that the worst would occur on April 13. That date is now past and none of the dire prognostications presented in those models were even CLOSE to coming to pass. While it may not be prudent for every county and municipality to attempt to return to pre-Executive Order North Carolina on April 30th, let's do what is prudent and leave those particulars to those counties and municipalities. The severity in Mecklenberg county is not the same as that in Onslow county. Let's work together to focus our response and resources where they are necessary and get all those that can be, back to making our state the amazing place I chose to settle 17 years ago.
04/16/2020 04:40 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Jamie Adams	OPEN UP AMERICA IT'S TIME WE WANT OUR FREEDOM .
04/16/2020 04:41 PM	Health Care Working Group	Mr Theodore Pelech	As a professional medical worker for over 26 years, I request the state of North Carolina to be opened for all businesses and vocations.
04/16/2020 04:41 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Owner Aimee taylor	Reopen the state small businesses are suffering greatly!
04/16/2020 04:42 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Catherine Bradshaw	Open NC
04/16/2020 04:42 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Re Open North Carolina Eric Pollard	It is of the most dire consequences that the small businesses of NC be allowed to open their doors. While practices of social distancing and protective equipment are always a great idea, the shutting down of businesses is not. The citizens of BC, as a whole, have demonstrated great personal responsibility in adhering to the governors requests. You must allow us to open and rebuild our personal futures before it is too late.
04/16/2020 04:42 PM	Education Working Group	Mrs Ame Ryan	It is not acceptable to be on such a lockdown for so long. It seems the powers that be was to exercise their power by keeping the people down. Are those in power not able to get a haircut? Clearly, the people in charge are interested in keeping the rest of us in compliance using fear tactics. The longer this remains restricted, the more businesses we will lose. It will take longer to recover. It seems as though the governor would like to keep us on lock down as a show of power. That is not a leader. Let businesses open. Let schools open. What is happening will only hurt kids, educationally, physically and emotionally. Let their be no penalty for those who choose to stay home but let the rest of us have our lives and our choices back. Maybe the Democrats should consider canceling the presidential election due to covid 19. I bet the thought of keeping Trump another 4 years will be enough to get the country open again
04/16/2020 04:43 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Leon Martin	Keep Charlotte metro and Raleigh. Durham chapel hill shut down but open up the state and let our people make informed decisions on their own
04/16/2020 04:44 PM	Economic Support	Catherine Sawyer	I am begging you to allow us to reopen businesses immediately. Families are being

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	Working Group		devastated. This is not sustainable.
04/16/2020 04:44 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Stay at home order Shamekia Carroll	I don't think we need to be in a hurry to open anything. Money is great unless you're dead. I am working at the office and that is okay. I wouldn't want to expose my family or myself. That is why there is a 2 person maximum and no customer interface. I believe that the need to open comes now is unnecessary. This will surely cause more harm than help. However, I am just a concerned citizen who does not take it lightly. Expect for you all to do the same.
04/16/2020 04:44 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Dr David Oates	Please, open up most businesses. Businesses can implement distancing rules just as well as grocery stores (some much better) and keep this issue contained while ensuring the tax base and economic health of this state can continue. Destroying the economic health of our great state is not how we should be handling this situation. Please, allow the people to take personal responsibility for their lives. Many businesses and families will take years and possibly never recover from this situation. A situation that could have been handled while keeping businesses running with rules governing social distancing. Please, hear this plea from the people and open our great state so that we can begin to heal from this terrible situation. Thank you for your time.
04/16/2020 04:44 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Diana Pittman	Please please make everyone stay at home. It hasn't peaked here yet because we are all being safe.
04/16/2020 04:45 PM	Health Care Working Group	Chelsea Earles	Please expand Medicaid and keep the stay at home order to protect our public health! My housemate is a nurse and we cannot afford to go back to normal and overwhelm our hospitals with COVID patients. We can't afford to lose hundreds more North Carolinians. Our safety is more important than going back to normal.
04/16/2020 04:46 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Chelsea Earles	Please support vote by mail. No one should have to die to vote.
04/16/2020 04:46 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Ashley Horrell	Dear Gov Cooper, I am a self employed stylist who has yet to receive any aid. We need to open the state back up. Businesses are closing daily.
04/16/2020 04:47 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms Jacqueline Adams	Open NC now. People are hurting. How can you decide that businesses are not essential when every business is essential to someone. This is costing our state more than lives.
04/16/2020 04:47 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Angie Kendrick	While we need to be cautious, we need to open the economy back up. We DO NOT need to be taking steps backward by shutting restaurants down, or implementing strict guidelines that interfere with the citizens of this state's freedoms. I will be remembering this come election time. Do your jobs and stand up for the people, the citizens of this great state. WE HAVE MADE NC WHAT IT IS TODAY!
04/16/2020 04:47 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Reopen NC Buffy Butler	Open NC businesses. The government should not have the authority to shut down any business. Let people decide for themselves if they want to keep their business open, if they

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			want to work for that business, or if they want to visit that business. This is spiraling out of hand!!!
04/16/2020 04:47 PM	Health Care Working Group	Kindal McAuliffe	Hi! I would like to petition that we REOPEN NC May 1st. My husband and I have worked in healthcare our entire careers and things have never looked so grim. Not because of the virus, but from what the shut down has done. ALL of our friends, colleagues, and family is suffering from not being able to work or work in a lesser capacity. One of the family businesses that has been open for 33 years is in serious danger of closing it's doors. This is serious for the livelihood of our people and state. Since the numbers and models are nowhere near as bad as first anticipated, please consider opening even with restrictions so we can try to find our new normal.
04/16/2020 04:48 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Pamela Hickey	Please reopen NC. We are smart enough to open our small businesses safely. We are adults, our livelihood is at stake. You are killing us quicker than CV19 with this quarantine. Please reopen our state!
04/16/2020 04:48 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr William Johnson	Please, for God's sake, reopen the economy! We are suffering at the caprices of a despot! A free society deserves better than this! Thousands and thousands are at the breaking point! Will you not do what is needed in this critical hour and reopen North Carolina for business?!?!?
04/16/2020 04:49 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mr. Shawn Powell	Decisions about lifting the State of Emergency for NC should be made at the County Level. The variance of impact is different for each county and the risk going forward is different for each county. The State should lift the statewide State of Emergency and allow each county to determine how to move forward.
04/16/2020 04:49 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mr. Shawn Powell	Decisions about lifting the State of Emergency for NC should be made at the County Level. The variance of impact is different for each county and the risk going forward is different for each county. The State should lift the statewide State of Emergency and allow each county to determine how to move forward.
04/16/2020 04:49 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Angela Humphries	<p>Thank you for your service, ncga !</p> <p>Please encourage businesses adapt to the situation so they don't have to TANK.</p> <p>I'd like to see lots of vendors and business owners at the next ReOpenNC rally 4.21.20 trying to stay afloat.</p> <p>More legislators should take a stand for businesses, regardless of party affiliation.</p> <p>Why is the capital county so out of touch with inalienable Rights?</p> <p>Thank you &amp; stay healthy!</p> <p>Angela</p>
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	Public Safety) Working Group		county to determine how to move forward.
04/16/2020 04:49 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Small Business Owner Elaine Walton	Reopen NC ! I've had to lay-off about half my employees. I'm still waiting on SBA to approve my PPP loan. I'm paying out of my own pocket to keep my business alive. Why do y'all not care?
04/16/2020 04:49 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Ed Hardy	Get this state back open. People at risk have had ample time to put themselves in a protected place. Restore our constitutional rights.
04/16/2020 04:50 PM	Health Care Working Group	Anne Perrotta	the mitigation North Carolina has been doing since mid March has been successful....hospitals have not been overwhelmed by COVID19 patients. In fact, they have been underwhelmed. This was the objective of the stay at home order. The data have many ways to be interpreted, and what is not being reported to the general public is that the mortality rate is 3% or less, and is very likely much less considering the thousands of people who have no symptoms or very mild symptoms and are not getting tested. We need to open NC up for business now. We can continue to keep the vulnerable population protected, such as residents in long term care, while letting the citizens of NC decide for themselves what precautions are necessary for their particular business or living situations. While we get back to living our lives, testing for virus and antibody can be done. We do not have to stay shuttered in our homes waiting for that. As Americans we have our freedoms and want to exercise them now.
04/16/2020 04:50 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms K McCorkle	You have got to let North Carolina get back to work. We had such a vibrant economy and now it's in shambles. Small business owners are throwing in the towel. People are seriously depressed and see no end in sight. Stop this madness now!
04/16/2020 04:51 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Jessica Roberts	Please get business back open. The curve has flattened. We cannot financially afford the effects of this! High risk groups can continue to quarantine a d take proper precautions - Just as they would during flu season. But the ramifications of a continued shelter in place are going to harm far more people then the virus will.
04/16/2020 04:51 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Keep NC closed! Amanda Jefferson	As a Mecklenburg County resident, we already have over 1k confirmed cases of covid-19. That number is only the number of confirmed cases. Keep NC closed until a better hold is in place. Shut the essential stores down for the public to enter. They were already sess-pools of germs. With those doors open to the public it will never end! Allow for curbside pick up or left at door delivery option ONLY for 2 weeks. The employees of the essential stores can still remain employed. Their duties would just shift temporarily as they can shop for the customer & others can deliver (if legally allowed to drive).
04/16/2020 04:51 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mrs. Megan Wood	Due to the insidious nature of the COVID-19 virus, I strongly urge that mail-in or secure email ballots be used in the upcoming general election in November 2020. All registered voters have the Constitutional responsibility to be able to vote in each election. The people of North Carolina should not have to worry about their lives by standing in line to vote, either during early voting or on election day. Not only is this a safety measure for voters but poll workers as well, who are typically in the demographic most likely to contract COVID-19, those age 65 plus.
04/16/2020 04:51 PM	Economic Support	Mrs. Catherine Kniffen	Please reopen our state and get our hard working citizens back to work as soon as

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	Working Group		possible. We must consider the cost in lives when the economy is shut down for long periods of time as well.
			Thank you for all of your hard work on our behalf!
04/16/2020 04:52 PM	Education Working Group	Marsha Young	Open NC up for economic recovery!
04/16/2020 04:52 PM	Health Care Working Group	Ms Sharon Ferris	Reopen. Our numbers did not support or justify staying closed.
04/16/2020 04:52 PM	Economic Support Working Group	John Poshepny	It is time to reopen North Carolina Businesses. You have thousands of people out of work and struggling to pay there bills and yet there is talk about continuing the shutdown. It is time to open up the economy.
04/16/2020 04:53 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr. Joseph Combs	Dear Legislators,  Your constituents are telling you without reservation and with the utmost urgency, its time to #ReOpenNC.
04/16/2020 04:53 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Jay Navel	Please reopen businesses no later than May 1. We understand social distancing and can take care of ourselves. I won't be attending sporting events or group events but all other business needs to be opened now and those that want to attend should be able to. Elderly and health compromised people can self qaurantine but we all should not be forced to and watch businesses crumble.
04/16/2020 04:53 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Open NC K8m Clark	Opening NC does not mean you have to go out. Stay scared and imprisoned if you choose. But there are many of us who don't fall for this political agenda. There are many who will loose everything because of this ridiculous decision to close down businesses. We have had enough.
04/16/2020 04:53 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Reopen NC Theresa Nelson	Open up businesses and let people go. This is not helping people. People are still going out and shopping . Open shops back up and let people take responsibility and thief own precautions.
04/16/2020 04:54 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Vic Corey	The numbers for deaths are so jaded-the public knows that we have not been and are still not being told the truth. But compare this crisis to others in the past that we did not shut down the economy- this becomes pure foolish. Open the economy up now- PERIOD! We know we have a drug cocktail to care for those with adverse physical effects. Let the people with complications and the elderly shelter all that they want and let ALL OTHERS go back to being producers. Wear a mask if you want to, continue to wash your hands and the body with it's natural defenses will cope and develop immunity. Stop look at fake and false models and use common sense. The media has created this nightmare with its 24 hour coverage- it can now be used to instill calm realistic thinking.
04/16/2020 04:54 PM	Health Care Working Group	Dr Alisha Davis	I am a chiropractor in NC and the stay at home order is severely impacting my practice. My healthy patients are afraid to leave their homes due to the stay at home order even though chiropractors are deemed essential. I am seeing an increase in depression and anxiety in our office due to lack of socialization. I saw a drastic increase in similar symptoms of illness between Nov 2019 through Jan 2020 in which I feel we were exposed to the virus at that time. I wish that we could resume our normal activities and request those that are elderly or immune-compromised to remain on the stay at home order.



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04/16/2020 04:54 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mr. Shawn Powell	The NC Stay at Home Orders should be lifted. The impact varies by county and the risks going forward are different for each county. Remove the stay at home orders and allow each county to determine its best path forward.
04/16/2020 04:55 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	REOPEN NC Brooke E	PLEASE CONSIDER REOPENING NC PRIOR TO MAY 1 OR NO LATER THAN MAY 1. NORTH CAROLINAINS ARE STRUGGLING WITH MONEY, SMALL BUSINESSES ARE HURTING, DEPESSION IS HIGH, KIDS ARE STRUGGLING WITHOUT SCHOOL AND EXTRA CIRICULARS.
04/16/2020 04:55 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Ms Annie Taft	We should not lift Shelter-in-place until the experts, Virologists, Epidemiologists, NCHHS, Researchers at the Universities, CDC, say it is safe to do so. Otherwise we could have a truly terrible boomerang effect. We need to have antibody testing for everyone before it is truly safe.
04/16/2020 04:55 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Angel	Please do NOT reopen NC until the data says that it is safe to! This is a matter of life and death for the citizens of this state and country. Until this virus is under control, we can't stop fighting. Keep NC shut down!
04/16/2020 04:55 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms Melissa Schlagmuller	Please reopen NC. We need to get back to work, our families, our friends, and help the economy again. Depression is up, children are stuck at home with abusive parents, home school education is failing, families are struggling, and business owners are at risk of losing their livelihood. Some Americans have already decided to stop quarantining. It has been proven that the success rate for individuals is a lot higher than originally thought. We need to get past this and start moving forward again. Life is better together!
04/16/2020 04:56 PM	Economic Support Working Group	REOPEN NC Shannon Pruitt	REOPEN NC ! I am a small business owner, I own a Barbershop, & I cannot survive another 30 day shut down! I want & need to go back to work! I am essential to my family & my cummunity! We ( businesses) can operate on a smaller scale and still keep people safe! Small businesses are the backbone of this country! if you're not going to shut down Lowe's, Walmart, or home Depot, or the liquor stores then you need to allow us to go back to work!
04/16/2020 04:56 PM	Health Care Working Group	Sallie Klesch	Please keep things closed.
04/16/2020 04:56 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Open NC David Everhart	Open this state
04/16/2020 04:56 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Businesses need to open Karen Martin	We erred on the side of being overly cautious (good move!) but now that we see it's unnecessary, it's time to let businesses reopen. Small business owners are suffering and every day more irreversible damage is done.
04/16/2020 04:56 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working	Mr. Bernie Marx	Thank you



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04/16/2020 04:57 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Nancy Bow	Reopen NC so small business owners and not just large online or box stores like Amazon, Walmart, Home Depot Gregory stores and and Lowes can run their operations! Its very very unfair whats going on for small local business owners and employees. The big corps will come out ahead but small business and the state revenue will suffer as businesses fold for good!
04/16/2020 04:57 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Kim Neal	It is time to reopen our State for business. My spouse is immune compromised and I do not take this lightly. He will continue to stay home with me going out only as needed which is how it should be. Small businesses are suffering. My daughter included. I would like my grandchildren to return to school. This is not a political issue but an issue of having personal responsibility as given to all citizens. Lee County has < 1% of its citizens affected. It's time to return to our daily routines and work
04/16/2020 04:57 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mr. Winston Smith	I care deeply about this issue.
04/16/2020 04:58 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Constance Bell	I own a trucking company in the last month freight rates have dropped to below a dollar per mile on average and if things continue we will be shutting our door NC needs to reopen there are precautions that can be taken aside from killing the economy
04/16/2020 04:58 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Reopen NC & Gov. Transpar	<p>Hi,</p> <p>I am writing as a concerned voter and soon-to-be college graduate of North Carolina. We MUST reopen NC. Now that we have observed that our healthcare systems likely will not be overwhelmed, what exactly is the purpose of continuing a stay-at-home order? It is wrecking havoc on the economic livelihoods of all NC residents. The fact is that there is no vaccine for Covid-19, and it is projected to take months to develop one. Is it the government's plan to shut down the entire economy of NC until there is a vaccine? Furthermore, when the government begins reopening, data suggests that there will be another wave of cases (because models about our curve flattening now are based on social distancing measures). Are we going to shut down when that happens and do this for the next 12-18+ months?</p> <p>I would like to reiterate that I understand the severity of this situation; however, the government MUST be transparent about what it is hoping to achieve by continuing to shut down the economy.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>
04/16/2020 04:58 PM	Health Care Working Group	Claudia Paul	As a float med/surg nurse I have not worked in over 4 weeks because of low census. My position is PRN which means I can't file for unemployment and have no PTO. The hospitals are empty, reopen life in NC
04/16/2020 04:59 PM	Education Working Group	Ms. Katherine Dennett	I am hoping our state follows the advice of public health experts and opens back up safely. The availability of reliable testing is key in my mind.
04/16/2020 05:00 PM	Economic Support	ReopenNC David	Please reopen the economy. These orders have exceeded their constitutional limits.

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04/16/2020 05:01 PM	Health Care Working Group	DPT Jason Albright	I would imagine we can find a way for a soft open, where we protect those most at risk as well as allow confidence for others minimizing risk of transmission. ie Wearing masks, washing hands frequently. If you are a business like hair saloon, having more sanitization between patients while having reduced volume(1 inside at a time). Churches be able to use social distancing, having overflow rooms if possible or even multiple services with no more than 1 person per 100square feet. Having guidelines for all businesses to have handles and frequently touched objects sanitized routinely. We can't shut down every year or time we have a remotely new bug pop up. But if we have improved guidelines in place, then it will be easier to react without overreacting.
04/16/2020 05:01 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Richard Spurlock	North Carolina is not suffering from widespread of Covid-19, but North Carolinians are suffering tremendously from the economic shut down. Please ease restrictions now!!!!
04/16/2020 05:02 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Stay the course Lauren Kenney	I understand the desire to "reopen" the economy and I too share it but not at the expense of this coming back. We need to listen to the scientists and public policy experts in order to make a rationale fact based decision.
04/16/2020 05:02 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Lacey Goodson	Reopen NC.
04/16/2020 05:03 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Reopen NC at once! Jake Lemley	We MUST return this great state to normal immediately! If the state remains closed beyond April 30th 2020 the ramifications could be dire and irreversible. As law enforcement are already beginning to see the effects of the state being shut down. There are increased domestic situations and larcenies being committed. It is my opinion, based off research and experience, that if this shut down continues we will see a huge increase in suicides, alcoholism, and drug use (including intentional and unintentional overdosing). This is a direct result of many factors. Some of those factors being, loss of jobs, loss of personally owned businesses, homelessness, negative outlook toward the future, as well as fear of what the virus is being portrayed to be through the state and media. We MUST NOT let the cure be worse than the problem. It is my belief that the causes of this shutdown could become drastically worse than the virus itself had the state been allowed to return to normal. It is a known fact that throughout the duration of this epidemic the models which have been used as a basis for these executive orders have been greatly inaccurate by drastic over estimation of numbers. Yet, these very models are continuing to be used as a basis for potential future executive orders. Albert Einstein famously said "the definition of insanity is doing the same thing over and over expecting a different result." These orders are being written and signed by Roy Cooper without consideration of the harm being done to individuals. These orders could hypothetically be continued forever so long as Roy Cooper thinks it is needed. He refuses to listen to the will of the people all while his constituents are being fed somewhat skewed numbers by the media. This insanity must end with the end of the month of April. The federal government can't just continue to pull money out of thin air to put into the pockets of people and some of these jobs which have been lost will never return. Just today the \$350 billion dollar fund set aside for small businesses has ran dry. Now without those funds small business have nowhere to turn for help. This is a problem created by the government, not by this virus. I urge the General Assembly to speak against further use of executive orders in the matter

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			of Covid-19, make strong recommendations to the citizenry to continue using social distancing, good hygiene, hand washing practices, and consideration to those around them to help prevent spread of this virus. We are all capable of making decisions for ourselves and our families. We do not need to be protected from ourselves by the government. Please consider the wishes of the citizens of this great state. After all, that is what the government is supposed to reflect.
04/16/2020 05:03 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Wellness Provisions Amy McBride	Reopen NC. This shut down is destroying small business and the lives of those attached to it. Everyone from the business owners, to employees, to those dependent on said businesses for services or products. Leave it up to the people to decide what's best for their own health and reopen the state to save lives from depression/suicide, and to save the economy.
04/16/2020 05:03 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	U S	Open the state
04/16/2020 05:04 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr. Don Jarrell	It is time to reopen North Carolina! Enough with the scare tactics! I just left my bank which, like most others in our state, is only operating via the drive through bays. Common sense says that more people are touching and handling the tubing equipment (canisters, buttons to call/speak to the attendant and to send the tubes back into the bank) than before the doors to the banks were closed. All during operating hours, the tube canisters and buttons are being utilized by both the bank patrons and employees who are attending the stations, therefore thousands of people are handling--most without gloves, I might add--these items. Even with all of this "exposure", there have only been 19 cases in the county in which I reside (Stanly County). Stores that are deemed "essential" are flooded with people...but we still have less than 20 cases. In other words, the fear that you have instilled into people is not a true representation of this pandemic. This is an overreach of power and it is time to stop! This is not a "one size fits all" problem! Every city, county and state is different. Treating us as if we were in the middle of New York City is not going to do anything but further paralyze and cripple our county and state! We are still Americans and we have God given rights! We have the right to decide how we "individually" want to face this pandemic. Most would choose by themselves to practice social distancing, washing their hands, and even wearing masks. This has been proven to aid in preventing the spread. Deeming "sheltering in place" as the "cure all" only prolongs the duration of the virus. Yes, I understand that this virus is serious. Yes, I know people are sick and have died. Yes, I know that we must be proactive in protecting ourselves, but I also have enough common sense to protect my family without closing myself off in my home because the government and media have attempted to scare me. So again, I implore you to consider all of the above. It is time for us to begin to get back to living. It is time to reopen North Carolina!
04/16/2020 05:05 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Susan Hartle	It is my request that we reopen NC. My husband and I have been working through this entire time. There is no reason to keep NC closed if people use facemasks and still do their best to social distance. We are doing more damage to the people by closing everything and not letting them work that there is danger of the virus!
04/16/2020 05:05 PM	Economic Support	Mary Jon Pabst	Please open NC now with small incremental steps!!! It is time. We have flattened the

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04/16/2020 05:05 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mandy	Please keep all of the social distancing measures in place in NC for as long as is necessary to keep our communities safe from Coronavirus. I fully support taking necessary measures to keep everyone healthy and will continue to donate where possible to help my fellow members of the community during this time.
04/16/2020 05:05 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Constituent Melissa Cooper	<p>I support the shelter in place order to flatten the curve. I support extending the order with plans to have a phase by phase soft opening of businesses. I support expecting businesses to implement social distancing guidelines and giving employees PPE as well as paid sick leave. The reopening will have to be done in phases to prevent a resurgence of infections. We should lead with the ongoing understanding that nothing is going to be the same moving forward. Businesses will have new responsibilities to flattening the curve even if they are open. All businesses are essential but different degrees of essential. That is why we have to accept that even with businesses opening back up they will not be operating at full capacity for some time. There is going to be a new kind of normal we will have to adapt to.</p> <p>Thanks,</p> <p>Melissa Cooper</p>
04/16/2020 05:06 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Pamela Smith	<p>We need to reopen NC.</p> <p>The rational approach would have been to deal with the areas where the disease had hit the hardest with strong measures and left the rest of the country alone.</p>
04/16/2020 05:06 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	COVID and Safe Elections Rachel Jones	<p>Hello, I am reaching out because I am deeply concerned about our safe elections in November. We need All-Mail voting as soon as possible. This would not help one party over the other (in fact, it wouldn't even increase turnout that much) and our President is mistaken about fraud. This is about protecting citizens' right to vote. Please do the right thing. Stay safe and healthy.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p> <p>Rachel Jones, from Harrisburg NC</p>
04/16/2020 05:06 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mrs Jennifer Dicksey	Open N.C.! Beaches businesses and employment thanks!
04/16/2020 05:06 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Melody Chipley	We need to reopen small business period! This is unconstitutional! Period! There are a million reason we we need to open NC, but the main reason is that this is unconstitutional! There will always be sickness in this world. Those who need to stay home can do so. The rest of us need to live! Are you going without a paycheck? I do not think so. The rest of us are! Let's open NC back up while we can still recover from this economic loss.
04/16/2020 05:07 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections &	Reopen Charles Talbert	We need to reopen NC and get back to work before more damage is done than the virus would have caused.

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04/16/2020 05:07 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Reopen NC Sal Calabro	Re-open NC. Too many people have been made essential for the shut down to have any reasonable effect. Fast food drive through. If I have corona virus and hand them my debit card, well then so does everyone after that. Our cases are far too low with the number of people that are still crowding the cities and county's everyday.
04/16/2020 05:07 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr. Jim Gant	We are ready to go back to work.
04/16/2020 05:07 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ann Gillis	The State of North Carolina needs to be reopened! People need to get back to work!
04/16/2020 05:08 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mrs Elizabeth McClary	REOPEN NC. I believe by utilizing the same safety measures that the large stores currently use to stay open that all businesses should be allowed to open.
04/16/2020 05:08 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Katelyn Gerhardt	As a small business owner and mom of two, we need small businesses open SAFELY with precautions. Families are starting to suffer economically and it is going to gravely affect our mental health and ability to care for our families. PLEASE start reopening NC May 1st with precautions in place!
04/16/2020 05:09 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Prefix Sherwood Jernigan	Please re-open NC. The economy is sinking faster than the titanic. Businesses will fail and the states unemployment fund will dry up.  Spend your time and resources to protect us, not control the economy as if Hilter were in charge. Give us mask, shields, sanitizer, paper products.
04/16/2020 05:09 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Jenny Reavis	Please open NC back up as soon as possible.
04/16/2020 05:09 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Grace Howard	I am writing my support for and to issue a request that North Carolina be opened back up for business by May 1, 2020. As a person with very high health risk , I have taken responsibility for my own health and been in my home since the second week of March. I am a grown adult and my health is my responsibility! I do not need the state to mandate how I will manage my health. All around me I see people's lives and businesses being DESTROYED by these ridiculous shut downs . I do not agree with suspension of my constitutional rights under any circumstance. Any official who perpetuates these limits on American citizens is in violation of the constitution. ReOpenNC
04/16/2020 05:09 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Sabrina Flowe	Reopen NC please! we need our people back to work! The cure is becoming worse than the visus. we may not be "essential" to the governor but we are essential to our children who depend on us to work so they can have food and a roof over their heads! let the sick and those who wish to stay at home do so but letthe rest of us go back to our lives!
04/16/2020 05:10 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working	Sheryl Futrell	Please reopen NC. We need to get back to work.

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04/16/2020 05:10 PM	Education Working Group	Mrs. Camella Herrin	It's time to begin reopening our beloved state. With guidelines in place we need to go back to work and being together (even if somewhat apart:)
04/16/2020 05:10 PM	Education Working Group	Iva Bosely	Open our state!!!
04/16/2020 05:11 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Ms Amy Ihde	Reopen NC!
04/16/2020 05:12 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Automotive Bobby Small	Well I believe everyone knows by now this is a political game that the democrats are trying to do to make the economy fall to blame President Trump. When In fact they are sticking their own foot in their mouth. People need to work so they can pay their bills, feed their children, and their selves. Please open the state so people can get back to work and feed their families. Maybe the politicians have money to last them but some people don't. Just think about that for a min. Put yourselves in their shoes for a moment. Please
04/16/2020 05:12 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Chris Holloway	Open our state. Our natural rights guaranteed by the Constitution are being violated. Open our State.
04/16/2020 05:12 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	R E	We need to reopen for business. Let this virus work through its life cycle and we will be stronger then next time it comes. We didnt shutdown during H1N1 when it affected our children more did we? Then why now?
04/16/2020 05:12 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Aaron Whisenhunt	Open the economy! Free up the citizens to live their lives and operate their businesses! Locking us down is immoral and may even be illegal and unconstitutional! The government should NOT have this authority! Free the imprisoned citizens!
04/16/2020 05:12 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Adam Dula	Please re-open the economy by May 1st. I personally believe the restrictions on attending church services to be unconstitutional as well. Thank you for your time
04/16/2020 05:12 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mr. Bernie Marx	thanks
04/16/2020 05:12 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Chris Hall	Open NC back up before I lose everything I have.
04/16/2020 05:13 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mr. Bernie Marx	thanks



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04/16/2020 05:13 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Leslie Taylorson	Reopen NC no later than May 1, 2020! Business are dying especially with the PPP funds depleted, the self employed of non-essential business and people in general are severely struggling. The freedoms our forefathers faught so hard for are being diminished. The constitution must be upheld. We cannot live in a state of emergency indefinitely in order for agendas to be met.
04/16/2020 05:13 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mr. Bernie Marx	thanks
04/16/2020 05:13 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Kathryn Abernethy	If this were a zero sum commitment in either direction, the choice would be easier. Please consider loss of life to be the greater concern. We will recover economically if our people stay alive and well. If we allow this disease to spread, not only will people die but the cost of care and the loss of income will bankrupt many.
04/16/2020 05:14 PM	Economic Support Working Group	--None-- Stephanie terrell	This state needs to be re-opened this has went on for too long.
04/16/2020 05:15 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Jay and Kim Foushee	We wish to vote at the polls in November.
04/16/2020 05:15 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Jes Radley	We need to get our state back on track! People are hurting....more then are being hurt by corona!
04/16/2020 05:15 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Carrie Brewer	Please reopen NC. This unprecedented move is proved more and more unnecessary by the day. Small businesses and their employees are being devastated by this. Every business is an essential business to those who depend on the income it provides. Please stop fear mongering by using bad models. We must #ReopenNC
04/16/2020 05:16 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Lisa Hattaway	I own a small community restaurant employing 5 staff members and have been in business for 22 years. My staff and I have prospered during many economic ups and survived many downs throughout those years. I can truly say that this Covid 19 economic shutdown has been the very worst. One that my restaurant may not survive. Not because of illness, but because of a government mandate to close or severely curtail our operations. While I see the necessity in educating and warning the public about how this virus is spread, the danger it poses to compromised individuals and how to prevent its spread, I'm certain that picking and choosing which businesses/activities should be shut down is not going to limit it's spread. That relies on individual responsibility. I trust that each and everyone of you are out observing your constituents' behavior. Businesses deemed "essential" are flourishing. Products are flying off the shelves and in short supply due to fear, while many of their customers and staff are ignoring social distancing, proper

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			<p>use of gloves and masks or simply not staying home if they are sick or compromised. Have you seen the close contact when an employee puts out toilet paper, paper towels, bleach or sanitizers? You've allowed the many independent, locally owned small businesses who actually can operate while controlling public behavior to close. When this passes, as it will, will the tax revenues from a limited number of "essential" businesses that survive be enough to support our state and all its programs? Are you going to miss our local, small business, "nonessential" revenues? Will our community miss the donations and support for schools, nonprofits, charities and fundraisers that small businesses are known for. I might be wrong. Maybe big business CAN pay enough in taxes to support every government program plus support and give to their communities. Maybe our government can be all things to all people. But I'm thinking not.</p>
04/16/2020 05:16 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Allison Given	Reopen NC. Small businesses are failing. People are losing their jobs.
04/16/2020 05:17 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Elizabeth Bass	Please begin the process of opening North Carolina because the people in NC have to get back to work. Put procedures in place for high-risk groups and allow the remaining people the ability to work.
04/16/2020 05:18 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Carol Sauers	<p>Open NC</p> <p>Quarantine is when you restrict the movement of sick people</p> <p>Tyranny is when you restrict the movement of healthy people</p>
04/16/2020 05:18 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Amelia Barrows	Please continue to keep our state closed until the science and data show that it is safe! We appreciate all you have done to keep us safe so far and hope that you are not pressured to make changes before it is safe to do so.
04/16/2020 05:18 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Doug Klesch	I support continuing stay at home orders and other social distancing measures until testing and and tracing can be effectively implemented.
04/16/2020 05:18 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mr. David Sevier	<p>The NC Serious Illness Coalition (recently formed from the NC Institute of Medicine's Task Force on Serious Illness Care) supports adoption of the initiative relating to Advance Health Care Directives (Statute G.S. 32A-25.1) allowing either a notary OR two witnesses to sign the documents.</p> <p>We also support adoption of the initiative (Statute G.S. 10B-3(16)) that would allow documents to be notarized remotely, especially those relating to Advance Health Care Directives.</p>
04/16/2020 05:18 PM	Health Care Working Group	Reopen NC Jennifer Reed	NC needs to reopen to allow the economy to get started again, save small business and build immunity in the population. The overall numbers of infected and deaths doesn't warrant continued shut down at the expense of everyone else!
04/16/2020 05:18 PM	Health Care Working Group	Dr Heather Oman	I am writing to request that we please stay with our current orders and allow NC to open up for business May 1,2020. I own an optometry practice in Greensboro NC. Although we are considered essential we have been minimized to emergent care only. I am seeing 5%

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			<p>or less of the normal patient volume we do. We have had to furlough staff and reduce hours. I have applied for the PPP loan on 4/6/2020 and the EIDL loan in late March. None of those avenues have yielded any help to this point. Only a few of my staff have received unemployment benefits and none of the federal unemployment help has come their way. We have done everything in our power to abide by the guidelines, but we were forced to essentially shut down and no financial help is coming soon enough. We MUST get back to work to salvage this practice.</p> <p>We have done our part to flatten the curve and not overwhelm the hospitals. All models show that we are very much underneath the curve. We are taking responsibility to limit contact and make sure our office takes every precaution to protect our staff and our patients. I am not alone in this struggle both inside of my profession but in many other businesses as well. We have done as asked and no help has come. Our numbers of unemployment and the damage to families that comes with that far outweighs the number of COVID cases. The virus will not be completely eradicated, so we must be responsible in our actions to prevent the spread but we must get the economy back on track. Please do not further this shut down any longer than the end of April. We must get back to work May 1 to save as many businesses and employees as possible.</p> <p>Thank you for your consideration, Heather Oman</p>
04/16/2020 05:19 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Kimberley Olson	<p>Even though the media and much of the Government have convinced society that "stay home. save lives" is the way to go and that this is lives vs money and those of us that don't agree are horrible people trying to feed the capitolist agenda this simply isn't true. We've done the "flatten the curve" and now we are venturing into the lives vs lives, but not only that it's a few lives vs many lives. It's a few lives vs the worst inflation we've seen in our life time. It's a few lives vs society as we know it. Most of us don't want handouts we want to get back to work and earn that money. The part of society that is high risk can continue to isolate but it's tyrannical to force health, able and willing people to stay home. This has become so ridiculous we aren't even "allowed" to hike, and be in nature which is an absolute for our health. Please please please end this madness.</p>
04/16/2020 05:20 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Kearie Toth	<p>We need N.C. open now. People are mentally breaking down which will cause more casualties then the virus itself. What you are doing is tyranny. Keep the sick quarantined and let the rest who feel comfortable go back to living.</p>
04/16/2020 05:20 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Small Business Owner Samantha Ingalls	<p>Reopen NC! Businesses are suffering and our economy is in the toilet. We will never build immunities to COVID-19 if we are continued to be on lockdown. Lock up the majority for the minority that don't know how to wash their damn hands...it makes no sense.</p>
04/16/2020 05:21 PM	Health Care Working Group	Mr. & Mrs. John Dinyari	<p>Decisions to reopen the NC economy must be based on science and medical experts and not economic fear mongering.</p>
04/16/2020 05:21 PM	Economic Support Working Group	David Curtin	<p>We need to keep or extend the stay at home orders until we have a way to test any who need it and isolate the infected and their contacts, even if they have no symptoms. That is the only way to stop covid-19 from spreading and overwhelming the medical system.</p>
04/16/2020 05:21 PM	Education Working	Tonya Welch	<p>We need to begin reopening. I am in Healthcare Education. Many of our students have</p>

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04/16/2020 05:22 PM	Health Care Working Group	Ms Jessica Krause	I understand the importance of keeping our state safe. However it is also important for all of our residents to thrive. Please start reopening our state. This can be handled without burdening the small and large businesses. I never thought I'd ever live to see my civil liberties taken away in one fell swoop. It's a disgrace.
04/16/2020 05:22 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms Wendy Lahm	We need to reopen our state economy ASAP. No more extensions! For those who are vulnerable or fearful, I support voluntary sheltering with appropriate support and protections; however, the rest of us need to get this state going again! Damage has already been done. Yes, we need voluntary precautions—social distancing, handwashing, etc.—but we cannot allow 131 deaths to shut down an economy of 10.5 MILLION people. We have got to stop living in fear and get on with it. Otherwise, there is no end in sight.
04/16/2020 05:22 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Reopen NC Micheala Shoet	As a member of this state NOT RECEIVING UNEMPLOYMENT because I can't get ahold of someone to fix that, working is my only way to make ends meet. Which I can't do. Because you won't open the state....so REOPEN NC
04/16/2020 05:24 PM	Health Care Working Group	Dr Donovan Ross	To Whom It May Concern: I would like to encourage this body to draft a position statement in support of health care workers' child custody and visitation rights during this COVID19 quarantine/social distancing period. The emotional health and resilience of doctors, nurses, and staff requires the nurture and support provided by family contact. I have heard of at least two incidents where Doctors lost custody during current crisis. I have experienced first hand denial of visitation due to the irrational fears and capricious decisions of a resentful ex-spouse in clear contempt of long standing custody orders. I am a Pediatric Psychiatrist in a free standing state psychiatry hospital with zero COVID positive or sick contacts at no more risk than the general public. I would suggest that supporting us legally helps us support our society.
04/16/2020 05:24 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Rachel Walker	It's time to reopen NC and take back our economy! Legislators who cower behind the shadow of a would-be king posing as governor will not find their re-elections that they seek. Do not cripple our economy for potentially years out of fear! Our small businesses are hurting, our places of worship sit empty, our kids don't get their education to which they have a constitutional right, and for what? Empty hospitals and dwindling infection rates. Do the right thing and reopen our great state!
04/16/2020 05:25 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Sonya Cox	I am imploring you to Reopen the state of North Carolina. People need to get back to work. I am a self-employed Barber and I have not been able to work for over three weeks I have not gotten any stimulus money yet the unemployment office is not going to even look at self employed people until after April 27th With no assistance how are we supposed to put food on the table. Also my daughter is a teacher and many of her students are in really bad home situations. Some of her students are stuck at home with parents who are drug users and are in no shape to help their kids with distance learning school was the only safe haven for a lot of these students and now that is gone. Please help us to get back to normal

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04/16/2020 05:25 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Reopen NC Kathy Dickinson	NC has passed the peak and is ready to get back to our normal lives
04/16/2020 05:26 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms Denise Conrad	It's time to stop this nonsense and reopen the State. #ReopenNC
04/16/2020 05:26 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Cheryl Tyburski	Open NC
04/16/2020 05:27 PM	Education Working Group	Back to school time Laura Farnan	Please consider safety above economics and don't have kids come back this school year just to be there for the last few weeks, get sick and bring COVID 19 home.
04/16/2020 05:27 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr. Kevin Mull	We need to get businesses re-opened and people back to work, otherwise the economic devastation will be worse than the actual healthcare aspects of this entire situation.
04/16/2020 05:28 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms Stacy Williams	Out of work! Please reOpen NC! My small business is a cleaning business and reliant on the tourist industry. The uncertainty of income is super stressful and it just seems unwarranted given the integrity of the community to practice safety. We need freedom of choice!
04/16/2020 05:29 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr. Eric Riley	As a life-long citizen of North Carolina, a Commercial General Contractor and a Livestock Producer - I implore you all to please re-open NC for business. There is much economic suffering that has and is taking place and the recovery from the unconstitutional shut down by Gov. Cooper is going to take months and years to take place. We need to get back up and running now - without restrictions!
04/16/2020 05:29 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Reopen NC John Stengel	<p>Please reconsider what this state is doing. I run a business in this state and I have a lot of employees that depend on their income. If I lay them off due to the state being shut down their lives will be drastically affected. Although I am an essential business the supply chain and travel restrictions are preventing commerce.</p> <p>More lives are damaged by the entire state being locked down instead of just quarantining seniors and those at risks. Let us make our decisions for our ourselves and allow me to help my employees provide for their families. They depend on me for income and health insurance. The PPP is out of money and there are no more places to turn.</p>
04/16/2020 05:29 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Lynn Pope	It is imperative that all small businesses are allowed to resume normal operations immediately. It is naive to believe it is "safe" for citizens to shop in big box stores, but small locally owned businesses are a danger to our health. Most small retailers serve fewer customers in a week than a big box store serve in a day. Small businesses managed by the owners are typically cleaner because the owners take pride in their businesses. Small retailers will not survive the shut down being extended. If citizens are afraid of being exposed to the virus then they should stay home. America is a free country and the government is currently trampling our constitutional rights. Open the NC economy NOW!
04/16/2020 05:30 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Devy Davison	Reopen NC! The numbers do not support this kind of hysteria nor does it justify the blatant disregard of the constitution and the rights of the people as guaranteed by the constitution.
04/16/2020 05:32 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections &	Lauren Greene	Please re-open the State of North Carolina. This closure is destroying far more lives than it is saving. You have based your decisions on bad data. Do right by the citizens you serve and allow all business to re-open.

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	Public Safety) Working Group		
04/16/2020 05:32 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mr and mrs Timothy Wachendorfer	Please re-open all business and industry by Apr 30th
04/16/2020 05:33 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Helen Seagraves	I am asking that NC be opened on May 1st. We have completed the 30 days to slow the spread. Hospitals are not overrun and, by all accounts, are not predicted to be. This was the reason we were given for the shutdown. There are now 22 million jobless claims in this country (tried to cite your data, but it is 30 days old, so no longer relevant). The food bank in my small town is feeding 500 people a day, and is running out of food. PLEASE see us "little people" that just want to go back to work, put food on our tables, pay our mortgages and save the small businesses we have been working hard in FOR YEARS.
04/16/2020 05:34 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Kim Stengel	<p>I am writing to please reconsider what is happening. I have four kids and they are all home because school is shut down. The daycare has shut down and I am trying to do my best home schooling while trying to keep a 2 year old occupied and calm for the others so they can learn. Two of my kids have learning disabilities and they have lost access to the tools and tutors they need. Remote learning is just not possible for some. Children are not a high risks group. Closing Schools just does not make sense. You are robbing our children of advancing next year.</p> <p>If we just quarantined the high risk groups the rest of the state could work and get back to the normal business of life while protecting those at risks.</p> <p>I feel this is a reasonable solution to a bad situation. No good will come from a continued shut down. More lives will be damaged and the economic impact will continue for years to come.</p>
04/16/2020 05:34 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Susan Norman	Need to reopen NC
04/16/2020 05:34 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Reopen NC Rebecca Hernandez	It's beyond time to Reopen the state, The scientific data showing the decline of the virus (covid-19) and the numbers of cases in our state compared to the rest of the nation, it's time to stop wrecking our economy and crippling our small independent business. I don't believe that healthy people should be held in quarantine for any reason at all, but certainly not at the expense of financial ruin. I, as a single mother worked harder than I ever have in my adult life over the last couple of years to build my family up to a point few in my family had ever achieved. I made enough to support my family independently, apart from any government assistance for the first time ever. I climbed the corporate ladder faster than most women in my company to attain this freedom, only to be laid off because of this "crisis". Everything I have been blessed with is at risk of being taken away because all of a sudden I cannot provide for my family. While unemployment is helpful, it's not even 50% of what I was making even after the additional 600. The numbers from Covid, against every other apocalypse virus over the last 100 years pale in comparison to most of them. We are ruining our nation and destroying Americans lives over a virus with a nearly 98% survival rate. While I am aware that other cities and states are having a much different experience



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			than ours, bringing financial ruin on North Carolinians based on their model is not only reckless, it's unjust. Let the people who are at a greater risk for complications related to Covid continue to shelter as they see fit, but allow the rest of us to get back to our new normal as soon as possible. REOPEN NC
04/16/2020 05:35 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Amy Sawyer	Please be careful (conservative) reopening business in NC - we need healthy workers and a safe working environment to keep NC economically strong !
04/16/2020 05:36 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Stacdey Jordan	I am writing this to please ask the General Assembly to please reopen NC back up so that we can get our citizens back to work and not loose any more of our small business. We can open back up with reasonable precautions taken for those who are at risk but the healthy need to go to work. This will benefit not only these citizens but also the NC economy as well.
04/16/2020 05:37 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Zachary Hooper	I am a resident of Forsyth County and have been working in HR in the Triad for 5 years. Our small businesses help our large companies run and vice versa. We are doing damage to our local economy, that will take years to recover from. The relief from the federal government is simultaneously not enough and too much. We have been successful in "flattening the curve" and need to rely on the spirit and experience of our communities to go back to work and practice social distancing. It is time to restore the right of the residents of North Carolina to get back to their livelihoods.
04/16/2020 05:38 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mrs Sandra Simpson	Please reopen NC soon!
04/16/2020 05:39 PM	Health Care Working Group	Gail Stanley	Governor is doing a good job. Follow the science, please.
04/16/2020 05:39 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Reopen NC Brooke E	NC needs to reopen May 1st! We need local businesses open, restaurants etc
04/16/2020 05:40 PM	Health Care Working Group	James Hartzog	Alright, enough is enough. The continued shut down of the state, under the guise of public safety, has to be terminated, and the citizens allowed to try to pick up their lives. Every day has the potential for life ending, or altering, events, and yet we choose to face that decision ourselves, without the heavy handed, all shall be as I deem appropriate mentality that has been shown by our ELECTED representatives. A one size fits all solution to this pandemic is not the answer, and we need to get back to whatever we can salvage from this mess, as quickly as possible.
04/16/2020 05:40 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Beth Credle	It is time to reopen NC. The data does not support extended state closure for the citizens of NC. Small businesses cannot survive with an extended stay-at-home mandate. The citizens of NC should not have to pay the price for the governor's hidden political agendas. Enough is enough. Reopen North Carolina Now!
04/16/2020 05:41 PM	Economic Support Working Group	REOPEN NC Nichole W	REOPEN NC! If grocery stores can be open so can everything else!
04/16/2020 05:44 PM	Health Care Working Group	Beckie Small	Open our businesses. Open our state. Don't let the solution be worse than the virus.
04/16/2020 05:45 PM	Education Working	Mrs. Martha Dippold	Students need their education! The worst is over. We have a cure. Open NC! Open the

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04/16/2020 05:46 PM	Health Care Working Group	Dr. Linda O'Boyle	Please pass policies and fund programs to ensure no North Carolinian goes hungry. Our recommendations include increasing funding for the Feeding the Carolinas food banks and school nutrition programs, and removing barriers to accessing SNAP, WIC, and farmers markets.
04/16/2020 05:46 PM	Health Care Working Group	Dr. Linda O'Boyle	Please pass policies and fund programs to ensure no North Carolinian goes hungry. Our recommendations include increasing funding for the Feeding the Carolinas food banks and school nutrition programs, and removing barriers to accessing SNAP, WIC, and farmers markets.
04/16/2020 05:46 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Valleri Canterbury	A gradual, common-sense approach adhering to social distancing and infection control for re-opening a portion of the economy needs to be developed. Millions of workers, especially small business owners and contractors, will lose everything and there's not enough money in the budget to support our citizens for an extended period. We have flattened the curve with this first shelter at home and can move forward with small steps to prevent a spike of cases while sending some citizens back to work.
04/16/2020 05:46 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Lesley Starling	ReopenNC!! Too many people are hurting. The shut down is hurting more than it's helping. We need our economy back up and running now!
04/16/2020 05:48 PM	Health Care Working Group	Lorie Gregory	Reopen our state! I'm not going to have a job to go back to if this goes into May. Open our state!
04/16/2020 05:48 PM	Health Care Working Group	Melissa Savage	Please reopen our state. We are going to have a pandemic of emotional/mental illness if we do not.
04/16/2020 05:49 PM	Economic Support Working Group	REOPEN NC Tammy Hilyer	REOPEN NC! The people that voted you in office need to work and live their lives again!
04/16/2020 05:49 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Michael Bridges	Open our state back up before everyone loses everything
04/16/2020 05:49 PM	Economic Support Working Group	REOPEN NC Tammy Hilyer	REOPEN NC! The people that voted you in office need to work and live their lives again!
04/16/2020 05:49 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Caryn Sutton	We need to support the economy.
04/16/2020 05:49 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms Lori Stewart	PLEASE reopen NC! The covid-19 surge that was expected has never manifested (thankfully!). However, millions in NC are left without adequate income which is VITAL to survival. Many will never be able to recover from the financial impacts if business doesn't return to somewhat normal conditions soon. In a crisis situation, structure, routines, and social interaction are VITAL to human health. While FEAR is great at immobilizing the people and making them compliant, immobilizing the healthy is TYRANNY. I DO NOT LIVE IN A DICTATORSHIP! I AM NOT A SOCIALIST! I AM NOT A COMMUNIST! But what I am is an AMERICAN WHOSE CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS WERE STRIPPED AWAY! REOPEN NC!
04/16/2020 05:50 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency	Mrs Lisa King	Re open the state! Those who feel like they are at risk can continue to quarantine. Don't continue to destroy our economy!

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	Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group		
04/16/2020 05:51 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr. Dennis Mehl	Let's get NC back to working. Wear masks, stay 6 feet apart as much as possible. If you let people vote on it then you put the responsibility back them. Every person possible needs to get back to work. We will lose some folks. Pioneers knew some in their group may get killed heading out west but they still went.
04/16/2020 05:51 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mr Charles Pleasants	Please reopen NC by May 1st. Make it a staged reopening but you have to do something. The cure cant be worse than the disease.
04/16/2020 05:52 PM	Health Care Working Group	Mrs Pamela Helms	Please reopen North Carolina!!!!!!!!!!!!
04/16/2020 05:52 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Jayne Noto	Reopen the state of NC - this is not sustainable and you are ruining our economy and our lives!
04/16/2020 05:52 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Kathy Cassidy	I'm very concerned at this push to relax the stay-at-home order. It is clearly working. It is painful for some businesses, yes - my income has been cut by 2/3 - but my family, including my 86-year-old mom, are all well. The callous disregard for human life being shown by the reopen NC people is disturbing, and many of their claims are crazy conspiracy theories. Please don't let a few very loud people endanger the rest of the state.
04/16/2020 05:53 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Heather Baker	We need to reopen NC! Small businesses can't sustain like this and people will begin to lose their homes and families. Let the 20% that needs to stay home do and put the rest of us back to work before NC and our country fall down a hole that we can't climb back out of.
04/16/2020 05:54 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Susan Perry	Governor Cooper It is imperative that you and our legislature come together and plan how we can open up our state! The mental health and physical health is at stake! Not all at once of course but slowly with guidelines--we cannot sustain this much longer--people are getting desperate!!!! Do your job!!!
04/16/2020 05:54 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Danielle Sand	please do not re-open the state until this virus has passed. we don't need more people dying for no reason.
04/16/2020 05:55 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Donna Randazzo	Please reopen NC!!
04/16/2020 05:56 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mrs Carol Smith	Please reopen NC ASAP. People's livelihoods are at stake. They want and need to work to provide for their families.

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04/16/2020 05:57 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Jimmie Renfrow	Please reopen
04/16/2020 05:58 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr. David Shobe	<p>Given that data shows Covid-19 to be on par w/ the seasonal flu, it makes no sense and there is no justification to continue the shut-down on businesses, schools, and events. From an article in The Economist: Silverman and Washburne found that the coronavirus mortality rate could be as low as 0.1 percent, "similar to that of flu." The Economist further explained: COVID-19 takes 20-25 days to kill victims. The [Silverman and Washburne] paper reckons that 7m Americans were infected from March 8th to 14th, and official data show 7,000 deaths three weeks later. The resulting fatality rate is 0.1%, similar to that of flu. That is amazingly low, just a tenth of some other estimates. Perhaps it is just wrong, possibly because the death toll has been under-reported. Perhaps, though, New York's hospitals are overflowing because the virus is so contagious that it has crammed the equivalent of a year's worth of flu cases into one week.</p>
04/16/2020 05:58 PM	Economic Support Working Group	MS. Susan Nichols	<p>I don't envy the tough decisions you must make about how to keep our economy functioning in the COVID 19 crisis. I am anxious to get into stores that are now closed. But I won't do that until I am confident it is possible to do so without jeopardizing my health or my family 's. There will need to be adequate testing and treatment options, as well as appropriate protocols in place, before I'll be confident to shop or dine outside my home.</p> <p>Thank you for your consideration.</p>
04/16/2020 05:58 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mr Harold Dagenhart	We have to restart economy NOW. We cannot wait any longer.
04/16/2020 05:58 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Justin Robinson	We need to reopen the NC economy and stop violating constitutional rights.
04/16/2020 05:59 PM	Health Care Working Group	Ms Karen Chaudoin	<p>Please ensure that our hospitals have all the PPE and equipment needed to provide for the public's health during reopening keeping in mind resurgence and the normal time when viruses are more apt to spread as we later move into fall and winter. Thank you for keeping health care workers and the public safe . As a former RN in the hospitals the CEOS and managers that are not MDs or RNs will keep their bottom line first ahead of the health of staff and even patients. And they do try to squelch public knowledge of internal problems. I have had a manager who was not a nurse tell us to not say a word about a patients rejection of services for rehabilitation care.</p>
04/16/2020 06:00 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Open up NC Lori Gee	<p>We need to start opening up NC. Peoples businesses &amp; lively hood depends on this. My daughter is a single parent who gets no help from the baby daddy. She does hair. She is not getting much to help with the bills/rent. It would benefit her &amp; many others to start opening NC back up. The state can not continue like this much longer. People are losing</p>

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			their businesses everyday.
04/16/2020 06:01 PM	Economic Support Working Group	ReOpen over time Ethan Long	As you already know, most local businesses are struggling with the shutdown. For many, it's their livelihood and a staple of their town. Reopening non-essential businesses should happen over a span of weeks, not in one day. Open up by cutting capacity to 20%-25%, and have restaurants separate their tables by at least 5 feet from each other. All businesses should have strict cleaning guidelines to follow. Any measurable action to return to normal by mid-June should be taken.
04/16/2020 06:02 PM	Health Care Working Group	Chrissie Bumgardner	The state stay at home order should be in place until we have better access to testing and public health officials and experts in the field tell us it's ok. Opening businesses and schools back up will only cause a spike in a pandemic that has been well managed in NC so far. Opening up too early will increase loss of life. Support staying at home and social distancing .
04/16/2020 06:03 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Andrew Smith	we need to open the state back up it doesn't help our state and the economy to be closed liked it is people are literally loosing everything they have worked for stay at home should be for the sick only not the healthy .... healthy people want to work but are being told they can't
04/16/2020 06:03 PM	Health Care Working Group	Mrs. Merrie Hedrick	Hello, Please keep the isolation and distancing policies in place. Keep business, schools, Churches and all public events closed. Rely on science - not politics when making these decisions. Protect our citizens health - all of us. Get better testing for NC - have it readily available. Thank you for your help. merriehedrick@hotmail.com Merrie Hedrick
04/16/2020 06:05 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mrs Brigitte Welton	Open NC and remove the current restrictions. Provide guidance and recommendations for safety measures. But end this stay at home order ASAP.
04/16/2020 06:05 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Beth DuVall	Please consider allowing weekly rentals in single family homes to resume on our NC beaches. We have refunded all bookings for March and April. Many requested cancellations for May, June, and July out of fear. We gave refunds to them. Our homes are single family oceanfront homes. Very easy to keep social distancing there. Our funds are not unlimited. We need rental income, and want to welcome healthy rule-abiding individuals to our coast.
04/16/2020 06:05 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Kim Sanders	I am GRATEFUL to Governor Cooper's nuanced, data- and science-based approach to this pandemic. I had my rainy day fund ready, because I don't expect the government to hold me up like so many of these "patriots" who whine and harass him. Please continue to maintain high health expectations upon our reopen. Face masks must be worn in businesses, restaurants at 20% capacity, etc. And, please, keep schools online or close them for the sake of our children and their grandparents. Even in the fall, we will lose a lot of teachers to this if we "open as usual." Children do not naturally distance or maintain hygiene. The deaths, and the lawsuits, will follow if these considerations are not seriously thought through.
			THANK YOU!
04/16/2020 06:08 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Keep NC closed through Ma David Danna	Don't risk it.

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04/16/2020 06:08 PM	Health Care Working Group	ms ellen pearson	I support medicaid expansion
04/16/2020 06:08 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Trudy Solomon	I think individuals need to assess their needs, their own health and their community and determine on their own if they should leave their home, where they can go and what they expose themselves to.
04/16/2020 06:09 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Angela Gilbert	NC needs to open before there is no economy left to recover.
04/16/2020 06:09 PM	Economic Support Working Group	ms ellen pearson	Please <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• provide paid sick days, family leave, and full unemployment benefits for all</li> <li>• provide economic relief to those most impacted by COVID-19</li> </ul>
04/16/2020 06:10 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mrs Cynthia Dawson	Please keep NC in quarantine lock down until medical professionals and scientists advice lifting quarantine. Don't put our health at risk because of demands from laymen. They only care about the economic and their incomes. They don't care about the health and safety of North Carolinians.
04/16/2020 06:10 PM	Health Care Working Group	Tricia Prinzo	Gov. Cooper, I work in health care and am currently unable to work because the clinics have shut down. Please reopen NC. We have children to feed and the few of us that still have jobs want to get back to work. We have learned a lot and are practicing precautions such as hand washing, sanitizing, and social distancing. Please reopen NC. Take Care, Tricia Prinzo
04/16/2020 06:11 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	ms ELLEN PEARSON	PLEASE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• making voting by mail more accessible</li> <li>• increasing public promotion of absentee vote-by-mail option</li> <li>• ensuring free return mail postage on absentee ballots</li> </ul>
04/16/2020 06:13 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Grape Sodas	miniCooper ReopenNC
04/16/2020 06:13 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Shelia Greene	We need to reopen this state! Small business owners will never recover if we don't act soon.
04/16/2020 06:14 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Owner Chris and Catherine Lee	We are a small business in fayetteville nc and depend on income to survive. We do not qualify for any assistance because of so many factors that small business fall into such as no employees or maybe bad credit or enough income to support loans just a few bit yet we are still a small business that pays our sales tax property tax on business and any fees from our city and state and federal government to have this privilege. We need to reopen our city and seeing the fact that ABC stores are considered essential is just insane. To see the big box stores allowed to continue but leave the small business out in the cold is not fair . Please help us.
04/16/2020 06:15 PM	Economic Support	T. Honeycutt	We need to reopen NC. Peoples livelihoods depend on this.



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04/16/2020 06:15 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Re-open Maureen Work	NC had to begin opening up more businesses for the economy and mental health of our residents. There has to be a way for businesses to be open with safe guidelines and less than 10 people at a time. Not everyone will be able to get unemployment and people need to pay their bills and put food in their tables.
04/16/2020 06:16 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Charles Jennings	Please ease the massive restrictions in North Carolina. It is time for a more targeted approach. Do things to protect those most at risk of serious illness that are in the most at risk areas. We have to get back to work, helping others, worship, back to normal. These restrictions are killing us. Please ease them.
04/16/2020 06:18 PM	Economic Support Working Group	BUSINESS OWNER Jennifer Rodriguez	<p>I am writing this email to you as I attempt to conduct my business from my home trying to keep it barely afloat amidst the stay at home guidelines. My business has been the primary financial support for my family for the past 5 years. For the past 45 days I have contacted our county officials (Wake) to stay current with the COVID changes and have complied 100%.</p> <p>Since the stay at home order I totally revamped my way of operating and have entirely changed the systems to keep serving our clients and community but the impact has been felt. I had to furlough 2 workers which led me to apply for the PPP and EIDL program. Today I received a call from First Citizens bank that funds have run out. The EIDL has changed their "Grant" from \$10,000 down to \$1,000.</p> <p>My husband is a nurse and took a COVID Crisis Center travel nursing position to make up for the loss in revenue even if it meant working in a risky environment. He was then contacted to see if he would take a position in Detroit, Michigan as they were expecting to fill 1,000 beds. As we were waiting for confirmation of the next assignment, his recruiter called and said that they no longer need crisis nurses as they only have 8-10 beds filled of the anticipated 1,000 bed need so the assignment was cancelled. His next assignment may be NYC or CA.</p> <p>What does that say? Yes, the COVID curve is flattening so much that nurses contracts are being cancelled but the flip side is the unemployment curve is rising at a tremendous rate.</p> <p>Governor Cooper may (or may not) extend this lockdown. There is a fine line between preventing chaos and causing destruction.</p> <p>An extension of the lockdown will cripple businesses. I do not want to rely on government funds to operate my business. I have never relied on government funds.</p> <p>Many business owners are willing to SAFELY operate their business in a manner that does not put individuals at risk. The government has determined what is "essential" (ABC stores, the lotto) and what is "non-essential" but they forget that many businesses are essential to the livelihood of their families. This is not just a "short term disruption".</p>
04/16/2020 06:19 PM	Economic Support	Ms MaryAnn Durborrow	Please reopen NC May 1st. As small business owners we can not get through another

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04/16/2020 06:19 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Joseph Paskiewicz	Please reopen our state. The economy is people. Killing the economy is killing people. 100,000 lost jobs and businesses is a lot of lost tax revenue. Protect the vulnerable, but let the rest get back to living.
04/16/2020 06:19 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Yolanda McMillan	Please continue the Stay at home order.
04/16/2020 06:20 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mr Dan Boutieller	Time to start a phased opening approach to businesses. If some stores can open with CDC precautions in place then all should be allowed to following the same guidelines
04/16/2020 06:22 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Antonette Webb	Reopen NC
04/16/2020 06:22 PM	Economic Support Working Group		Reopen NC!!!
04/16/2020 06:24 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Andrea Winslow	I am a studio salon owner seeing only 1 guest at a time! Prior to Covid-19 the N.C. state board already required extensive sanitation. Once the virus arrived we increased sanitation! We will continue to do this once reopen! Please allow us to open by May 4 I have not been able to make money since March 25 and unemployment hasn't even opened up for the self employed! I am the breadwinner for my family!
04/16/2020 06:24 PM	Economic Support Working Group		Open NC
04/16/2020 06:24 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Thomas Beckett	Statewide and local stay-at-home orders have been effective in blunting the spread of COVID-19. Our state is fortunate to have clear headed leadership in this regard. At this point small businesses and families need direct financial relief to maintain North Carolina's economic liquidity at a grassroots level. Big businesses already have the resources they need and institutional shareholders can afford to take the hit (or else they shouldn't be investing in public markets). Any relaxation of stay-at-home orders should be gradual and carefully staged to avoid a resurgence of the virus. Since the federal government has defaulted with its public health capacity, North Carolina should quickly marshal our substantial health resources to develop and administer widespread testing to map and limit further spread of the virus.
04/16/2020 06:24 PM	Health Care Working Group	Janet Presson, R.N., M.Ed.	PLEASE reopen North Carolina immediately before we destroy our economy to the point we can't recover! The data now shows that COVID-19 is not anywhere near as dangerous as previously thought so it is time to reopen our restaurants, bars, and small businesses

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			and get North Carolinians BACK TO WORK!!!! Thanks!
04/16/2020 06:24 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mary Price	Time for the people of NC to go back to work. If this quarantine continues you'll be fully to blame for the demise of the livelihood of the people of this great state.
04/16/2020 06:24 PM	Economic Support Working Group	we can be safe and work Kimberly Dimuro	We listened, we stayed home. We flattened the curve. Now it's your turn to listen to your constituents and Re Open N.C. We are all " essential " to our family. Our bills that need to be paid on time are essential. Our mental health is essential. We can be precautius and still get back to work. GOV. Cooper please listen to the taxpayers that need to get back to work.
04/16/2020 06:24 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Janeva Bailey	Please consider beginning the steps to open our state. The harm done to our economy and our families will be far worse than the virus, if things can't get back to normal soon. We have had little spread of the virus, especially in the rural areas. We need to see our families again. We need to hug our grandchildren. We need to start providing for ourselves and our families. We all know steps we need to take to stay safe and do not need to be policed in it. We are adults whose liberty has been infringed in the name of safety. The time has come to let us take our own risks, and uphold the liberty provided for us in the constitution.
04/16/2020 06:27 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Andrey Solodyankin	Open up the economy please. The lock down is unnecessary and hurting everyone more. Virus will always come around and every individual knows the risk of going out everyday.  Please open the state so we can live our normal lives. This is America! Also, Trump did a good job handling along with all the regular citizens. Very proud
04/16/2020 06:27 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Jaime Jordan	We need to reopen our great state.
04/16/2020 06:29 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Robin Padgett	It's time to get back to work. 22 million unemployed. Government offices shut down to TAXPAYERS who now need assistance because of government overreach eliminating their job. This is unacceptable.
04/16/2020 06:30 PM	Education Working Group	Mr Art Close	Do NOT reopen NC until the science says it is a good time. The virus can kill a lot of people, the economy doesn't kill.
04/16/2020 06:35 PM	Education Working Group	Ms Beth Morphis	Please allow small businesses back to work! We teach swimming lessons- a life saving skill!! Our little ones need to get back in the water. Summer is around the corner! Swimming lessons save lives!!!
04/16/2020 06:35 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Reggie Allred	We need to start getting back to normal, now. Please reopen North Carolina May 1.
04/16/2020 06:36 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Teresa Hubbard	Open NC back up!
04/16/2020 06:36 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Constituent Melissa Cooper	Dear Governor Cooper,  I see that a lot of groups are pressuring you to lift the shelter in home orders for our state. I commend you for standing your ground and refusing to give into this pressure.

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			<p>Looking at these people, it's clear to see that they lack information to make informed decisions. Sadly, over the last four years, we've seen it becoming increasingly difficult to get through to people like this who've been spoon-fed misinformation on TV and the Internet. And, let's be honest. A good share of their misinformation has come directly from the White House. They've been told by Mr. Trump to distrust some of our more trustworthy institutions.</p> <p>These are difficult times and they aren't going to get easier in the immediate future. But they will get better. Money lost can be recovered. Businesses closed can be rebuilt. But lives lost are gone forever.</p> <p>Thank you for siding with the medical and scientific communities on this important issue.</p> <p>Keep up the good work, sir.</p> <p>Most sincerely,</p> <p>Melissa Cooper Charlotte, NC 28211 NC voter since 2012</p>
04/16/2020 06:37 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Tony Baker	It is time to Stop Destroying our State for political purposes. Open NC so we can get back to work. We do not need dictatorship from a man who cannot even decide who goes to what restrooms. Open NC now
04/16/2020 06:37 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Lynwood Coombs Jr	I am requesting that you Protect the American people and OPEN NC. You can not save us by keeping us shut down. Please OPEN OUR STATE!!!!!!
04/16/2020 06:38 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Elizabeth Smith	Please reopen the state immediately. Small businesses cannot survive much longer without business. Workers cannot survive without jobs.
04/16/2020 06:38 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mrs Shereen Gillette	Reopen N.C.!!
04/16/2020 06:39 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mr. Michael Upchurch	I am requesting that you open NC. WE can not live like this. Surviving is not Living. We are doing more harm staying locked up! OPEN OPEN OPEN North Carolina!!
04/16/2020 06:39 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Margie Dulaney	We need to open this state back up because slot of what's said is not happening
04/16/2020 06:42 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency	Constituent Melissa Cooper	Dear Governor Cooper,

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	Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group		<p>I appreciate your efforts in taking our health seriously. I support your shelter in place order and equally support your plans to slowly phase open businesses safely.</p> <p>I understand that you are under a lot of pressure to open up businesses with little to no oversight and as fast as possible. Thank you, for listening to the scientific community when making these decisions.</p> <p>We all want to be back at work but not at the cost of lives.</p> <p>Warm regards,</p> <p>Melissa Cooper Charlotte, NC 28211</p>
04/16/2020 06:43 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Lowry Holmes	This continual shut down will kill more people than the virus, even though every death currently is due to the virus, so it has eliminated heart attacks, strokes, cancer, etc. Open NC back up please and let it run its course!
04/16/2020 06:45 PM	Health Care Working Group	Miss Kona B.	I am a nurse in NC and I know that I have seen the hospitals actually loose business and lay off. There have been no overwhelming rush and our hospital is able to care for patients. We have slowed the spread, let us open our state.
04/16/2020 06:46 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Joan Nelson	Please reopen NC economy, I know people who are really suffering with the shutdown
04/16/2020 06:46 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Michelle Kaufmann	We need to reopen NC. We need to get back to work. People need to feed their family and pay their bills.
04/16/2020 06:46 PM	Health Care Working Group	Dr. Cristine Henage	Estimates show each individual infected spreads the virus to 2.5 people which explodes exponentially. NC cannot reopen safely without testing the majority of our citizens.
04/16/2020 06:47 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Sarah Jameson	I own a tanning salon and UV rays actually help with viruses. We don't have a large amount of people in our store at any given time. Please allow tanning salons and other salons open up! There is no reason that we must stay locked down.
04/16/2020 06:47 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr James Anderson	I think we should reopen May 1st. Stay at home order is not doing any good at all. People are still venturing out. So why put thousands of people out of work ? Everyone should be responsible for their own health
04/16/2020 06:47 PM	Health Care Working Group	Sandra Pierce	Reopen NC
04/16/2020 06:48 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms Donna Durfee	We need to spend money on the working and the poor and expand Medicaid and not give any to the wealthy and big corporations
04/16/2020 06:49 PM	Health Care Working Group	Dr. Amanda Lutzow	This country's leadership needs to tell the American people factual information. There are tons of doctors, who don't receive a paycheck from taxpayers or "the higher ups" sharing REAL science. It's time we look at the REAL statistics, and use our heads to make an obvious decision. OPEN NC before all small businesses fail, the unemployment rate rises further, and the suicide rate sky rockets.
04/16/2020 06:51 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Dana	Please reopen NC! There have already been far too many small businesses that will never be able to open their doors again.

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04/16/2020 06:52 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Stephenie Walker	We NEED to reopen NC - NOW, please do so with as few restrictions as possible.
04/16/2020 06:53 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms. Tommie Ann Green	If the state is not opened y the end of the month, the economic hardship will be far worse than the C19 virus. Follow the national guidelines and open in stages. Mandate testing, face masks if safe distancing is not possible. Start with the malls, shopping areas, restaurants, churches and leave the schools closed until the coming school year. Careful monitoring will be necessary.
04/16/2020 06:53 PM	Health Care Working Group	Keep the state closed Carole Krug	Despite what many constituents are saying, COVID-19 is a deadly disease that leaves many patients debilitated or with permanently damaged. I strongly feel that we need to take the recommendations and advice of scientists, not politicians who have their own agendas contrary to the health interests of our country.
04/16/2020 06:54 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Sue Dean	Re-open NC Now!
04/16/2020 06:54 PM	Health Care Working Group	Michael Reim	I urge you to refrain from calling off the "stay at home" too early. We can not afford to have this pandemic regenerate any time soon. Let's stay with the program until we're certain it has succeeded. Thank you.
04/16/2020 06:54 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Sharon Thomas	Private businesses should never have been closed down due to potential health risks of COVID-19. Citizens can protect themselves without closures. Please reopen all businesses!
04/16/2020 06:56 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr. Gabe Quinley	This cannot continue, as is past May 1st. Too many companies (including mine) are furloughing and laying off very committed employees. People are struggling as healthy citizens in quarantine. It's time to begin reopening our state by May 1st. We cannot continue as is.
04/16/2020 06:58 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Jaci Field	Thank you for the stay at home order. Please keep it in place until we have a plan for testing. Please require masks in public. Thank you for all you doing.
04/16/2020 06:58 PM	Health Care Working Group		It is time to open up our NC businesses. Our hospitals aren't overwhelmed, but our citizens are.
04/16/2020 06:59 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Bob Johnson	I am proud that our great state has been a leader in "flattening the curve" to save lives in these trying times. It is painful, the economics involved at the individual level is frightening and painful. But, we have to keep our eye on the prize: life. If we get complacent, if we let up now thinking we've got this thing licked, there will be a second wave more deadly than the fist. Listen to the scientists, listen to the public health experts. If we stay locked down a little longer we can beat this thing with the best possible outcomes for most people. Protect our vulnerable residents. Wait until there is adequate and reliable testing, wait until there is decent tracing. Only when we have the tools to better control this outbreak should we begin to slowly (slowly!) ease the restrictions and try to return to the old normal.



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			That being said, there are actions that have to be taken to help ease the financial burden on NC citizens. Make unemployment less of a nightmare to submit, streamline unemployment payments, cover all COVID-19 related medical expenses, push back dates for tax collections, fees collections, license renewal dates, etc... Y'all are smart, you can figure this out. But please, do whats right for the long term health of the citizens of this state. Everything doesn't have to be about money and profit. Life matters more; we can turn the economy around later.
04/16/2020 06:59 PM	Education Working Group	Tonya Lea	Please open North Carolina on or before May 1. This shut down is having devastating effects on our mental health, our economy and our well being in so many ways. Residents can still choose to self quarantine but life needs to go on. Please reopen our state!
04/16/2020 06:59 PM	Economic Support Working Group		Reopen NC. Shutdown needs to end ASAP. It's hurting small/family business and killing the economy
04/16/2020 06:59 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Denise Morris	Please reopen North Carolina
04/16/2020 07:00 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Private Salon Owner Heather Idol	I am a private boutique salon owner. I have been a hairstylist for 26 years. Mom to 4, two are actively serving in our Armed Forces. I cannot file unemployment yet. I cannot get a reply for SBA loans or grants. The federal stimulus payment was nice but will not pay our bills or keep food on our table. I NEED to get back to work. I am a single mother with no other income. I have applied for every resource NC offers. I need help or I need to work. Please consider reopening N.C. at least on a case by case basis. I and one client will be the only ones in my salon studio. I do that for their peace of mind. I am not alone. There are a lot of us that work in private suites and can follow CDC recommendations for sanitation between clients as we did prior to the shut down. Please take this into consideration. I thank you and my family thanks you!
04/16/2020 07:01 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Kelly DANT	Please consider letting counties manage their reopening strategy. In Catawba County, we have significant less cases than Mecklenburg or Wake county and should not be under the same mandates as those counties. Please allow local governments to choose what is best for their citizens.
04/16/2020 07:02 PM	Health Care Working Group	Dr. Jennifer DeGaray	Please reopen NC before most small businesses can't recover. At least business that don't have a large number of employees to start.
04/16/2020 07:04 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Edward Pinkosky	RE OPEN NC NOW!!!
04/16/2020 07:06 PM	Health Care Working Group	Dennis Sink	We need to open up.
04/16/2020 07:07 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Jen Lewis	We need to reopen NC businesses and use common sense guidelines and objective science to make safe decisions about our state....the people of this state can see through this transparent play for emergency power....
04/16/2020 07:07 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working	Open NC Jennifer Burk	Please open up NC!

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04/16/2020 07:08 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Amy Andrews	Reopen NC NOW!
04/16/2020 07:08 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Reopen NC Kari Maddox	Please work hard to get the testing in place so we can safely get back to work and life ! We trust you to do what we can't, because we've done everything you have asked us to. Get to work!!
04/16/2020 07:10 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Dr. Janet Taylor	I am very concerned that the state may endanger its citizens by abandoning the stay at home directives and try to reopen too soon. It is critical that we stay in and let the curve peak. We desperately need testing and contact tracking. If we open too early we will see a secondary peak and more NC citizens will get sick and some may die. Please listen to the scientists. This should not be a political decision. Thank you
04/16/2020 07:12 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Judy Lewis	Please open NC back Now! I have friends losing their businesses and livelihoods. We NEED to open back up! The virus has NOT Hit NC hard!
04/16/2020 07:13 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Hanuce Tickle	It's time to Reopen NC. Enough of government control !!! We are adults, able to determine how to safeguard our health and be open for business at the same time.
04/16/2020 07:13 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Vicky Rodgers	Please allow our workers to get back to it
04/16/2020 07:14 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Cathy Lewis	I'm a small business owner in Matthews NC. Our Citizens have a right to work and support their families. We have followed the orders but it's time to let certain businesses that were told they had to close to reopen.
04/16/2020 07:14 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Donna Regis	We need to reopen NC. Western NC has to few cases to warrant keeping businesses closed and causes economic disaster.
04/16/2020 07:14 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Tammie Tammie Lee	Open back N.C. on May 1st . You are killing our economy . Give it to God and he will handle this . Prayers you make the right decision . God Bless !
04/16/2020 07:16 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms Marilyn Senz	I am pleading with you to reopen North Carolina. The current statistics and numbers do NOT support the continued lockdown of our great state. People at risk can stay inside, but the rest of us are being financially ruined by staying out of work. If the lockdown continues, I fear that this country will never recover.
04/16/2020 07:17 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Leslie Pekrul	It is time to reopen in NC. Most counties have under 100 cases, many under 50. Very few hot spots. This has gone on long enough.
04/16/2020 07:19 PM	Education Working Group	Ms Monique McKithen	Gov Cooper keep up safe. Be a great steward of our health! Health over wealth...we want to bounce back strong with questions about this virus answered and proactive steps taken!
04/16/2020 07:22 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Beth Aldrich	22 Million people out of work, that is not sustainable. Reopen Nc.
04/16/2020 07:22 PM	Economic Support	Mr Lincoln Franchell	I think we need to keep it closed for a couple more weeks in order to make sure we don't

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	Working Group		go through this again.
04/16/2020 07:22 PM	Education Working Group	Jacqueline Lancaster	Reopen the state of NC! Don't make this a political issue!
04/16/2020 07:24 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Christopher Hudson	It is time to reopen economy. This shut down has been bad for the business owners of this state and has done little to keep us safe
04/16/2020 07:24 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Will Hill	Reopen NC ppl need to go back to work.
04/16/2020 07:26 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Patricia L	We need to reopen businesses in North Carolina and allow people to go back to work. The economy is being devastated and some businesses may never reopen if we continue to keep them closed. Schools need to reopen, especially colleges, allowing students to complete their required courses to graduate. The Stay At Home Order is harming North Carolina Citizens. Our Constitution allows our citizens to live freely, which is not happening under this Order. We have been closed long enough and it's time to start getting back to work and school. Thank you.
04/16/2020 07:26 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Self employed Bobby Fann	We need to start back up, enough damage done so far, let's stop the bleeding before we destroy the future of our kids and grandkids
04/16/2020 07:26 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Marki Dewhirst	Extend the stay at home order! May 15th should be the date to re open. By the end of April is not enough time to keep our people safe and make sure the numbers can be sustained very low! People will be hasty and fear of the spread growing again may become a reality. I believe majority of our people here in NC can agree the stay at home order extend until may 15th to ensure we are improving on testing, making sure everyone can comply and keep each other safe and slowing the spread even more. 1 person dying is 1 too many, according to our president! Extend the stay at home order and keep NC safe and at home!
04/16/2020 07:29 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Stay at home order Linda Watts	I hope as gov Cooper looks at opening the state he will have input and decisions by local city boundaries and not do it by state or even by county. We are in Cornelius and believe our cases are significantly less than Charlotte . We fear our local community will suffer for longer if we have to wait for Charlotte proper gets under control.
04/16/2020 07:29 PM	Health Care Working Group		Let the stay at home order expire at the end of the month! We need to get our economy started back up!
04/16/2020 07:30 PM	Health Care Working Group	mrs. Nancy Scott	It is way past time to expand Medicaid in NC. 500,000 people would benefit and the cost to the state is a great deal less than treating all the ills that result from uninsured citizens. Why is this even an issue?
04/16/2020 07:30 PM	Economic Support Working Group	We are dying..... Susan Brightbill	Small business is NOT going to survive unless this 'essential' bullshit gets relaxed. My employees need to work, unemployment is MIA along with the PPP loan. Let us wear a mask and open our doors!
04/16/2020 07:30 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms. Dana Krivosheyff	North Carolinians want to work. More people than not are recovering and most people are not infected. Folks can still practice social distancing while allowing small businesses to

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			open back up.
04/16/2020 07:31 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Amy McDonald	We really need to open up businesses in our state. Many businesses can function and still maintain social distancing and limit the number of people in a specified area. Our businesses and families are suffering and this will only get worse if we don't get people back in jobs and get our economy moving in the right direction. We can thrive and still have common sense about limitations. Otherwise, you will begin to see more robberies, more suicides and a massive economic downfall. REOPEN NC!
04/16/2020 07:31 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Robin Padgett	Ballot harvesting is illegal, You prosecuted individuals for this in 2018. Do NOT attempt to enact it now. IF people can go to Walmart, they can get themselves to the polls. Do not try to paint this in that light. NO to vote by mail.
04/16/2020 07:32 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr. Paul Leto	We have the constitutional right to assemble. At risk people should stay secluded. This lock down is unconstitutional. More people died this season from the regular flu. This lock down has gone on too long.
04/16/2020 07:32 PM	Health Care Working Group	Reopen NC Sean Kelly	Open up N.C. yes the virus kills but do does many other things such as poverty, depression, suicide, and other things. Families are going to be homeless, jobless, and it's going to be a much worse situation. Reopen now
04/16/2020 07:33 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mrs. Nancy Scott	It is important to protect all NC citizens' right to vote. Please pass Vote by Mail legislation to preserve our fairness of our elections.
04/16/2020 07:34 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Foye Joslin	Please dont open up economy til this virus is contained
04/16/2020 07:34 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Reopen NC Alison Vannoy	As a Realtor, I see small businesses being not able to sustain through these times. Small businesses fund my pipeline! Get people back to work on May 1.
04/16/2020 07:35 PM	Economic Support Working Group	1950 Janie Swaringen	To whom it may concern: I am writing to ask Governor Cooper to reopen North Carolina. Businesses are going bankrupt; people are losing hope; the economy is on the brink of disaster. I am aware that we need to take precautions due to the virus but, if the state doesn't get back to work soon, more lives are going to be lost due to depression, suicide, and total despair than will be lost through the virus. As a voting constituent, I ask you to rethink your policies and REOPEN our state. Thank you.
04/16/2020 07:36 PM	Economic Support Working Group		Please allow NC salons to open. We already use virucidals for cleaning, and will gladly use PPE. I'm a 1 chair salon owner, and only do 1 client at a time. We'd rather have guidelines to follow than lose our salons.
04/16/2020 07:36 PM	Health Care Working Group	Ms Lorrie Jacaruso	Please do not continue this shut down. It's killing North Carolina. I am a frontline worker at an area hospital my hours have been cut and we are losing patients and money . Please open . Let us get to the patients who need us .
04/16/2020 07:37 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Kara L	Although the virus has had an impact on our state from a health perspective, it has also severely impacted our economy. Small business's are struggling to stay afloat, neighbors are asking others for help to buy food, and not everyone qualifies for unemployment or the

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			stimulus checks. Health is important, but so is mental health and people's quality of life. It won't be worth it if there is nothing to come back to, or if there is years of struggling economically to come. The Constitution still applies, even under a pandemic. People have a right to make the decision if they want to go out or not. They have a right to assemble. If people want to stay home, they should be allowed to, but people who want to go back to work and school should be allowed to as well. Businesses, colleges, and workplaces should be reopened. You can't unconstitutionally force people to stay inside for months to come.
04/16/2020 07:41 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Matthew Tripp	Open back up now.
04/16/2020 07:42 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Reopen NC Kristi Smith	NC HAS GOT TO GET BACK TO WORK!!
04/16/2020 07:43 PM	Economic Support Working Group		Reopen NC!
04/16/2020 07:43 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Terri Dunn	NC needs to reopen it's businesses. These small businesses may not recover from these mandatory shutdowns. Most have probably put their entire life savings into their business and government mandates should not be allowed to interfere. Stop this madness and fear-mongering.
04/16/2020 07:44 PM	Health Care Working Group	Vote by mail vs WalMart Joseph Peacock	If you can stand in line at WalMart, you can stand in line to vote.
04/16/2020 07:44 PM	Health Care Working Group	Wendy Woody	We need to open NC back up!! Our little town is dying!!!
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04/16/2020 07:44 PM	Health Care Working Group	Mr Robert Mason	Publish some figures on the regular flu deaths in NC. If COVID-19 is not twice as bad as the regular flu, we need to open up everything immediately, or else shut down every year for the regular flu.
04/16/2020 07:44 PM	Health Care Working Group	pamela parrish	Reopen NC
04/16/2020 07:45 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Melissa Schaber	NC is about tired of this cheating Democrat idiot in office. NO MAIL IN VOTES PERIOD!!!!
04/16/2020 07:45 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Vote by Mail and WalMart Joseph Peacock	If you can stand in line at WalMart, you can stand in line to vote.
04/16/2020 07:46 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working	Mrs Kathleen Cicillini	I'm concerned about all these groups of people out protesting about forcing NC to reopen too early. I want to go back to work too but I feel like it will negate all the good we have done by staying home these past few weeks! We are not ready and I feel like people pressuring the governor in the name of the first amendment are just wrong. They seem to

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	Group		also have a different political agenda apart from just returning to work! I don't like what I see and that my family is being put at risk! Why can't we find UNITY even in this!! It's all become ridiculous. It's lives at stake, this doesn't care what party you are in!
04/16/2020 07:46 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Jessica Gray	Open our State back up! Our Economy is tanking and businesses are about to go under. Enough is enough!
04/16/2020 07:47 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mrs. Marilyn Southern	Please open our state back up. Our local businesses are dying and our nation is on the brink of depression. We need to reopen and those that want to stay at home can do so. Please open NC now if you care about your citizens.
04/16/2020 07:47 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Joseph Paskiewicz	My job is considered essential. Every job is essential to the person working it. Every job in North Carolina is essential to the governing bodies who require our tax dollars, in order to operate. How is our state government going to operate without the expected income tax and sales tax receipts? People in the Shut Down NC camp label the people in the ReOpen NC camp as heartless, putting greed before compassion. This is not an accurate representation of the options. If I am working, I can pay my taxes. I can support my family, so that we don't need government assistance. I can give to others who are in need. The state cannot afford to be shut down. Protect the vulnerable. Staying home is not a long term option. The economy is people. Killing the economy is killing people. More lives will be destroyed by the shut down than by the virus. Get us back to work.
04/16/2020 07:48 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mr Desmond Suter	Need to reopen NC. Follow federal guidelines.
04/16/2020 07:48 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Roy gets haircut why can' Matthew Fowler	Roy isn't going by his order why do we? Haircut? Will he be fined?
04/16/2020 07:49 PM	Health Care Working Group	Candace Ferencik	I am a part of the anesthesia team at Duke University. We are the COVID19 response team to manage all airways within The hospital system. We have found our inpatient numbers to be very low and we are thrilled that America has slowed down and compassionately cares about our communities. The hospital system is in good standing because we have now seen how a vast majority of the COVID + patients are able to manage themselves at home! Requiring no medical interventions. We have done our best to spare lives and we need to open business again to spare our economy. We have multiple compartments to our lives and finances often times dictates MANY aspects of our lives. We need healthy finances to help our community. Those that are at risk are already used to socially distancing themselves. They don't need an Dictator telling them to stay home. They will protect themselves! Open NC now!
04/16/2020 07:50 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Josh Harrington	Open nc back up, the numbers don't support the shutdown!



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04/16/2020 07:52 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Suzanne Corry	Open the state and let me work feed and let me provide for my family!!!!
04/16/2020 07:52 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Jalene Griffith	Our state is very rural and not even close to being in an emergency status due to covid 19. It is time we reopen our economy (with common sense social distancing) so that we can heal our state's economy. We need to recognize the toll to our health this shutdown is taking on the citizens of NC and REOPEN NC!
04/16/2020 07:52 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Scott Goodwin	Please consider reopening our state ASAP.
04/16/2020 07:52 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Karen Ellis	Please open N.C. We need to go back to work. The cure can't be worse than the disease. Enough is enough. If we need to quarantine a specific house or small community, then do so, but do not keep entire state closed.
04/16/2020 07:53 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Bamborough Kelly	Please make the smart, informed, safe choice NOT to reopen North Carolina. We still have not solved the problem of a lack of tests and the PPE needed to administer tests for COVID-19. We still do not know how many daily tests we would need to prevent a resurgence. It is not time to reopen but to hold firm, stay in place until more rapid, safe and accurate testing is available. Without those tools our best defense is to keep our distance and shelter in place.
04/16/2020 07:54 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Me Alan Leary	NC economy needs to slowly re open The economy can help save lives too
04/16/2020 07:55 PM	Economic Support Working Group		Please reopen NC.
04/16/2020 07:55 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Jacqueline Cook	I as a citizen of NC, demand, yes demand, that the Governor Cooper resend executive orders pertaining to the operation of business in NC, as this orders were in violation of the NC constitution from the very beginning. He has over stepped his authority and as a citizen of this state I will no longer stand for it.
04/16/2020 07:55 PM	Health Care Working Group	Unemployment and suicide Joseph Peacock	For every 1% increase in unemployment, if is estimated to result in 15,000 suicides per year. Unemployment just went from 3.4% to 13.5% (and climbing) should we expect an extra 100,000 suicides this year?
04/16/2020 07:57 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Kim Miller	Our economy can not sustain this level of shut down for long! Businesses need to open! We can be an example to other states that this can be done!
04/16/2020 07:57 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Reopen NC Josh Neratka	We absolutely have to reopen NC. Our state is dying from the "cure". It's time to take a stand for the small businesses and reopen the state.
04/16/2020 07:58 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Unemployment and suicide Joseph Peacock	For every 1% increase in unemployment, if is estimated to result in 15,000 suicides per year. Unemployment just went from 3.4% to 13.5% (and climbing) Should we expect an extra 150,000 suicides this year?
04/16/2020 07:58 PM	Economic Support	Ms Kaitlyn Watson	Small businesses are the backbone of America and are part of what allow the USA to be

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	Working Group		so amazing. We cannot allow this shutdown to fail our people. We must reopen. We are all aware of the risks. But there is a darker future with a tanked economy than catching the Coronavirus. Covid19 lives are no more important than any other lives.
04/16/2020 07:58 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Ms Christine Rice	ReOpen NC, ReOpen our Beaches! This has gone on long enough!
04/16/2020 07:58 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Unemployment and suicide Joseph Peacock	For every 1% increase in unemployment, it is estimated to result in 15,000 suicides per year. Unemployment just went from 3.4% to 13.5% (and climbing) Should we expect an extra 150,000 suicides this year?
04/16/2020 07:59 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Karen Russo	#REOPENNC!!!! We need our small business owners to survive!!!
04/16/2020 07:59 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Durenda Wilson Durenda Wilson	Thank you for all of your hard work! I just wanted to encourage you to do whatever you can do to move NC toward reopening. I know it's a process, but according to the map shown on the President's briefing today, we are in the low-risk category. It seems prudent to minimize the other risks that are involved in this quarantine, not excluding domestic abuse, the mental health of the unemployed and overall well being of our people and their businesses. Small business owners are getting hammered and many will not recover, especially if we don't start moving toward reopening. Thank you for your time. I am a taxpaying, productive member of this state.
04/16/2020 07:59 PM	Education Working Group	nancy linker	I appreciate the leadership of our governor's trying to reduce the spread of the COVID-19 by limiting contact among our citizens. I support decisions that are recommended by medical experts. I strongly feel that we should be conservative in lifting restrictions and should do so only when it is seemed safe by physicians, not politicians!  Voting by mail seems to be a practical solution to risky problem. It should not be a partisan decision. Intentionally crippling the Postal Service is a shallow, self serving, short sighted action that should not be allowed!
04/16/2020 07:59 PM	Education Working Group	Inemployment and suicide Joseph Peacock	For every 1% increase in unemployment, it is estimated to result in 15,000 suicides per year. Unemployment just went from 3.4% to 13.5% (and climbing) Should we expect an extra 150,000 suicides this year?
04/16/2020 08:00 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr. John Strickland	The data on COVID-19 is becoming more conclusive that the initial estimates which were used to justify the current draconian measures were grossly exaggerated and inaccurate. The "cure" has become worse than the disease and we must reopen our state as soon as possible.
04/16/2020 08:00 PM	Health Care Working Group	Sharon Dooley	Open NC! We are out of work and stand to loose everything, the numbers are not adding up, people that are sick can wear masks and quarantine but let the millions out here get back to work, reduce the unemployment, add taxes to NC coffers, we need normalcy not destruction, thank you.

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04/16/2020 08:00 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Myra Gruber	It's time to ReopenNC and allow each citizen the right to make our own decisions by exercising our Constitutional Rights . Our people are hurting. A tremendous amount of our population are not working. They have no \$and no food. This will lead to far greater problems and deaths than Covid-19. We cannot allow the continued disruption to our economy but more importantly to our people. This situation will only get worst as long as we continue down this course. My heart goes out to our elderly who can't see their families. How can we stand back and not allow families to be together.? This will only create more mental health issues and deaths. How can abortion clinics be essential but church is not? How can people fill parking lots at target and Home Depot but a hair stylist can't fix one person's hair? Why can people fly but can't visit a beach or golf course? Living in fear is not living. Living as a socialist is not America. We have almost completed our stay at home order. I ask that you stand up for the people and stop any extension to the stay at home order. Allow businesses to re-open and continue to share safe practice advice. I am so very proud to be an American and all my constitutional rights. I ask you to do the right thing and ReopenNC. People have a right to work. People who are worried and want to say home should do so as that is their decision. This virus will stay around for a long time. It serves no purpose to extend reopening our Great State! Protect our rights and please open our Great State.
04/16/2020 08:01 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Vickie Wills	Requesting that you give strong consideration to opening up the state of North Carolina for business once again.
04/16/2020 08:01 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mrs Jean Lampley	Should the governor extend his executive order shutting down NC, override that order and open everything effective 5-1-2020. That should include schools, all stores, salons/ barbers — EVERYTHING!!
04/16/2020 08:01 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Mary Schunke	We need NC to re-open ASAP!
04/16/2020 08:01 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Dayna Witt	NC needs to open back up. This shut down is proven ineffective and is destined to fail. Our economy can not stay alive at this rate. We can not wait for a vaccine or until the end of summer. Money is not simply grown on trees, and I would hope that grown adults can recognise this. We can not survive on government hand outs while sitting at home for months on end. We need to get back to our daily lives. The statistics have shown that this virus is not a plague. If someone is a vulnerable person, they can choose to take self precautions and quarantine themselves. Do not force someone to lose their income and be quarantined against their desire. Every job is essential when it comes to being a productive member of society, and of their family.
04/16/2020 08:04 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr John Foy	Please re open... there is no bail out that can help us now..we need to get our people to work
04/16/2020 08:04 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Denise Davis	Open up Nc
04/16/2020 08:05 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Owner Debby Mullins	Please reopen north carolina so that we small businesses can survive I am a sole owner is small business. I do not qualify for the stimulus programs and have no income.
04/16/2020 08:07 PM	Economic Support	Reopen NC Barbara and	Reopen NC businesses. Can be done safely with guidelines by employers and businesses.

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	Working Group	Mark Hockaday	
04/16/2020 08:07 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Stephen Ledford	It's imperative for the future of NC that we reopen the state. There is a better way to protect the most at risk while still moving our state forward economically. Allow these at low risk to return to normal activity while recommending higher risk populations shelter. In the end, however, each adult should choose how best to proceed with their own life. For those who do not wish to cease sheltering, reopening the state in no way forces them to go out. It is clear the curve is more than flattened. The number of jobless, however, is immense. We are a free nation and state. We must not let fear rob us of that.
04/16/2020 08:08 PM	Health Care Working Group	Me. Jonathon Unget	It is time to discontinue the overreaching executive orders that have been put into place by Gov. Cooper in response to COVID 19.  The measures in place are irresponsible, and an infringement on the rights of NC citizens. Individuals and businesses should be allowed to exercise their own right to decide if, and to what extent, they wish to interact in public. It is not the place of government to "shut down" private operations and individuals rights.
04/16/2020 08:09 PM	Health Care Working Group	Scott Sherrill	My family and friends are requesting that we move in to the next phase of Federal recommendations for our beloved NC on May. No extension of our current guidelines. NC cannot afford another minute of this total disregard for our Constitutional rights. Our trouble with virus results are minimal. The damage to our economy is not. We need to work and return to normalcy as trusted and responsible adults. We don't want or need government to babysit us any longer. We MUST open up. NC needs to begin to heal...NOW. thank you
04/16/2020 08:10 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Reopen NC Rebecca Rusch	Please reopen NC for business. Economic prosperity, civil liberty, and the pursuit of happiness rest in our basic freedoms which are currently suspended. Indefinite lockdown is not sustainable. The time has come to begin responsibly lifting restrictions.
04/16/2020 08:11 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Joseph Balazsi	We need to ReOPEN. NC! The economy of the state is depending on you to make the right decision.
04/16/2020 08:12 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Reopen Mike Rivette	Please open NC back up for business. You're killing the economy. If people are scared then they can stay home. If they're sick they can stay home.
04/16/2020 08:13 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Juliann Zoetmulder	I would like our leaders to be talking more about strengthening our innate immune systems. The idea that a vaccine will save us is shortsighted. There are studies now that prove the flu vaccine makes us more susceptible to Covid-19. A vaccine for a retrovirus has never made it past animal testing. We have been trying to make a SARS vaccine for decades. Our economy cannot remain shutdown as we wait for this vaccine that may or may not be safe. And what about the unintended consequences? The state of emergency has suspended our civil liberties and emptied the pockets of the small business backbone of America. The culture of fear is tearing apart our nation. Please consider reopening our state before it is too late. If not now, please state the criteria clearly and effectively.
04/16/2020 08:13 PM	Health Care Working Group	Re-open NC!!!! Donna Sawyet	If NC suffers economically anymore than it has and our tax payers have to burden the load it will not be good for Democrats since they are in charge of this state.
04/16/2020 08:13 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections &	Mr. John Doe	Hello, After reading all the posted comments from today's committee meetings my hypothesis about people are correct and that there are a lot of dumb people in this State. They are

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	Public Safety) Working Group		easily maneuvered and willing to give up everything, including their civil liberties, if you scare them enough. This virus and its sickness is overblown, to the long-term detriment of the people of this State and Country. Keep in mind more people get sick and die due to the influenza virus and naturally then the China virus. I have been going to work "essential business" through this so-called shutdown, I guess not adhering to Comrade Cooper's order, to keep the tax revenue coming-in to pay for all the free stuff people want that they commented on. In summary, lets stop politicize this virus, making a boogeyman out of it, and get NC back to open and to work. I am a competent and well educated person, I can make the best decision for me and my family not the government or crazy people because there scared. A great man once said, one of the worst things you can hear is "We are from the government and we are here to help". P.S. No mail in ballots. It is a ploy, to be able to corrupt the election process by some. Thank you for your time in reading this.
04/16/2020 08:14 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Vera Drye	Please reopen NC!
04/16/2020 08:17 PM	Economic Support Working Group	REOPEN NC!!! Erica Penny	Please ReOpen the economy. We are small business owners and we will not have a business or a home if the economy does not open up May 1!!!! We cannot keep the economy in NC closed when we barely have any cases here! Elderly people who need to self-quarantine will. The rest of us need to get back to work for economic, mental and emotional health reasons! This is VERY important.
04/16/2020 08:17 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Theresa Hulsey	We need to reopen business we are now doing more harm then good .
04/16/2020 08:17 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Deborah Stout	Please get our state back to work as soon as possible. Let us be responsible.
04/16/2020 08:17 PM	Health Care Working Group	Mari Toby	I'm writing to urge you to re-open North Carolina and let us all get back to work! People are suffering! Calls to suicide hotlines are up over 300%. Parents are not able to get essential services for their special needs children. People living paycheck to paycheck aren't able to buy gas, food, or medicine! Many more people will suffer and die than would have died from the virus if this shutdown continues.
04/16/2020 08:18 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Owner/Vintage Oaks Farm Deborah Holt	The State of North Carolina needs to allow all businesses currently required to close or cease operations to reopen immediately. The economic future and viability of these businesses, particularly small businesses, depend on it. As a small business owner, there are incredibly limited resources to help in this situation. I would much prefer to be open and work than receive any type of handout or assistance.
04/16/2020 08:18 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mr Robbie Nance	Reopen NC, businesses are dying faster and faster. Your hurting way more than helping
04/16/2020 08:19 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections &	Small Business Owner Angela Rominger	reopen NC!

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	Public Safety) Working Group		
04/16/2020 08:19 PM	Education Working Group	Alice Colwell	Reopen North Carolina! We need to get back to work. I have been self quarantined for a month & done my part, now do yours! I am a citizen & a registered voter.
04/16/2020 08:20 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Reopen NC Kim Wilcenski	Please reopen N.C. The hospitals are clearly not being overtaxed. The number of open beds according to the governors reports are numerous. The closing of business but only impacts people economically but physically and mentally. The inconsistency of the governors orders are very frustrating and obviously meant to exert and maintain control of the citizens of the great state.
04/16/2020 08:21 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mr Nathan Douthart	Opening nc back up too soon will be opening the flood gatea for new community cases. I work in a grocery store and hardly anyone is following the distancing guidelines. Less if the entire public is out.
04/16/2020 08:22 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Tammy Black	Until we have adequate Covid19 testing and contact tracing abilities, we should not end shelter in place. Many people believe that they will not get it or if they do it will be a mild case, but a 2-3% fatality rate is not acceptable.
04/16/2020 08:23 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Rhonda Phelps	We need to reopen businesses before there is nothing to reopen and they are gone forever. Reopen NC.
04/16/2020 08:23 PM	Economic Support Working Group	John Hroncich	We need to reopen the business in nc. We are dying here and don't know if we will be able to reopen if they stay closed.
04/16/2020 08:23 PM	Economic Support Working Group	William Oakes	I believe that a one size fits all counties order is not the best way to decide how to best consider reopening the state at the right time. We can be smarter than treating Charlotte the same as West Jefferson.
04/16/2020 08:23 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mark Indermaur	Please allocate more funding for COVID-19 testing, PPE for those doing the testing, and to hire more public health workers to do contact tracing of those who test positive. Then it will be safer for businesses to start to re-open. Please also help small businesses get masks, gloves, and sanitizing equipment and supplies, so they can be safe for customers and employees. Please help NC farmers get their crops to market to keep our rural families working and to get more food to our grocery stores. Thank you.
04/16/2020 08:24 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mr Richard Penny	We are ready to re-open NC for business and worship. Let people decide for themselves how much precaution to take.
04/16/2020 08:28 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Jeremy Yater	It's time to open NC back up and get the small businesses back up and running,the numbers for Covid19 does not support the state to remain closed and now the government has run out of money to help the small businesses that are already in trouble,so open NC up,We The People are not asking,Thank you #REOPENNC
04/16/2020 08:29 PM	Health Care Working Group	jennifer thompson	Open NC



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04/16/2020 08:29 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	James Izzell	It is vital that we immediately open our economy back and put people back to work. Please !
04/16/2020 08:29 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Noelle Haydon	Reopen NC.
04/16/2020 08:29 PM	Health Care Working Group	Mr. Kevin Chang	I would like continued precautionary measures around COVID-19. Face masks and social distancing measures are saving lives by "flattening the curve." We need antibody tests and more information before the measures should be relaxed.
04/16/2020 08:30 PM	Health Care Working Group	James Izzell	It is vital to our society and our well being that we immediately open our State and our economy and put people back to work.
04/16/2020 08:33 PM	Health Care Working Group	Ms. Rose Jacobs	Please keep our children and Seniors safe. Keep NC shut down!!
04/16/2020 08:33 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Jack Chavis Jr	Open North Carolina Now. Please
04/16/2020 08:33 PM	Economic Support Working Group	James Izzell	Please open our State and our economy immediately!
04/16/2020 08:34 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Barbara Merritt	It's time to let folks get back to the business of business. It seems there is no pandemic and the citizens of NC should be allowed to go about their daily lives and trusted to use good common sense in regard to their health, wellbeing and livelihood.
04/16/2020 08:34 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Carolyn Honea	I am strongly against continued stay at home orders past the end of April. The toll these orders have taken on millions is greater than the toll the virus itself has taken within NC borders. We were told the goal was to flatten the curve sufficient to keep the healthcare system from being overwhelmed and THIS HAS BEEN ACCOMPLISHED. In fact, I work in healthcare and have had a significant reduction in hours that has impacted my livelihood. The toll of social isolation is also extreme not only financially but also impacting everyone's mental health, increasing risk of suicide, drug addiction, domestic abuse, and leading those with serious health conditions (such as heart attack and stroke) to delay care. Our youth who gain their primary exercise from athletics are unable to stay active the ways they are used to and this also affecting their health. Not to mention the thousands of small businesses that are crushed. Please take the approach of the LEAST RESTRICTIVE rules, voluntary social distancing, while monitoring the strain on our healthcare system.
04/16/2020 08:34 PM	Education Working Group	Mrs Charity Reese	Please do mass testing to see if the virus has been here for a while. That would help to know if we should reopen.
04/16/2020 08:34 PM	Education Working Group	James Izzell	Please open our State and our economy immediately!
04/16/2020 08:34 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Re-Open NC Lawrence Ashton Jr	It is time to re-open this state. People need to get back to work. The economic impact you have created with no real data will effect more people for years than this virus ever will. Wake up and playing politics. How about supporting the great people in this state the right

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			way and let's get back to work.
04/16/2020 08:34 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr. Steven Smith	Time to open. More people will die and more will suffer long term by remaining in a stay at home status. Stay at home is destroying more than the virus is. Protect the weak and scared, the strong can work.
04/16/2020 08:35 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Doug Fogle	It is time to reopen NC. With caution but it is time. We have to move on with caution.
04/16/2020 08:35 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr. Tim Jonas	Open NC up. This shut down is killing our economy. Do your job.
04/16/2020 08:36 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Cristy White	REOPEN NC
04/16/2020 08:38 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Russell Harrow	Knowing that opening our economy back up, needs to be done with caution, I feel that it is imperative that we reopen soon or there will be nothing to reopen. This is about more than money. Peoples lives are suffering due to the many restrictions that are robbing us of our everyday life activities that can never be made up for!
04/16/2020 08:38 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Conrad Hunter	Reopen NC for business now.....I am dying here, no stimulus money for my small business due to your democratic buddies, Pelosi and Schumer and it is time to get back to work. You will not like it when I have to file bankruptcy and leave NC.. Open it back up now!!!!  Conrad Hunter
04/16/2020 08:39 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Reopen!!!! Caroline Jarvis	Economic Support by reopening NC!!! We are going to have no economy to come back to!
04/16/2020 08:40 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Owner of Gordon Company I Everette Gordon	Re-open NC.
04/16/2020 08:40 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Safely reopen NC Kenneth Inman	Please develop a plan to safely reopen the state. The consequence to our economy will surpass the tragedies we are seeing now. 1000 people have lost their jobs for every person hospitalized for COVID 19. Isolation will not eliminate this problem. Open the state up in a strategic manner. Telling everybody to stay home is not a sustainable plan.
04/16/2020 08:40 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mr Thomas Glisson	Time for us to get back to work. We need to reopen N.C. ASAP!!! Models do not support Governor Coopers Stay at Home order. Hospitals are empty as laying off staff throughout NC. Peoples livelihoods are being destroyed.
04/16/2020 08:40 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Chris Rose	We've been fooled long enough. It's time to open the state. No more of the fear mongering. Businesses matter and the covid numbers don't add up. Take a page from Sweden.
04/16/2020 08:41 PM	Economic Support Working Group	ReopenNC Cathy Woodard	Please reopen NC. We need to get our economy back on track!
04/16/2020 08:41 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Barbara Rotante	Please extend Covid19 restrictions and mandate masks be worn in public. Public safety is paramount.
04/16/2020 08:41 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Jerry Clontz	Re-open North Carolina NOW!!!!

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04/16/2020 08:41 PM	Economic Support Working Group	NC needs to open, now. Erin Dellinger	In order to protect and save our economy, we need to reopen this state. The sooner we do so, the sooner we move on from this. Holding out will only worsen the state we're in, and will cause societal uprising and irreversible economical damage. If we continue to be shut down, there are many small businesses who will not recover financially, not to mention those who personally will not financially recover. Be smart. Open the state.
04/16/2020 08:42 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Business Owner Billy Cuthrell	You can lift orders tomorrow to reopen businesses and things will be fine. The public will police itself and those that are frightened of getting COVID19 will stay home. Those that are not will support the businesses that have been closed. Open NC. PLEASE!!!
04/16/2020 08:45 PM	Health Care Working Group	Vivian Manduca-Marquez	Re-open NC. It is necessary for small businesses to begin operating again.
04/16/2020 08:46 PM	Health Care Working Group	Mrs. Pamela Briscoe	Please reopen NC no later than May 1. People need to reopen their businesses and get back to work. We need to be able to worship again where and how we choose. We need to be able to see a movie and sit down to eat in our favorite restaurants.
04/16/2020 08:46 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Tracy Ricks	Please allow my comments to support our President to be public record
04/16/2020 08:46 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ken Durden	We need to reopen North Carolina now. Small businesses are quickly dying and postponing reopening the state will permanently damage the economy of North Carolina and cause families to spiral into poverty.
04/16/2020 08:47 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mrs. Cary Johnston	Please keep our state closed through May. You will save lives.
04/16/2020 08:47 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms Chris Matney	It's time to reopen NC!!
04/16/2020 08:47 PM	Economic Support Working Group	T Stevens	Open nc!!!!
04/16/2020 08:48 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Chi Chan	We need to reopen before family and our state die from bankruptcy
04/16/2020 08:50 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Tammye Files	We need to re-open ASAP! We are adults and need to be treated as such!
04/16/2020 08:51 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mrs Jennifer Carlson	Open the state as scheduled on April 30. Let's get NC back to work
04/16/2020 08:51 PM	Economic Support Working Group		Reopen NC...the economic damage far outweighs the current risks of Covid.
04/16/2020 08:51 PM	Health Care Working Group	Mrs Pam Reichert	Reopen North Carolina. Deaths of despair will be much higher from keeping the economy closed and keeping hundreds of thousands from earning a living and being able to feed their families.
04/16/2020 08:53 PM	Education Working	Janaiah	As a NC resident, I'm voicing my concern and request that the schools be reopened due to

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	Group		<p>the needs of the special needs community. My son (8 yrs old, severe autism) cannot receive his services through distance learning and the threat posed to his development, and others like him is greater than the current threat of COVID-19.</p> <p>For my son and many children like him, they cannot receive their PT, OT, and Speech services virtually as he requires 100% attention/prompts and hands-on support from his team. Due to the severity of his disability he, and many children like him, have a high propensity for developmental regressions without the continued support of education, therapies, and services. We are asking too much of our most vulnerable children if the schools do not reopen this school year.</p> <p>The North Carolina State Constitution states that “The people have a right to the privilege of education, and it is the duty of the State to guard and maintain that right.” (Art. I Sec. 15) The State has a duty to protect its citizens, but not at the expense of its other duties, such as providing an appropriate education for my son, which cannot be accomplished through a virtual classroom</p>
04/16/2020 08:53 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Jsmes Lantz	I am a small business owner in NC.I have been in business 20 years.Due to this poorly handled crisis,if the state does not reopen I may not survive.I applied for PPP the day it came out.The program is out of money before I could even get approved.I have been paying my employees through this,even though we have hardly any work.If the state does not reopen by May 1 ,their future as well as mine is in jeopardy.
04/16/2020 08:53 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Angela Malan	Please open NC! Our citizens need to be able to work and it can be modified if needed to be safe!
04/16/2020 08:54 PM	Health Care Working Group	Ms Frances Ann Walston	We should NOT reopen N.C. or relax restrictions on business until we have more testing and adequate protections as Governor Cooper has said. We should follow his lead in this matter and follow advice of health care professionals.
04/16/2020 08:54 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	re open North Carolina Bill Hoag	Please open North Carolina!
04/16/2020 08:55 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Monica Miers	It is time for NC to get back to work!
04/16/2020 08:56 PM	Education Working Group	Mrs Dora Dalmas	Do not open until we have testing widely available. Lives are worth more than any economic incentives
04/16/2020 08:56 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Kelly Green-Krist	We need to start re-opening NC starting May 1st. We need to open our state gradually in phases like as suggested by the Federal COVID-19 task force. Those that are high risk should stay home but the rest of us need to get back to work and start taking care of our families. Hiding in our homes at this point will only accomplish the destruction of our local economy and our lives. We all need to start living again.
04/16/2020 08:56 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working	Pamela Andler	Open NC now please. The economic fall out will cause far more death than covid. Your policy is protecting the few and harming the many. Do the right thing now and open the economy before it collapses.

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04/16/2020 08:56 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Jonathan Tart	Please consider loosening the restrictions on small businesses. Please reopen NC. My small business will not survive if we can't reopen, and I cannot get any of the "support" promised. I need to be open.
04/16/2020 08:56 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms Molly Carpenter	We the people demand you end this infringement of our God-given rights. Reopen North Carolina and stop putting its citizens in a dire economic situation.
04/16/2020 08:56 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Business owner Sandy McAlpine	Reopen NC April 30. No extensions please
04/16/2020 08:57 PM	Health Care Working Group	Karen Sindelar	Please move to expand Medicaid. Too many North Carolinians do not have health care and the COVID pandemic has shown how very great that need is. It is time for NC to move forward and join the majority of states in our country.
04/16/2020 08:57 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr James Furlow	It's time to get this great state back open! More are suffering everyday due to the shutdown then are affected by the virus! Everyday that goes by we loose more business that will never recover. More unemployment and more financial distress! Open NC now!
04/16/2020 08:58 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Tamnyl BrownOP	enough we are ready go back work
04/16/2020 08:58 PM	Education Working Group	Candace Ham	Please reopen NC!!
04/16/2020 08:59 PM	Health Care Working Group	MD Elaine Hart-Brothers	Minority based Community nonprofits should be a priority. Track racial disparities--report statistics and encourage other states to have racial data on COVID 19.  Contact minority health providers --incentives for new patients acceptance if panels are closed. Social workers to be placed in primary care and non profit settings part time.
04/16/2020 08:59 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Carla Yandell	Reopen the Economy. The low Covid data does not support you crippling our economy for political reasons. We will remember in November. Dan Forrest for Governor.
04/16/2020 09:00 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Dale Spencer	Open up our state, please. We have the blood of Revolutionary War Patriots and Confederate hero's running in our blood. Let the virus do what it needs to do and get our economy rolling again.
04/16/2020 09:00 PM	Economic Support Working Group	harlene Maxwell	Economic Support Working Group: Use medical advice and scientific evidence to make a plan to reopen NC; do not respond to loud voices of shadow groups (such as ReopenNC) making unscientific demands which will only increase death and suffering for all North Carolinians. Health care working group: Please expand Medicaid. Improved healthcare for all during this time of COVID 19 really means improved health for all North Carolina
04/16/2020 09:00 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working	Karen Sindelar	The State needs to start working now to allow voting to more easily be done by mail and to allow online registration. Who knows what our situation will be come October and November? We could be in Round 2 of the COVID pandemic. Absentee ballots are not a solution. I voted absentee once and it was so hard and such a hassle. Thanks for

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	Group		considering these comments.
04/16/2020 09:01 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Crismely Grabowski	Do not re open NC until cleared by scientists!! We need to be smart about this. If we try and go back to normal too soon, another wave will hit and we'll just be back on the same boat!!
04/16/2020 09:01 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms Marcia Ausband	Open NC ... Stop killing us slowly with YOUR virus.
04/16/2020 09:01 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Jo Page Sicz	Asking the General Assembly to step in before Cooper totally destroys North Carolina. There's NO REASON people can't start easing back into a normal life. Help us, please.
04/16/2020 09:02 PM	Health Care Working Group	harlene Maxwell	Health care working group: Please expand Medicaid. Improved healthcare for all during this time of COVID 19 really means improved health for all North Carolinians.
04/16/2020 09:02 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Shannon Brooks	Governor Cooper, I am asking that you begin to open our businesses beginning May 1. A smart and safe approach is necessary to begin to restart our economy. Please consider the dire situation business owners and workers are in as compared to the very small and under estimated the Covid infections have turned out to be. Respectfully, Shannon Brooks
04/16/2020 09:03 PM	Education Working Group	Alyssa Sinyard	Reopen NC!
04/16/2020 09:03 PM	Health Care Working Group	Mrs Christina Brooks	PLEASE REOPEN NC!! Your constituents are demanding a reopen of NC and failing to comply with what the people of NC are begging for is unacceptable as an elected official. Gov. Cooper, I had planned to vote for you this fall and based on these actions, I'm not only appalled that you are not allowing our state to return to work with such low numbers but the fact that you are now aware and allowing citizens amended civil rights to be trampled is too much to bare. I'm ashamed of how we are handing this, Sir. We can and we MUST DO BETTER. The individuals who are immune compromised care more for their health and well-being than you or anyone else, they will opt to stay home. Those of us who are strong, healthy and WILLING need to return to work. HEAR US PLEASE! We feel Desperate and our messages are becoming louder and more desperate because we know you're hearing us yet choosing to ignore us. Like a toddler who's say "daddy, daddy, daddy" but is continuing to be ignored, we won't be ignored. Why don't you do this- ASK THE NC PUBLIC WHAT WE WANT! Ask us, we are telling you!! You don't have to carry the weight of this decision alone because we're trying to make it for you if you would LISTEN!!!!
04/16/2020 09:03 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mr. Charles Penny	Dear North Carolina General Assembly,  As a citizen of the US and a resident of North Carolina who stands for the constitution and the bill of rights (both state and federal), I sincerely demand that the US be reopened immediately. The coronavirus is not a reasonable concern, and the economic damage being inflicted on us along with the revocation of our freedoms are intolerable.  Sincerely,  Charles Penny



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04/16/2020 09:04 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Mike Oranchak	It's time to put a stop to this craziness the people of this state help to pay your salary. If these businesses continue on this path you can kiss that sweet job goodbye,this is a country of the people by the people for the people.
04/16/2020 09:04 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	harlene Maxwell	Continuity of State Operations Working Group: North Carolina needs vote by mail to be instituted now, in time for the November election. Our democracy and free and fair elections are at stake; we should not have to risk our lives to vote in the United States of America. It is REALLY important that each of us here take a moment to make our voices heard and send a comment in about the need to protect public health and keep stay-at-home orders in place (if not extend them), because without the public's health, there is no economy. That's how things actually work. And about Vote by Mail.
04/16/2020 09:04 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Brandon Kimbrough	North Carolina's businesses and workers cannot afford to keep shut down. The tax payers cannot keep footing the bill for workers who could be working, but instead are collecting unemployment. At the rate we're going, these measures will send us into a depression as many small businesses may never reopen with these measures in place. It is time for NC to reopen all businesses that can support social distancing measures, with plans to reopen all businesses clearly laid out.
04/16/2020 09:06 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Ms Margaret Parrott	I am writing this to voice my opinion of how Governor Cooper is handling the Corona Virus situation. He is taking our state further down into economic failure. Please consider taking him to task over his non action. Someone has to have common sense. Our small businesses are suffering and people are very dissatisfied and distraught. Plus he is stepping all over the Bill of Rights. It seems the constitution is not important anymore. Democrats Rule. Thank you Margaret Parrott
04/16/2020 09:11 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Dawn	NC needs to be reopened. Our economy and way of life is dying and government does not seem to care. People cannot feed their families. Businesses are permanently closing. This is happening as elected officials sit and do nothing but use COVID-19 as a way to control people and try to transition into socialism. Not going to happen. Reopen NC. This "cure" is worse than the sickness.
04/16/2020 09:12 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Karen Sindelar	Our state needs to follow the advice of medical professionals and especially epidemiologists in deciding when and how to "reopen" the economy. To reopen the economy safely, and not unleash an even larger spike of COVID infections than we have now, we need free and available testing and perhaps as many as a thousand times the number of tests we now have available. It's clear that people can have COVID and not show symptoms. Testing must be available to identify infectious people early. We also need for unemployment benefits to be expanded so workers can be taken off their jobs if sick, and still get their same pay as before, through unemployment. We need to take away any incentive for workers sick with COVID to stay on the job. The federal unemployment payments might have this effect now but they will disappear July 31.
04/16/2020 09:12 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working	Mrs Christina Brooks	Since this drop tab is broad and I'm unsure of the names of whom I'm addressing let me simply say this: Dear elected officials, PLEASE HEAR THE VOICES OF YOUR CONSTITUENTS! Please REOPEN NC and allow the healthy, strong and willing to return to work, the ones worried for their health will stay home because they care about living more

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	Group		than you care for them living, but that's THEIR choice to make. Body and medical autonomy extends to the confines of our homes and even "executive orders". Please, REOPEN NC. This is much more deadly due to the economy and quality of life repercussions than the virus itself. Please hear us!
04/16/2020 09:13 PM	Health Care Working Group	Ang Anton	RE-OPEN NC! You cant replace a Virus that's deadly to "some people" With a Vaccine that's ALSO deadly to "some people"  No vaccine mandates. No mandatory testing  DO NOT LET FEAR DICTATE POLICY.
04/16/2020 09:13 PM	Economic Support Working Group	County by county reopen Albert Steed	With the CDC guidelines now showing a pathway per phase we need you to take action. N.C. ranks 39th out of 50 states in death per 1 million from Covid. It is time to allow each county to start working towards phase 1 while the population dense hotspots slow roll if needed
04/16/2020 09:13 PM	Health Care Working Group	Mrs Melinda Garrison	Please reopen NC! It is not good for people's mental health to be isolated this long and living in fear.
04/16/2020 09:13 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Ryan	I need you guys to reopen North Carolina so we can get back to our lives. And stop using this covid-19 to scare people and taking are rights away. Put an end to this now.
04/16/2020 09:13 PM	Education Working Group	Mrs. Amanda Cooks	Please do not reopen the state until health experts and doctors have determined it to be safe. We know from past pandemics that ceasing social distancing too soon can lead to second and third waves of illness that can overwhelm our healthcare system. I personally will not be sending my children back to school, whether or not it reopens, until I am convinced that the most knowledgeable minds have determined it to be safe.
04/16/2020 09:14 PM	Health Care Working Group	Please Reopen NC Vicki Suggs	Please stop quarantining the healthy! It's effecting all aspects of our health care system for all Americans. I'm a registered nurse case manager and I have countless patients that are unable to receive care they need due to the covid panic. Many of my patients have had delayed care, some to the point that it's been life threatening. I lost a heart patient that could not have a heart procedure scheduled in time, resulting in death. Many have had their cancer treatments postponed and even delayed. A friend's much needed colonoscopy which was delayed, for a month, revealed stage 3 colon cancer and to date, he's yet to have proper follow up and yet to see oncology for his treatment plan all because of the covid panic, and as he waits, his cancer remains and continues to spread. Also many people are terrified and avoid going to the ER because of the fear/panic of Covid and many are having heart attacks because of not going to be seen. Many are unable to see their primary care doctors because they're screening so tightly and telling people to call back at a later time. Those that go to the ER are turned away unless they are dying, and are turned away and told to follow up with their PCP, and so the cycle continues. My aunt who had dementia was in a nursing home. Because family could not visit, she became very depressed because of isolation. It was so severe that she gave up and died, we buried her last Friday with no family or friends to offer love and support. There are

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			<p>many people dying and it's not just from the covid virus. I haven't even discussed the suicides and the drug/alcohol addiction population. I help minister in our Celebrate Recovery at my church and many people are suffering from not being allowed to participate in our meetings. I also have a special needs child whom I've been restricted to see because of the covid panic. This has caused severe mental anguish for him and me, all because of the covid panic. If my numbers are correct, our covid deaths are under 150 and yet by closing our state it is causing far more damage than the covid virus ever will. And I haven't even mentioned the death it's causing for our small business owners and our economy.</p> <p>Please hear our cries and lift these restrictions that are taking our freedoms and liberties away. I understand wanting to make sure our hospitals were not overwhelmed, and that was smart...but they are not overwhelmed now and in fact, I have nurse friends and others in the medical field that have lost their jobs because our hospitals are empty. It's time to only quarantine the high risk, the elderly and those with comorbidities, and allow the healthy and great people of NC to go back to work, to our churches and our lives. Thanks, Vicki Suggs</p>
04/16/2020 09:15 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Lisa Danowski	NC needs to work now!
04/16/2020 09:15 PM	Health Care Working Group	Mr John Wheeler	RE-OPEN NC
04/16/2020 09:16 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr. Nathan DiBagno	<p>We need to re-open North Carolina before there is a tremendous amount of devastation. The models do not show that the hospitals will be overwhelmed, and North Carolina is much more rural than New York City and Milan and is just not hit nearly as hard. Continuing to keep the state shut down much longer is going to cause a lot of ruin and devastation. Mental illnesses, suicides, domestic abuse, and much more will increase. Instead, reopening and allowing people to earn a living will help. Those who are vulnerable will quarantine themselves. Those who are younger and healthier need to get back to work. Most small businesses did not receive anything from the Paycheck Protection Program and are hanging on by a thread. Failing to re-open North Carolina will destroy so many lives and even results in more deaths if we don't re-open as soon as possible.</p>
04/16/2020 09:16 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Corona virus Shawn Eskew	Please reopen north Carolina
04/16/2020 09:17 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mrs Kimberly Miskiewicz	Reopen NC
04/16/2020 09:17 PM	Health Care Working Group	Amelia Nemeth	<p>Extend Stay-at-Home order through May 15!</p> <p>Believe the science &amp; the experiences of Asian &amp; European countries. Without a vaccine, it is impossible to completely eliminate transmitting this virus.</p>

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			<p>The longer we can minimize inter-personal contact, the more we can "flatten the curve", and the curve will be flatter for the inevitable increase when we begin to return to "normal" routines.</p> <p>Please also mandate wearing masks in stores, restaurants, and work places. Mask wearing is not for you - it's for the other person!</p> <p>THE LIFE YOU SAVE BY SOCIAL DISTANCING MAY BE YOUR OWN!</p>
04/16/2020 09:17 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Lisa Keel	The NC economy needs to be opened back up. The hospitals are half empty, people are being laid off and the surge of covid-19 cases never came. Too many small business owners will lose their businesses and never be able to start another one.
04/16/2020 09:17 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Nancy Ratliff	Time to look at the "real" numbers, not crazy models and projections that have proved inaccurate! This is never going away and there will never be a vaccine that everyone will accept so its time to let the natural herd immunity start building!!
04/16/2020 09:18 PM	Health Care Working Group	Mr Jim Barr	I prefer dangerous freedom over peaceful slavery.
04/16/2020 09:19 PM	Health Care Working Group	Me Everette Sadler	Hello, this virus has a cure and it needs to be administered! The state needs to be reopened now. many folks are hurting and not eating because they have no funds due to no work. How many people are you going to sacrifice to keep someone from getting a virus that is totally curable. If this state does not reopen then it's for strictly political reasons! Open it now!
04/16/2020 09:19 PM	Health Care Working Group	Ms Karen Fields	Respectfully, open NC. We are not children and can manage our health with out the government.
04/16/2020 09:20 PM	Education Working Group	Miriam Naef	It's time to open up N C and get the people back to work.
04/16/2020 09:20 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr. Alan Hilton	Please 're- open North Carolina beginning May 1st. Let the people be responsible for our own health. We need to restart our economy immediately. Thank you for your consideration
04/16/2020 09:21 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Jerry Perillo	I believe we have enough information and wisdom to manage the incremental (if necessary) re-opening of businesses and eliminating many of the current crippling restrictions. I am in the "at risk" age category but healthy and work in an essential business. People are using common sense approaches to protect themselves and others. There will always be some who risk their own lives and others. We cannot, (and many will not), live in a bubble not of their own choosing. The less hope they have, or the farther away the goal is, the greater the dissonance will become. Humans are social beings and eventually will simply seek to fulfill the subliminal desire to interact together in a human, not digital, environment. Start the process slowly, but start!
04/16/2020 09:21 PM	Health Care Working Group	Ms Sally Brown	Enough already. End this madness. My business is ESSENTIAL to our family. Lift the stat orders. And NO mandatory vaccine.
04/16/2020 09:22 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Tracie Adams	Open NC May 1st, small business owners are suffering as is our economy. It's time to reopen while protecting the vulnerable.
04/16/2020 09:22 PM	Economic Support	Mister Jorge Caraballo	Plain and simple, Re-Open NC.

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	Working Group		<p>Closing businesses and schools was not done during the H1N1 or the Avian Flu, or any other flu since the discovery of medicines like anti-boitics. Although, corona/COVID-19 is a virus, there are medications now that can treat the symptoms, just like during any other year's flu season.</p> <p>We are not a socialist Country or State. We will not abide by your prevalent overreach of our Civil and Constitutional rights.</p>
04/16/2020 09:24 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mark Fielding	Please open our state back up. Our small businesses are suffering.
04/16/2020 09:24 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mr. Joseph Walker	I am requesting that the NC legislature demand that Gov. Cooper lift his lockdown on our State! He is crippling our economy and our citizens!
04/16/2020 09:24 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Eric Harris	We need to reopen this economy. The people of this state need to open their businesses and try to support their families.
04/16/2020 09:24 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Open NC! Jodi Riddleberger	You are hurting NC citizens by continuing this shut down! Open up NC for those who want to do business. People who want to self quarantine should be allowed to do so, but the rest of us need to go back to work!
04/16/2020 09:24 PM	Health Care Working Group	Miss Samantha Zucker	Stop the overreach. Open NC. My landlord needs his rent because his bank needs their loan payment. \$1200 doesn't cover my business' rent , my house payment, my groceries and all of my utilities. I need to work.
04/16/2020 09:24 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr. Matt Masencup	Please reopen the state, the government and the economy. This has been a large scale overreaction to a serious problem, but not a problem with the severity to shutdown every state, county, city and municipality throughout the entire country. Let's get people back to work, kids back to school and travel throughout our country back to the way it was.
04/16/2020 09:25 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Open up NC now Megan Walton	Open up NC now!
04/16/2020 09:26 PM	Economic Support Working Group	William Webb	Open up the state of NC. Lets get back to work using a smart organized plan. Apply all the currently observed social distance and PPE as the people see fit. But get this state economy going again. I need to wash and sanitize my hands.
04/16/2020 09:27 PM	Education Working Group	Mrs Jill Savoye	Open NC on May 1! Let all those who are healthy, willing and able to enter into the work system again. Open schools on May 18. Look at the numbers!
04/16/2020 09:27 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Christina Blackburn	We need to reopen NC on May first. The goal of the shutdown was to keep the healthcare system from not getting overwhelmed. This is being accomplished. Encourage people to keep using masks, avoid large crowds and wash hands thoroughly. The virus is going to circulate. We need to achieve herd immunity to protect the vulnerable. The longer we shelter in place the longer it will take to achieve.
04/16/2020 09:27 PM	Economic Support	K. Brown	I am advocating the opening of our fragile economy by putting people back to work ASAP

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	Working Group		in all sectors of business. Requiring masks during this time in certain industries such as handling food, hospitals, nursing homes, medical visits, etc. Wearing masks should be encouraged for all people but not required except in the certain industries. All businesses and all schools should require all employees/students/staff to have their temperature taken before the start of work/class. If they have a fever they should be required to go home. Educate the importance of good hygiene and respecting distance boundaries when in public places. There should be absolutely no limitations on church gatherings. There should be no restrictions on family visits. Large public gatherings such as concerts, sporting events, conventions, social event gatherings, etc. should be eased into at a slower rate as things improve over time and testing becomes more readily available. Thank you.
04/16/2020 09:27 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Chris Mason	This state has a low count and hospitals aren't overwhelmed. Social distancing guidelines can be put in place and the state can open back up for business. People's life are being ruined.
04/16/2020 09:28 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Donna Bissette	Please do not make decisions about reopening the state based on small, loud, uninformed factions of society. Make decisions based on science and sound medical advice. My family and yours are depending on you to do the right thing.
04/16/2020 09:29 PM	Economic Support Working Group	J Wills	Governor Cooper, can we please use common sense measures and open businesses up so families can support themselves. Can we ask people at high risk to shelter in place so the healthy can keep NC functioning. Can we ask that if you are able to work from home, please do. we MUST get our state back to work. Thank You!
04/16/2020 09:29 PM	Health Care Working Group	Ms Amanda Cooper	We need to ask the question WHEN did the actual virus hit USA! IF it was in the USA in November, the CDC statistics show thousands of "other" respiratory infections other than flu, then we don't need social distancing and we can get back to work. If we investigated and found those numbers to be factual, this would ALL be over. If there is another "agenda" like tracking, microchipping, and mandatory vaccinations, you are playing the American people for fools and you should reflect on why you are in politics. For the people by the people. Do the right thing!
04/16/2020 09:29 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Open Jon Doe	Open the state back up and salvage or economy you dumbasses.
04/16/2020 09:29 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Reopen NC Tanita Wright	Please allow us to reopen! At this rate I will loose my business! Small bars need to be open! People need normalcy. Quarentin the sick not the healthy!
04/16/2020 09:30 PM	Economic Support Working Group	A D	Open NC
04/16/2020 09:30 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Melissa Urquhart	At this point in time it is clear that while some areas have seen large numbers of cases the overall projections have been extremely overstated. At this point in time we need to consider the detrimental impact keeping NC closed down will have on people. With the loss of jobs income and retirement accounts dwindling North Carolinians will suffer abuse, alcoholism, suicide, loss of home and more. At some point people have to take



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			responsibility for themselves. Opening three state doesn't mean those at risk or who are concerned can still isolate if they feel necessary. You have got to take action now to open up NC and get the economy going again!
04/16/2020 09:30 PM	Health Care Working Group	Donna Bisette	The health care issues we are facing during the Covid 19 crisis should make it clear that we need more accessible health care for all. Make Medicare more accessible even after this crisis has passed.
04/16/2020 09:32 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Donna Bisette	Vote by Mail needs to be set in motion in North Carolina now for the November election. We should not have to risk our lives to exercise our right to vote.
04/16/2020 09:32 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Owner Jon Potter	Open NC now!! Our state will collapse financially soon if we do not open back up. We can do it without spread of this virus!
04/16/2020 09:33 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mr. Steve Savoye	We need to open this state and this country. The cure can't be worse than the virus. People that are at risk should keep safe, but the rest need to get to work. This is ridiculous. 99% have no issues. 99% of those who die have serious preexisting conditions and are old. More people die from the flu. Statistics are skewed as they are counting all deaths they can as covid related. Enough is enough, end this silliness.
04/16/2020 09:33 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Reopen NC April Browne	COVID-19....Please reopen NC asap. This isn't going away anytime soon....are we going to stay shut down indefinitely?!? This is absurd! We need to deal w this head on and keep our economy going strong. Thank you!
04/16/2020 09:33 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Reopen nc David Tollett	Reopen nc now. This is nothing but a political ploy to ruin small business. You will be voted out in Nov.
04/16/2020 09:34 PM	Economic Support Working Group	President Ed Kuhlenkamp	It is time to get North Carolina back to work. The past few weeks have been an exercise in government insanity. The financial destruction is absolutely unacceptable and totally irresponsible.
04/16/2020 09:34 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms Julee Snyder	As a massage therapist and independent contractor, I fall outside of unemployment benefits. The SBA EIDL advance has been reduced from \$10k (2 months salary) to \$1k and the PPP funds have run out. What is the state prepared to do for people like myself?
04/16/2020 09:35 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Michael Johnson	Reopen NC
04/16/2020 09:35 PM	Health Care Working Group	Cindi Lang	Please err on the side of caution! Keep the quarantine in effect for as long as there is any doubt. Repeating this due to early release would be most unfortunate for all.
04/16/2020 09:35 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mike Duncan	NC needs to be open. Small business is the majority of the state's economy. My reupholstering business is usually slammed with work this time of year. Just 3 calls in a month. I couldn't get supplies if I had requests due to fabric stores and material supply manufacturers closed. People livelihoods and freedoms are being decimated. Be surgical and smart. Have high risk protected. Let the rest of us work. I have a wife and 4 kids. I

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			need to work. Wake up and open up. The cure is worse than the disease.
04/16/2020 09:36 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Re-Open OUR STATE Taylor Keith	Read the constitution!  Get your hands off our liberty! People can choose to stay home just as easily as you elected representatives can back off our RIGHT TO WORK!
04/16/2020 09:36 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Dr. Amber Jackson	It is past time to get the economy back up and running. Please rescind the stay in home order in NC.
04/16/2020 09:37 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Wendy Megyese	As a small business owner I had to lay off 7 out of 9 of my employees who have yet to see any unemployment checks. They would much rather be working and can do so while following strict sanitary protocol but instead they have been forced to sit at home and wait for a handout. Uncuff us and allow us to serve the community we live in and love
04/16/2020 09:38 PM	Health Care Working Group	Re open NC Deanna Fishel	Please Sir re-open this state before we cross a line from which we can't recover
04/16/2020 09:38 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Reopen NC Dana	Please reopen NC on 4/30. Our economy needs to get back on track... implement precautions & quarantines for the vulnerable & start reopening for the younger working class. Thank you!!
04/16/2020 09:38 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Ms Julee Snyder	What are you doing to put pressure on the federal government to supply PPE to health workers? What about Covid-19 tests and anti-body tests? We are operating in the dark without appropriate equipment. It's unconscionable.
04/16/2020 09:39 PM	Education Working Group	Janet Hayes	Reopen North Carolina by May first. The economic damage will be far more severe than the true health concerns in the long run. We the citizens of NC are fully aware of the 'dangers' of this covid virus, and are equally capable and aware of the necessary precautions. Our Constitutional rights have been violated by this narrative of "protection." It is past time to represent the people of this state and understand May 1, 2020 is a critical date to turn things around in our state! Moving forward, NC's educational systems and ALL businesses need to return to normal functioning for the sake of our families!
04/16/2020 09:39 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Rhonda Benton	May 1 needs to be the day that we start phase 1 of opening up our state. At this point, the hospitals are laying off healthcare workers because they don't have patients meaning we are nowhere near flooding the hospitals. We can't stay locked up forever. This virus is here to stay and it's time we learn to live with it.
04/16/2020 09:40 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Reopen NC!!!! Elizabeth Giles	Reopen NC now!!
04/16/2020 09:41 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Karen Littlefield	Please reopen businesses! Enough!
04/16/2020 09:42 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Tabatha Apple	Please reopen NC. Many business will not be able to reopen due to lost income. These individuals need income for their families and we need it for economy of our State.

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04/16/2020 09:44 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Reopen North Carolina John Blackburn	We need to reopen North Carolina. If a grocery store or restaurants doing takeout can safely and at low risk operate through limiting people allowed in at a time, so can any other retail store. Shelter in place has helped reduce initial strain on hospitals, it will not eliminate this virus. Healthy people need to be allowed to get antibodies while those at risk can shop and do essential business at selected times and stay safe at home. Our economy will be in ruins with a prolonged shut down. The 2 options are a strategic reopening or waiting 12-18 months for a vaccine, our economy and our jobs cannot survive for months like this. There is less than a 1% chance of a healthy person dying this virus, I believe most people will take that chance in order to keep their job, pay their mortgage, keep their home, and provide for their families Please reopen our state.
04/16/2020 09:44 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mr. Tyler Englin	This is bullshit, my fiancé is laid off and now making me go in debt!!! I'm working and do not make enough to pay everything. We have rights and they are being taken from us. We have a right to earn income and y'all are taking it away along with these curfew laws. Shit I can't even walk in a grocery store without being told how to walk through it with lines. The people are not stupid and know how to social distance. We don't need some dumbass Democrat to tell us how. If we don't see this state open back up soon and stop taking our rights away America will rebel and it will be another civil war and the only people to cause it is the governor. Us as Americans our 3 plus times the military and won't be told how to live.
04/16/2020 09:44 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Stephanie Martin	Please reopen North Carolina on April 30th. Everyone in NC is depending on you to step up and do the right thing. The stay at home order was to lower the curve. It was not meant to keep us at home indefinitely. As a business owner of an essential business, we have successfully put measures in place to protect our customers and our employees. Other businesses can follow suit. We can reopen with restrictions. Please give the citizens of this great state a chance to go back to work. Our economy and our people need you to make the right decision.
04/16/2020 09:44 PM	Health Care Working Group	Dr Robert Renjel	I am requesting that gyms and other fitness facilities be reopened. I work as a physician here in Raleigh (do not speak for my employer) but am witnessing my patients mental and physical health suffering bc of lack of access to such places. If they are opened, the facilities can limit the number of people in the gyms based on size and find ways to encourage social distancing (ex's. no group classes and spacing between cardio equipment). Thanks.
04/16/2020 09:45 PM	Health Care Working Group	Lisa Savage	Health care working group: Please expand Medicaid. Improved healthcare for all during this time of COVID 19 really means improved health for all North Carolinians.
04/16/2020 09:45 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Courtney Buchanan	I would just love to see things start to reopen, even just a little at a time. As a single parent with one income and being laid off due to the covid-19 and getting ZERO UNEMPLOYMENT for the last MONTH, something needs to give. We need help and we aren't getting it. So start reopening things to give people a chance not to lose everything.
04/16/2020 09:45 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ronald Apple Jr	I'd like to ask for you to reopen NC. People depend on the income for their families and with their businesses shut, it is hurting them. I worry many won't be able to reopen if we wait.
04/16/2020 09:45 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Jeff Christian	Open up on April 30th. The curve is flat, we've beaten the estimates, treatments and outcomes are getting better every day. Economic collapse will cause more death and destruction than Covid-19.

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04/16/2020 09:45 PM	Health Care Working Group	Barbara Baylor	I'm hoping cities and counties in NC will follow the guidelines for opening, outlined by President Trump and the health experts today. I'm a senior citizen and also have underlying health conditions, so I'm particularly interested in this issue.
04/16/2020 09:45 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mr. William Bowe	Open up businesses and stop this covid nonsense.
04/16/2020 09:46 PM	Economic Support Working Group	#reopen NC Susan Moss	It is time to reopen NC and reopen America. The only way we will knock this virus out is for healthy people to be exposed to it and build immunities to it. We have been patient long enough, it's time to reopen.
04/16/2020 09:46 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Lisa Savage	Continuity of State Operations Working Group: North Carolina needs vote by mail to be instituted now, in time for the November election. Our democracy and free and fair elections are at stake; we should not have to risk our lives to vote in elections.
04/16/2020 09:46 PM	Education Working Group	Dr. Dara Bloom	Please continue stay at home orders until we can flatten the curve and determine how to best move forward. I have a newborn at home, and ensuring his health and safety means erring on the side of caution.
04/16/2020 09:47 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Ed Nichols	To follow guidelines for a safe return to our economy and not follow the timid mind set of our Governor in this time of recovery.
04/16/2020 09:47 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Lisa Savage	Action Item!  Three comments to make on the NC legislature public comment page. Economic Support Working Group: Use medical advice and scientific evidence to make a plan to reopen NC; do not respond to loud voices of shadow groups (such as ReopenNC) making unscientific demands which will only increase death and suffering for all North Carolinians.
04/16/2020 09:47 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Kim Weatherstein	Re-open NC
04/16/2020 09:48 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Ms Tomee Howard	I urge and encourage North Carolina to approve voting by mail, especially for the November 2020 election. Given COVID-19 Pandemic, I think it is the only safe way to vote this year.
04/16/2020 09:49 PM	Economic Support Working Group	TAX PAYER Douglas Brewer	stop this stupidity/ with Copper making these decision/ is insane/ we can't continue this / AND YOUR REALLY STARTING TO PISS THE WORKING PEOPLE OFF/ WE WILL SEE COOPER ON NOVEMBER 3RD 2020/ AND SO HIM THE STREETS
04/16/2020 09:49 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Shari Huggett-Milton	Please reopen NC! The economy cannot sustain this level of isolation. In addition, we are perpetuating alcohol and drug abuse which will lead to more overdoses and deaths related to those issues. We already have more deaths related to that and suicide than covid 19. Are we not concerned about the health of those folks? Let's start the process of allowing businesses to so their jobs.

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04/16/2020 09:49 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Re-Open North Carolina! Brandon Frisby	Enough is enough! The people of North Carolina are ready to get back to work and take back their Constitutional rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. Mr. Cooper works for US. We are more than capable of making our own decisions, protecting our families, and practicing safe habits. We don't need a nanny state!
04/16/2020 09:50 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mr. Lake Speed Jr	<p>To Whom It May Concern,</p> <p>Like many Americans, we have dutifully complied with the stay at home orders, and it is encouraging to see these measures having a positive effect. However, the financial toll of these important and life saving measures is beginning to outweigh the benefits of the current level of restrictions. As such, I strongly urge you to consider allowing more businesses to reopen (while maintaining social distancing, face masks and proper hygiene).</p> <p>I understand and appreciate the health risks of easing the stay at home orders, but the financial risks to the citizens, businesses and government of NC is greater. Not every person exposed to SARS-CoV2 will suffer severe health consequences, but nearly everyone will suffer serious financial consequences. With that said, please don't extend the current orders beyond April 29th.</p> <p>Sincerely, Lake Speed, Jr.</p>
04/16/2020 09:50 PM	Health Care Working Group	Ms Rhonda Blake	Reopen nc
04/16/2020 09:50 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr. Chad Barker	Please allow all businesses to reopen. Every "non-essential" job was essential to the employee and their family. These rules are sending millions of North Carolinians into poverty, the impact of which is way worse than than any disease.
04/16/2020 09:51 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr David Alderman	Open the state! If you don't there will be no economy to restart soon!
04/16/2020 09:51 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mr Aaron McClellan	We need to open NC now. The cure can not be worse than the problem!!
04/16/2020 09:51 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Stephanie Holland	We need to get NC up and running again before small businesses won't be able to recover. Please don't play with the livelihoods and ultimately, the lives of your constituents. NC needs to be opened ASAP for the health and well being of EVERY person in the state.
04/16/2020 09:52 PM	Economic Support Working Group		REOPEN NC
04/16/2020 09:52 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Kim Pettit	<p>I Encourage the re-open of NC</p> <p>With guidance to business owners of how to add in proper social distance and cleaning precautions and those that are still able to shelter in, I believe the people of NC can do this together.</p>

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04/16/2020 09:53 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mary Zima	If this state doesn't open up soon you will see a lot of business owners boarding up. This country was not meant to be shut down. Are we going to shut down the country when the flu season arrives?
04/16/2020 09:53 PM	Education Working Group		It's time to open NC! Our small businesses are going to suffer the longer we are shut down. Everyone just needs to use precautions!
04/16/2020 09:54 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mark Blanton	Please reopen the state. Our small business and family are suffering. The COVID numbers were all wrong. We need to get back to work. Stop holding us hostage.
04/16/2020 09:55 PM	Education Working Group	Fref Cohn	Please cover the uninsured in our state by expanding Medicaid.
04/16/2020 09:55 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Tracie Beal	As a self employed hairstylist who is not able to draw unemployment, I need to open back up just to survive. I have a family to support and if I am not allowed to open back up soon, I will lose everything I have worked all my life for!
04/16/2020 09:57 PM	Health Care Working Group	Melinda Hullett	Please consider opening the state of NC. We are ready and responsible
04/16/2020 09:57 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ed Fowler	Please open our state back up! The small business and families are being strangled by you keeping our state closed.
04/16/2020 09:58 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group		#reopenNC
04/16/2020 09:59 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Jessica Cook	Please reopen NC  Hello, I'm calling today as a concerned North Carolina voter. I vehemently oppose the continued shutdown of our state and the Unconstitutional orders in place. The data does not support the actions taken by our state government. Enough is enough. As an American I have inalienable rights recognized by the Constitution granted by my Creator and these orders and arrests are in direct violation. We need to REOPEN NC now.
04/16/2020 09:59 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Open NC Joe Seawell	I urge the committee to allow business as usual to resume. Get the healthy NC citizens back to work while safeguarding our weak and vulnerable through smart suggestions for those establishments at risk (hospitals, rehab, and assisted living etc). Let us healthy low risk economic partners get NC commerce back on its feet!!
04/16/2020 09:59 PM	Economic Support Working Group	David Baucom	Reopen nc
04/16/2020 09:59 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Deborah Lohenitz	We need to Re-Open North Carolina! Small business can't afford the continued shut down!!!!
04/16/2020 10:01 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections &	Mr Vernon Johnson II	I'm requesting the governor immediately open our state up!!



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04/16/2020 10:01 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Jason Files	Our Governor has not only violated the Constitution, he has taught our future generations that fear and safety are more important than liberty. Open our state now and stop saying the New Normal. It's offensive to those of us that have fought for our freedoms on foreign soil.
04/16/2020 10:02 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Data and reopening Brandon Henricks	Based on the University of Washington data showing that we have moved past our peak without coming near the capacity of our healthcare system (which is great news), it is time to begin stepping back the restrictions on economic activity. If the restrictions are left in place for much longer, the long term damage done - including to public health due to negative effects of poverty - will greatly outweigh any actual or intended good that they may have achieved. Allow your citizens to live their lives as they are rightfully entitled.
04/16/2020 10:03 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Re open NC Stephanie Mason	Please Re-open NC. My husband and I own a small business that will not survive if we continue to stay closed. The money for the PPP ran out before our application was approved by 5/3 bank.Please allow people the option to go out or stay in. We have been on lock down long enough. We need to support our family which includes a 10month old and 3 year old little boy. Warm Regards, Stephanie Mason
04/16/2020 10:03 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms. Heather Bowen	The shelter in place is destroying the NC economy. We can lift restrictions and still stay safe by exercising social distancing. We must work to prevent the destruction of the NC families by causing widespread economic turmoil.
04/16/2020 10:03 PM	Health Care Working Group		Please reopen NC now.
04/16/2020 10:04 PM	Economic Support Working Group	REOPEN NC Laura White	Out door events companies though deemed not essential employe plenty of citizens of NC. They have been out of work with 0 income since November 2019. No qualifying for PPP loan because not essential. Now making decision to lay off all workers. We can't go a year and a half with no income. No company can survive that. Stop this fear campaign and give the people of NC their freedom and mental health back. Numbers don't lie. But y'all are.
04/16/2020 10:05 PM	Economic Support Working Group	End the Shut down!! Grady Gillenwater	End the shutdown! People are losing their business and millions are out of work. This cannot continue it is unsustainable!
04/16/2020 10:05 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Reopen NC Candace Brown	NC can be safely reopened. Maybe not exactly as it was prior to March, but with safety measures in place our people can go back to work and not lose everything they have worked so hard for. Our economy cannot sustain a stay at home order past April 2020. My family has been so incredibly fortunate to not have been economically impacted (my husband and I are essential workers and both of my daughters~college and high school aged were able to obtain employment in a grocery store when their restaurant jobs were temporarily eliminated), but so many in our community have been. As a FNS case manager I am seeing first hand how many people are in dire situations they have never been in and never imagined they would ever be in. We have gone from appx 30-50 applications for food and nutrition services per day to appx 200 applications per day. The vast majority are from people who have NEVER received services or have not received services in many, many years. The desperation and despair in the voices of my clients are

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			heartbreaking. Food stamps only go so far and for people who just one month ago were thriving it's not how they want to live long term. Please consider every option possible to get NC back to work as soon as possible. Allow counties to make decisions for themselves based on their specific situation. Thank you for your time and work to keep our great state safe physically and economically.
04/16/2020 10:05 PM	Economic Support Working Group	REOPEN NC Kessa Hawkins	In Craven County we have 1 death out of 100,000 people in county. PLEASE REOPEN NC Small businesses are drowning and after hurricane Florence New Bern has already been through an economic hardship
04/16/2020 10:05 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Reopen NC! Goers, Gretchen	Please consider reopening NC immediately! We need to restore individual freedoms.
04/16/2020 10:06 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Kristin McCora	Reopen our state!
04/16/2020 10:06 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Amy Jackson	"A sick economy produces sick people". More people are dying/going to die from suicide and mental health related illnesses than Covid-19, if we don't get our economy and businesses back up and running. Our state NEEDS to get back to work, for mental health and for our livelihoods. Don't make us dependent upon the government for our welfare. PLEASE let us do as our President has encouraged, and start opening our state back up! My husband's family has a five generation business, that cannot stay closed much longer. Our children's futures depend on it. We NEED to get back to work as soon as possible. If you continue to ignore the voice of the people on this matter, our voices WILL be heard in November.
04/16/2020 10:06 PM	Economic Support Working Group	How to decide Kim Jordan	Most people get their hair done. Not sure how the hairdresser community was thought of so little in this process. It is impossible to perform a service and maintain Social distancing. If we are to go back to work and required to wear masks and use gloves...where are these items to come from when the medical professionals can't even get what they need?
04/16/2020 10:06 PM	Health Care Working Group	Tara Smith	Re- Open NC.. massage therapist and salon and spa owner that need to get back to work and have 2 children that need to be back in the ballfield!!! lets move forward!!!
04/16/2020 10:06 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr. Christian O'Brien	We need to reopen ASAP! We do not have the numbers to justify the loss of local business and livelihood of our state!
04/16/2020 10:07 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Harry McCora	Reopen NC!
04/16/2020 10:07 PM	Education Working Group	Roger Smith	Open all NC business now.
04/16/2020 10:07 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ashley Stancil	We must reopen NC! Small business owners will NOT survive this. Several government initiatives have already run out and many did not receive funding. The sales tax revenue, self employment tax revenue, etc will not be coming in to our state budget - so what government programs and salaries will be cut as a result?
04/16/2020 10:07 PM	Health Care Working Group	Mrs Donna Griffin	Open NC Economy please. President Trump gave the guidance to start opening up America
04/16/2020 10:08 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr James Duncan	Open the State for all that want to work. People who are at risk, they can stay home.

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04/16/2020 10:08 PM	Health Care Working Group	Mr Morris Letsinger	Why don't you want people to have decent healthcare? Think of the cost savings to all citizens who buy health insurance or pay out of pocket. The cost of people going to the emergency room and often many times because that's the only healthcare they can get is paid for by increasing the prices for the rest of us. Please expand and save money and lives
04/16/2020 10:09 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Michael Wilson	As a small business owner it is frustrating to see the lack of thought in the full shutdown the state has implemented. We have bent the curve and prepared our hospitals now it is time to strategically reopen, protect our most vulnerable and get back to work. Hospitals need income, businesses need income and people need some semblance of life again. We are risking a collapse of the economy while not achieving a meaningful change in the long term mortality.
04/16/2020 10:09 PM	Health Care Working Group	michael hudson	NC business will reopen on May 1st, regardless of the Governor's Order. The question is whether the politicians wish to appear helpless when the people fail to obey their unconstitutional Orders, or whether they reopen the State and avoid appearing powerless.
04/16/2020 10:09 PM	Health Care Working Group	Expand Medicaid David Sokal	The covid-19 epidemic makes it obvious like we should have expanded medicaid years ago. Better late than never, please do it now.
04/16/2020 10:11 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	NC STAY SAFE Raine Morgan	The state needs to stay closed until a vaccine is found and our numbers go down.
04/16/2020 10:11 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Scott Patterson	Business owners need the state reopened for our communities and employees. Lift corona bans asap!
04/16/2020 10:11 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Photographer Angie Tucker	Reopen NC for our wellbeing,economically....no work bills are still coming due though....so many occupations are shutdown that could be up and running safely....things are up and running that need more safety cautions in place.....We need to get back to work....Reopen NC
04/16/2020 10:11 PM	Health Care Working Group	Pamela Durden	I want to encourage your support for the White House covid 19 task force's plan to reopen the economy. It is a sound strategy that can be implemented safely and as quickly as possible considering the safeguards. As a likely voter, it has my support. Thanks for your consideration.
04/16/2020 10:12 PM	Health Care Working Group	Nick Logsdon	Please reopen NC! People everywhere are hurting in many ways; financially, emotionally, physically. The cure should not be worse than the illness! We are America, land of the FREE!
04/16/2020 10:12 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr. Brian Hass	I am writing because I am very concerned about the effect that the economic shut down is having and will have on North Carolina and the nation in general. As an engineer for a large manufacturing company I have been extremely alarmed at the rate at which my company has taken drastic actions due to the loss of business. Before the shut down officially took effect my company announced that all pay increases were suspended. One week later, once the shut down became official my company let all temporary workers go and announced that all employees were taking a 5% pay cut. Here we are only two weeks later and it was announced that 20% of the workforce is being laid off - fortunately for me I was not cut in this round but many of my co-workers have not been so fortunate.

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			<p>We went from trying to keep up with orders, trying to find new engineers to hire and in less than 6 weeks the company is announcing massive layoffs.</p> <p>I have the distinct feeling that my company is not alone in taking these drastic actions. I also have the feeling that by the time the government gets the data showing the economic devastation wrought by this shut down and decides to take action, the patient will already be dead. We have never faced this kind of economic devastation at such an incredible rate. Don't be fooled, we are not going to face an economic slow down, we are going to face an economic BRICK WALL and there won't be any picking up the pieces because there will be nothing left to put back together.</p> <p>It is time to lift all restrictions and let America get back to work. If we are honest, the best-case result of this social isolation is slowing down the disease. Every honest report tells us that whoever is going to get sick will get sick, just at a slower pace. In the meantime, people's lives are being ruined, people are losing their life's work, people are losing their homes....</p> <p>There may be a small number of lives saved by "flattening the curve" but the cost will be a price that will result in more deaths and devastation to lives. PLEASE LET US GO BACK TO WORK!</p>
04/16/2020 10:12 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Unemployment Insurance David Sokal	<p>NC unemployment insurance is about the worst in the country. It needs fixing.</p> <p>Reopening the economy too quickly will overwhelm the health system, and the economy will do worse in the long run. We need to reopen slowly and carefully.</p>
04/16/2020 10:13 PM	Health Care Working Group	Mindy Martinez	The state needs to open up. Hospitals are empty in Charlotte! People are out and about and we need to work! If big stores can be open so should small business. Stay home if you want and let those who are healthy work!!
04/16/2020 10:14 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mrs Nicole Conder	<p>REOPEN NC</p> <p>REOPEN NC</p> <p>REOPEN NC</p> <p>ONE MORE TIME FOR THE PEOPLE IN THE BACK - REOPEN NC!!!</p>
04/16/2020 10:14 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Re-opening the economy David Sokal	We need to be careful to slowly and incrementally reopen the economy. Moving too fast will reignite the epidemic and overrun the health system.
04/16/2020 10:14 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr. Andrew DeBrecht	<p>I am very concerned about the economic damage that has, and continues to be inflicted on the employees and small business owners of our state. The state's role with this pandemic should be to provide guidelines for people to follow. An individual or business should be in the position to determine their own protections for their own health.</p> <p>Businesses should never have been forcibly shuttered in the first place. All businesses should be allowed to reopen. More importantly, the committee should move to strip further governors of the power to unilaterally shut down businesses. I don't think what our governor did is EVER justified. At the very least if there is an "emergency" it should require concurrence of our legislature. We should not allow, by law, the governor to act as a despot.</p>
04/16/2020 10:15 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections &	Mr James Conder	Reopen NC on May 1st!!

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04/16/2020 10:15 PM	Education Working Group	Mrs Tina Simms	I really need NC to consider at least partially re-opening our state. I am a small business owner of a local dance studio. We have tried online classes but have lost MANY students. This is my 8th successful year and this is killing us. My business will not sustain much longer. Please please consider opening with precautions or guidelines to follow, that we would be more than happy to follow. Thank you.
04/16/2020 10:15 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Joseph Carrick	Continue to be diligent in stopping toxic individuals infected with Covid-19 from entering our state.
04/16/2020 10:15 PM	Education Working Group	Lisa Adams	Please allow those who are susceptible to CV self-quarantine and let everyone else get back to work!!!
04/16/2020 10:15 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mr Richard Mcmillen	Reopen NC NOW!!!
04/16/2020 10:15 PM	Health Care Working Group	Ms Angela Redmond	No mandatory vaccines. Preserve body autonomy and liberty always!
04/16/2020 10:15 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Erin Daniel	I am concerned for the mental health of kids and teens. They need social interaction. They need to be with others. Please #reopenNC
04/16/2020 10:15 PM	Economic Support Working Group		Please reopen NC as soon as possible. The economic and mental health impacts far outweigh the threat of this flu virus. Keep educating citizens on proper hand washing and nutrition to keep them healthy.
04/16/2020 10:16 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Ms Linda Calvelli	Reopen NC now!!!
04/16/2020 10:16 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Ms Angela Calvelli	I want Roy Cooper to reopen the state on May 1st
04/16/2020 10:16 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr James Wycoff	My 40 year family business is failing fast because I get the products manufactured that I sale and ship across the US because of the shut down. ReOpen NC
04/16/2020 10:17 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Open up North Carolina! Jennifer Nunn	Dear Governor Cooper,  You were elected to be a leader. Many more lives in our state will be adversely affected if our state continues to have the heavy restrictions we've had due to fears related to a Covid-19. Please open NC up for business before our economy takes any more hits, and destabilizes our state even more. Be the leader NC deserves!

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04/16/2020 10:17 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mr James Conder	I want Roy Cooper to reopen the state and tennis courts in Wake County immediately.
04/16/2020 10:17 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Open North Carolina back Jay Tomes	I am a self-employed barber in Winston-Salem North Carolina. If I don't work I can't feed my family and pay my bills. Don't qualify for unemployment for a technicality, don't qualify for a small business loan, all I got was a \$1,200 to millis package which pays one month's mortgage on my home. My three sons are 11, 16, 17. My wife is in the real estate business and her office is closed. How do you expect me to provide for my family. Continually practiced sanitation, cleanliness, safety and best practices and go above and beyond with the State board of North Carolina Barber examiners requires of us. I use gloves I switch out every single customer and continually wipe down and clean every contact will surface in the barbershop. A barber shop is one of the most sanitary places you can be! I need to work to provide for my family and Governor Cooper's declaration is against our civil rights, our constitutional rights, and just plain human decency. If we can make it to November I will speak with my vote also!
04/16/2020 10:17 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ceo Jared Bonner	Every day that goes by that we are shut down this economy gets one step closer to full on recession and followed by that you can bet a depression will follow. this is unsustainable to keep the state closed it's also unprecedented we need to get back to work send North Carolina workers back to work!
04/16/2020 10:18 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Ms Andrea Pollock	I need to get back to work!! I want Cooper to reopen NC now!!
04/16/2020 10:18 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Wade Choate	Open up the State, by April 30th. The curve is flattened.
04/16/2020 10:18 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mr. Ryan Reed	REOPENNC. This is a joke. My wife is an RN in this state and they have hardly any patients at the 2nd largest hospital in NC. She has worked 3 days in 4 weeks. Small business and lives are being ruined. Stop keeping us down so that you can get more federal funds.
04/16/2020 10:18 PM	Health Care Working Group	Mr. Ryan Reed	REOPENNC. This is a joke. My wife is an RN in this state and they have hardly any patients at the 2nd largest hospital in NC. She has worked 3 days in 4 weeks. Small business and lives are being ruined. Stop keeping us down so that you can get more federal funds.
04/16/2020 10:18 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Voting David Sokal	<p>Please make sure that there's plenty of time for early voting, and lots of locations for early voting, and lots of alcohol hand sanitizer and testing of Voters temperatures to make in person voting very safe.</p> <p>Also, make sure there are no new barriers to voting by absentee ballot - make it as easy as possible.</p>



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04/16/2020 10:19 PM	Health Care Working Group	Mrs Emily Rouse	Please help facilitate safe options for everyone to work so we can reopenNC!
04/16/2020 10:19 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mr Brad Stoebig	I need to get back to work!! Reopen NC now!!
04/16/2020 10:19 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mr Deacon Conder	Reopen NC now!!!
04/16/2020 10:20 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mr Hudson Conder	Reopen NC now!!!
04/16/2020 10:20 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Eric Overcash	Reopen our state or there will be nothing for our citizens to come back to.
04/16/2020 10:20 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr. Ryan Reed	REOPENNC. This is a joke. My wife is an RN in this state and they have hardly any patients at the 2nd largest hospital in NC. She has worked 3 days in 4 weeks. Small business and lives are being ruined. Stop keeping us down so that you can get more federal funds.
04/16/2020 10:20 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Aubrey Jones	Resend the Stay at Home order immediately. The long-term damages to NC's businesses and families as a result of this dramatic overreach dramatically outweighs the impact of Covid-19.
04/16/2020 10:21 PM	Education Working Group	Mr. Ryan Reed	REOPENNC. This is a joke. My wife is an RN in this state and they have hardly any patients at the 2nd largest hospital in NC. She has worked 3 days in 4 weeks. Small business and lives are being ruined. Stop keeping us down so that you can get more federal funds.
04/16/2020 10:21 PM	Health Care Working Group	Reopen NC Colleen Karr	Please allow beaches and parks to open with social distances for recreation. Let retail open with 6 ft distancing and mandatory masks and out door restaurant seating with same restrictions
04/16/2020 10:21 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Ms Terri Hinder	I need to get back to work!!  Reopen NC!!
04/16/2020 10:21 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Tracy Smith	Please reopen our state.
04/16/2020 10:22 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections &	Mr Patrick Cooke	I want to get back to work!! Enough is enough!! Reopen NC

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04/16/2020 10:22 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr. carl hardy	Let the healthy people work ! Wear masks ! Social distancing, but allow people to work to support their families. Quarantine the sick and elderly to protect them but do not destroy our economy and livelihoods!
04/16/2020 10:22 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Sherry Kanoy	I work for a non-prophet. I don't know how long we can hold out. We've already had to cancel one of our main fundraisers. Please let us get businesses back open so that we can survive. We understand about social distancing and being careful with hand washing and hand sanitizer and mask. We can do that.
04/16/2020 10:22 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Owner Robert Hash	According to the White House briefing today North Carolina is a very low risk state. The people I know that have contracted the COVID-19 virus have experienced nothing more than flu and cold like symptoms and recovered quickly. The state shut that resulted from executive order 121 is killing the economy of our great state and frankly not warranted based on the health data available on the CDC website and the NC website. The state did a good job minimizing the effects of COVID-19 now it is time to revive our economy and population.
04/16/2020 10:22 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Jennifer Burleson	We need to open back up the state!
04/16/2020 10:22 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Ms Tara Stoffer	Reopen NC NOW!!
04/16/2020 10:23 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mr Peter Wayne	Reopen NC!! Enough is enough!!
04/16/2020 10:23 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mr Sam Aparo	Reopen NC!! We need to get back to work!!
04/16/2020 10:24 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Dan Murphy	Reopen NC! We need NC open and America need NC open for business!!!
04/16/2020 10:24 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mr Merrill Stanley	Enough with the SAH crap!! Get NC open again and back to work!!

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04/16/2020 10:24 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Markie Graham	We need to reopen NC. If we continue to keep our state closed our businesses are going to stay shut down. We can not afford to stay shut down any longer. Our economy is going to crap and this NEEDS to change. REOPEN NC
04/16/2020 10:25 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Davis Belas	Let the people vote, #ReopenNC
04/16/2020 10:25 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mr Christie Wood	Get NC back to work!! Reopen our state
04/16/2020 10:25 PM	Health Care Working Group	Reopen North Carolina	I am a one of many Nurses in the operating room whose hours have been drastically cut due to the elective surgery cancellations. Many of us don't qualify for unemployment benefits but are only working 16-8 hours compared to our normal 36+ hours a week. This has been going on for 3 weeks now and if we don't start reopen NC many of my colleagues won't be able to live off the hours were being given. We may start to be furloughed in the coming weeks if we don't start getting patients back into the hospital get the surgeries they want and need. For many patients these surgeries they're waiting to get impact their quality of life. Please consider starting to reopening NC safely.
04/16/2020 10:25 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mr Brian Mullins	I am a small business owner and demand Cooper reopen the state!!!
04/16/2020 10:26 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Reopen NC Kimberley Gokberk	Please start to reopen NC. You could have some people still working from home and have restaurants at half capacity but something needs to be done. You are destroying the economy and people's lives. You can not put people in a panic, not give them help, and think that you are doing the right thing. We have reached the predicted peak and yet health care workers are in furlough. I think you have done enough damage, please don't make it any worse.
04/16/2020 10:26 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr. Robbie Wilson	#ReOpenNC Every business is essential, and North Carolinians, as free people, can determine their own risks. ReOpen this state!
04/16/2020 10:27 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Ms Kara Delacour	I am a small business and demand Cooper reopen our state!!!
04/16/2020 10:27 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Ms Pam Outz	Reopen NC!! Enough with the SAH orders.
04/16/2020 10:28 PM	Continuity of State	Begin the opening	Models from Duke University are showing a peak even earlier than expected. Begin the

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	Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Marisa Schaefer	process of opening NC at the end of April.
04/16/2020 10:28 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Edwina Rothlesberg	While the "Stay home-Stay safe" rules are to protect us they do no good when we continue to allow "foreigners" from other states to enter North Carolina. The governor of the great state of Florida is on the right track by stopping and screening people entering his state from other states. Since Covid-19 is spread by humans we need to take greater steps to ensure people entering our state from other states are screened upon entry. If they are passing through on our interstate highways they should be asked to limit, by social distancing at the very least and make few stops within our borders. Also, people entering North Carolina through our airports and ports should be screened to ensure they are not bringing the virus with them. I realize asymptomatic citizens are difficult to determine if they are carrying the virus but one can determine if they are a risk by asking where their travels originated or where they have been recently.
04/16/2020 10:28 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Reopen nc Susan Haithcock	Open up already
04/16/2020 10:29 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mr Jeff Allen	I own my own business and am desperate to get back to work!! Reopen NC!
04/16/2020 10:29 PM	Health Care Working Group	Kathleen Hansen	Please consider re-opening North Carolina as soon as possible. The financial ramifications are far more serious than the virus. Numbers are being over inflated and deaths contributed to the virus that don't really belong. This has gone on long enough. Pkease think about ways to shelter those vulnerable and let the rest of theHealthy able-bodied people get back to earning a living.
04/16/2020 10:30 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mr Kevin Holland	Reopen NC!! I am a small business owner and demand Cooper reopen NC!!
04/16/2020 10:30 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Aaron Davis	As a small business owner in a rural area with low infection numbers, the shut downs by the state have all but destroyed my business, and nearly bankrupt me personally. The shut down needs to end, and the people allowed to use there own judgement to care for themselves and there loved ones. And for the vast majority of us that means going back to work and reopening our business without government restraint. Rest assured, the actions of our state government will not be forgotten come this November.
04/16/2020 10:31 PM	Economic Support Working Group	mrs Melissa Thomas	My small clothing boutique in south Charlotte has been closed a month -- I have \$50K of irrelevant inventory sitting in my store. Even IF we open May 1st the seasonal changes means the \$100K in lost sales is also a massive amount of inventory sitting in my store that should not be there -- you don't sell leather jackets, dark denim or sweaters in May. So how do I come up with the money to take my summer deliveries? This entire shutdown was a massive over-reaction. We've known for WEEKS the data was wrong and models

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			were off by 30 or 40 times -- not 30 or 40 percent -- 30 or 40 TIMES! Let that sink in and realize real people are getting hurt. Stop this nonsense NOW.
04/16/2020 10:31 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Ms Jocelyn Midgett	I own my own business and demand Cooper reopen NC!!
04/16/2020 10:33 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Tyler Singleton	Please reopen NC!!
04/16/2020 10:34 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Donna Guy	Open NC. Citizens can follow guidelines but need to go to work.
04/16/2020 10:36 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Holly Graves	Our constitutional rights are being violated by this illegal order. The people of this state are being irreparably harmed by the stay at home order. Our curve has flattened, we have cooperated, its time to open our state. Now. Not in a month. Now.
04/16/2020 10:36 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Steve Goodbar	Open NC today before the effects of being shut down get to be irreversible. Domestic violence and suicide will far out pace the covid19.
04/16/2020 10:37 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Open NC Christina Franks	reopen NC... Our economy needs for everyone to be able to open there doors and go back to work. People have the choice to stay home if they want and that is their choice.
04/16/2020 10:39 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Caroline Randall	Re-open NC! Those that feel they should still stay home have every right to do so. Others have every right and need, to make a living wage to provide food and housing for their families.
04/16/2020 10:39 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mayor Lance Olive	Allow all legal businesses in good standing with state and local government to open with voluntary participation in headcount restrictions. Suggest 25% of fire marshal max cap through end of May, then raise it to 50%, for Jun/Jul, 75% Aug/Sep, and 100% for Oct. Empower counties to impose cleaning requirements before and after customers, and among employees. Do not criminalize, nor enforce with sworn officers, non-compliance to these guidelines. Do enforce assault arrests on those who willfully and recklessly endanger others through direct contact, bodily fluid transfer or over-handling items (such as counter tops, shelf items, door handles, etc.).
04/16/2020 10:40 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Julie Legge	Please open the state. Our families are dependent on working again very soon.
04/16/2020 10:40 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Frank Williams	As a small business owner in NC that has been closed for over 30 days it is imperative that I open soon or I will have no business to reopen. I applied for unemployment but was denied because I retired 15 years ago from the Marines. This is unimaginable! What could my military retirement possibly have to do with unemployment since as an employer I pay unemployment taxes quarterly only to find out I'm ineligible to draw even in times of national crisis and mandatory business closure!

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			<p>This needs to be corrected and we need our businesses opened immediately!</p> <p>Major companies all over the country are closing locations that should tell anyone with common sense how grave this closure is for our smaller family owned and operated businesses.</p> <p>This citizens that are highly vulnerable to the virus can continue to stay at home while those of us that are healthy go back to work!</p> <p>Respectfully, Frank Williams</p>
04/16/2020 10:40 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mary Giebel	Reopen NC please!! The economy must be brought back. Our health will be fine if we just quarantine those at risk (elderly and immune-compromised). Thank you!
04/16/2020 10:41 PM	Health Care Working Group	Dr April Franklin	It is time to OPEN NC BACK UP!!! People need jobs. People do not deserve to lose their businesses over this. I am in healthcare and we are even losing jobs because the hospitals are so empty!!! It is completely irresponsible to purposefully ruin our state for your personal agenda.
04/16/2020 10:41 PM	Health Care Working Group	Mrs. Bethany Taylor	This is about lives vs. lives and hospitals are seeing an increase of admissions for overdoses. We already had a opioid crisis in our state before this pandemic and now we are just throwing gasoline on the fire. With the survival rate of Covid-19 at 98%, we need to concentrate on the lives of those battling depression and drug and alcohol addiction. We need to reopen North Carolina by May 1st!
04/16/2020 10:41 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Ms. Dorothy Freidt	Re open NC. We need to support our constitution. This is against our rights as Americans.
04/16/2020 10:41 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mr Brian Winning Jr	End this stay at home order immediately and remove the governor from office. This order was a knee jerk and illegal reaction to unreliable predictions which have now been proven completely unrealistic. There is no statistical difference in cases where a lockdown was used and not used. While you wait for a magical vaccine that at best will be 15% effective millions more will fall into poverty. You have ruined millions of lives and accomplished nothing, have some humility and end this.
04/16/2020 10:41 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Cheryl Hurst	It's time to let the small businesses to reopen if you want to have people be able to pay their taxes this year.
04/16/2020 10:42 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms. Kirsten Aymer	Thank you for keeping us safe by keeping us home until we have testing and tracing to protect us.
04/16/2020 10:42 PM	Economic Support Working Group	David Howard	Open the NC for business now.
04/16/2020 10:42 PM	Education Working Group	Mrs Margaret Wheeler	Please do not open. Extend
04/16/2020 10:43 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency	Amanda Hearh	Please reopen our state ASAP! We need to get back to work!



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	Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group		
04/16/2020 10:44 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Angelia Logan	Re- open NC
04/16/2020 10:44 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Matthew Finneran II	Reopen immediately. It was and remains unconstitutional to shut down the state in such a ridiculous manner. There is nothing to gain from creating an economic crisis. We the People are smart enough to handle the sanitation requirements necessary to go about our daily lives and keep this "pandemic" at bay.
04/16/2020 10:45 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Concerned Citizen Charlene Martin	The only time Constitutional rights should be suspended are during times of martial law, i.e. EXTREME emergencies. A virus that can be cured with vit c or hydrox is not an emergency. You need to quit with the political power grab and OPEN NC again. People need to eat and live. Welfare and unemployment are not the solution.
04/16/2020 10:46 PM	Economic Support Working Group	ReOpen NC Tonya Harrison	We need to Reopen our State and get people back to work! There is no way we can sustain businesses being closed down and not allowed to operate and expect our State to survive! Letting small businesses fail and workers losing jobs as we hide in our homes for an unknown amount of time is not acceptable. It's time to open the doors and get back to work!
04/16/2020 10:46 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mrs Paula Crotts	Please ReOpen NC ! The shutdown is hurting far more North Carolinians than helping. Please compare the stats of how many are suffering from unemployment and loss of revenue in their businesses compared to the very low stats of the ones affected by the virus. We are begging for your help. People are losing everything they need to survive. Please do not allow this shut down to go on. Thank you.
04/16/2020 10:47 PM	Health Care Working Group	Denise Edwards	Please open back up. We need to be able to work. People may still get sick but they will get sick whenever we open. Please don't crash our economy just to put off the inevitable.
04/16/2020 10:48 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Reopen NC Laura Reeves	Hello, I am voicing my concern over the state of our economy in NC. Please reopen the state May 1. We need to get back to work. I need to return to work to earn a living for my family. People are cautious for the most part and will wear masks, disinfect etc. But we need to reopen. Please do not keep our state shut down past the end of April. Sincerely Laura Reeves
04/16/2020 10:48 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Fran Hall	Please reopen businesses in NC no later than April 30, 2020. Those people with compromised health issues are already taking extra precautions. Guidelines have been laid out to help safely reopen. "Essential" often means different things to different people-- Example: Work Boots, due to essential job in warehouse setting, or replacing laptop because my old one died; I do not consider (for example) ABC store essential, but some do. Not all things can just be ordered online and we need to be able to go to the appropriate store/business to take care of needs. Thank you.
04/16/2020 10:49 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Miss Gaye D Crowther	We cannot maintain this current state of economic and emotional ruin. The shut down is hurting and is scary for all of us. We must reopen N.C.
04/16/2020 10:50 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr. James B. Smith	Please reopen NC for my coworkers children to go to school so she can get back to work to support putting food back on the table for her family. A lot of families are struggling.

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			The curve has been flattened and hospitals should be in good shape - they prepare for this and should keep tight restrictions in place in sensitive settings like hospitals and nursing homes. But rest of us need to MOVE.
04/16/2020 10:52 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Karen O'Leary	I believe that now is the time for a compromise. I don't believe we should reopen all of NC tomorrow. I don't believe we should continue "stay at home" into May, June, July. It is my understanding that the goal was to keep our hospitals from being overwhelmed. We have succeeded; NC hospitals are not overwhelmed. We should be proud of our efforts but now it is time to tell millions of hard working NC citizens that their livelihood matters as well. Yes, it will mean more positive cases and more deaths but illness and death are unfortunate parts of living in an imperfect world. As long as our hospitals can handle it, we should not let it ruin the NC economy. We have been largely shut down for five weeks now. Let it continue through the end of the month and then I believe it is time to start loosening restrictions. Do it gradually and continue to promote good hygiene and masks in public places. This is a hot button issue in both directions for many citizens, and there is no option that will lead to everyone being satisfied. So let's find a compromise.
04/16/2020 10:54 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Allene Perkins	Please re-open our state. Small business is the backbone of our economy. We can not afford to allow this to go on much longer. I appreciate the caution, but we need to make steps to re-open safely and soon!
04/16/2020 10:55 PM	Economic Support Working Group	John O'Brien	Enough is enough, things will continue to get worse not because of the disease but politics of it. If people wish to stay quarantined then that's their right but as an American it's my right to live free!
04/16/2020 10:55 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Christina Barksdale	We need to ReOpen NC. Small Business will not survive if we remain closed. Open our Businesses and Revive our Economy.
04/16/2020 10:55 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Business Owner Victoria Smith	It's time to open our state back up! We cannot continue to be shut down and expect to survive. Open NC!!
04/16/2020 10:59 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Garrett Smith	Re open NC you are killing every small business in the state, Zero deaths is not a reasonable goal!!!
04/16/2020 11:00 PM	Health Care Working Group	Mrs. Rhonda Baggett	Herd Immunity is what Dr. Shiva Ayyadursi is saying we need to be doing. This can be over in TWO WEEKS!!! Another doctor recommended it too. This is what we've always done with viruses. We need to stop the censorship and get back to work! Be Patriots, not tyrants.
04/16/2020 11:01 PM	Health Care Working Group	Dr Glenn Weckel	There is very little evidence/research that supports social distancing as being effective in stopping the further spread of a virus once it has already spread. Social distancing is only effective in early stages when it is still confined i.e, as in a single school district or confined to one town. Once it has spread to all major cities in all 50 states, there is little research that supports any effectiveness of social distancing...the virus will spread so DON'T destroy the economy
04/16/2020 11:02 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Lee-Ann Keen	Please, it is time to reopen our state.
04/16/2020 11:02 PM	Economic Support	Reopen NC Destinee	We need to get back to work. The government shouldn't decide what's essential or not.

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	Working Group	Smith	Those that want to shelter in place, let them. Those that want to work, let them.
04/16/2020 11:05 PM	Economic Support Working Group	ReopenNC Bo Sanderson	This shutdown of American workers and the "stay at home" orders of this state are COMPLETELY unconstitutional. The virus is being piggybacked as an excuse to infringe on the citizens rights and to silence the majority. Regardless of what is going on in the state or country our constitutional rights CANNOT be taken away. As "We the People" we have not only the right but the DUTY and OBLIGATION to stand up for our rights. And I will till the day I die. #ReopenNC
04/16/2020 11:05 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Jonathan	This is BS that the state is shut down. This virus is nothing more than a means of bankrupting the state.
04/16/2020 11:05 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Re-Open NC Joanne Weaver	Open NC!!!
04/16/2020 11:05 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mrs Patricia Hall	It's time to open our great state of North Carolina back up!! Families depend on the income of their businesses!! What are people supposed to do to survive this total breakdown in our economy? Enough is enough!! Get our state running again!! Now!!
04/16/2020 11:06 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Michael Helvey	It's time to reopen North Carolina businesses. Allow people that want to work to back to work. This shutdown is going to have more far reaching effects than the risk of the virus.
04/16/2020 11:07 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Johnny Harrold	Need to reopen NC-Seriously do you not realize that individuals who are traveling through NC from boarding states could just as easily bring CORVID19 to any of the shops that are open here now. By shutting down some of the businesses you are not controlling the virus, but are impacting the financial well being of this state. Open up the state and push practical common sense encouragement. If nothing else start opening the counties where there is little or no reports of the virus at all to use as a test run.
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04/16/2020 11:08 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Carolyn Parsons	Re-open North Carolina. We, the people of NC, will take necessary precautions.
04/16/2020 11:09 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. S DeLo	We need to reopen N.C. now. The end will not and does not justify the means! We are not willing to give up our freedom for a false sense of safety!
04/16/2020 11:09 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Donna Hamblin	It's time to REOPEN NC NOW! Our people need to get back to work. Everyone I know is ready. Nobody in my area (Iredell County) is affected by the Chinese CoronaVirus.
04/16/2020 11:10 PM	Economic Support	Jodi Giwoyna	Please reopen NC in May 1st. We are losing our small businesses!

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04/16/2020 11:10 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Voter Vann Lindwuist	We need to get workers in NC back to work so people like my Grandson can open his 10 business open and running full speed again.
04/16/2020 11:11 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Valori Gantt	We need to re open our state as planned at the end of the month. anyone that is vulnerable, can continue to isolate themselves. The harm of continuing to keep businesses from being open and employees from working is incredible. Thank you
04/16/2020 11:12 PM	Health Care Working Group	Angie Tanner	My essential healthcare job is in jeopardy of being laid off due to lack of work. My county only has 36 positive cases. We need our town opened back up.
04/16/2020 11:13 PM	Economic Support Working Group	ReOpen NC Laura Smith	You must REOPEN our economy. YOU are personally responsible for killing small business and families, NOT a virus. This is not sustainable. Stop this madness and Open NC!!
04/16/2020 11:14 PM	Economic Support Working Group	#reopennc Bobbi McDowell	I work in a small non-profit business and I am seeing the huge affect the shut downs are having on people. They have lost jobs, places to live, can't be with family, etc. It is time to reopen NC and allow people to be able to support themselves again.
04/16/2020 11:14 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Angela Bleckley	Hello, I am a small business owner in Western North Carolina and I am pleading with you to NOT extend your order of staying home after April 29th. Please allow us to go back to work. I own a one person(me) nail salon and that is half of our family's income. I applied to get unemployment only to be told I was ineligible, after it was said we were eligible as self employed business owners. So please, let us go back to work.
04/16/2020 11:15 PM	Education Working Group	Frank Fields	Open NC immediately
04/16/2020 11:16 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Mandy Cook	We need small businesses and self-employed citizens back to working NC. They are the backbone of the economy. My father is a self-employed barber in Iredell Co. He is the only working adult in the home. You must allow him the freedom to operate his business while using safe practices. He has worked his whole life to build his business and this unconstitutional shutdown is destroying it. Please do what is right and good for all of NC and reopen commerce.
04/16/2020 11:16 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Reopen NC Kandi Cirnwell	Please reopen NC and stop trying to take our Constitutional rights. We the people will not stop fighting for our freedoms. Let us get back to work and limit the damage of this shutdown. Thank you.
04/16/2020 11:16 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Caryn Scoggins	We must Reopen NC or the economic ramifications will be catastrophic. 30-50% of small businesses, the backbone of the economy will not recover.
04/16/2020 11:17 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mr Michael Warren	The continued stay at home and restrictions are counterproductive to the economic recovery of North Carolina. The vast majority of citizens are medically healthy and pose a reduced risk to themselves and others
04/16/2020 11:17 PM	Continuity of State	I support the	YOU CLOWNS!

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	Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	CONSTITUTION YOU NUT JOBS.	
04/16/2020 11:18 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Veronica Perry	PLEASE begin the process to reopen our state. We need to get back to work before our NC economy is ruined. The current numbers do not warrant a complete shut down any longer. Thank you!
04/16/2020 11:19 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Pam Crowson	We need to reopen May 1 as previously stated, no later!! If possible to reopen sooner that's even better but at least end this April 30th!
04/16/2020 11:19 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Bronwyn VanDerwerker	We need to go back to work in NC!! Reopen NC!!
04/16/2020 11:22 PM	Economic Support Working Group	ms. kathryn coons	Please reopen NC businesses. So many small and wonderful businesses will fail if this continues any longer. It's ridiculous to keep us closed down for nothing.
04/16/2020 11:23 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Me. Damon McNeese	We need to ease the "stay home" orders. People who are not high risk, and who do not have family members at high risk should be allowed to return to work. Social distance and hygiene protocols can be maintained without shutting down whole sectors of the economy.
04/16/2020 11:23 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms Jean Cronkhite	We need NC opened up ASAP. As a small business owner we will not make it much longer. We are 56 years old and have worked the last decade of our lives building our business and now it is slowly being taken away. We have no idea how we will ever retire as everything we have is now being sucked away. This is terrible for a virus that has had less affect on us as a nation than the common flu. PLEASE open NC for the sake of our economy and all the small businesses that are the backbone of this state. People will lose hope and never recover.
04/16/2020 11:24 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Reopen NC! Dana Sniadak	Open up our state and get our people back to work! This virus will kill more people from stress & anxiety, depression & loneliness! Open up the businesses, restaurants, and schools. This is unAmerican.
04/16/2020 11:24 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Bethel Wiley	<p>As the data begins to show clearly that COVID-19 is not as deadly as was first believed, that many more people have had it than have been tested, that it was here earlier than at first believed, and that the models grossly overstated the total number of deaths the US would experience, I am writing to ask you to reopen NC on April 29. Our hospitals are not overwhelmed. We have slowed the spread. We have flatten the curve. We have upheld our end of the bargain and given up soccer, orchestra, school events, church services, parties, vacations, and many things even more important to our lives and well-being. Employees are furloughed. Jobs are gone. Businesses are closing, many permanently.</p> <p>The housing market is suffering. My own family was in the middle of a big move due to a job change when this all began. My husband is living hours away from myself and our children, and as of now, we cannot show our house in Guilford County. The commissioners in Guilford gave us stricter guidelines than even the state and we have not been able to show our home. I am deeply concerned that the damage to the housing market- a huge driver of our economy- will be damaged for years to come. My family cannot afford to sell our home at a huge loss, and my family is in a better financial situation (with at least some savings) than many North Carolinians are. If it will affect us</p>

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			<p>this negatively, to what extent will it affect everyone else? Please consider those who do not have the security of a government job to rely on. Please put yourselves in the shoes of a regular citizen and consider the consequences your decisions are having on us.</p> <p>Please acknowledge the data. Allow North Carolinians to choose for themselves whether they are at risk and need to continue to stay at home. For the rest of us, let us begin to reassemble our lives which are now in shambles.</p> <p>This cannot go on much longer; there will be nothing left.</p> <p>Sincerely, A Very Concerned Citizen, Bethel Wiley Greensboro, NC</p>
04/16/2020 11:24 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Jeannette Bailey	Reopen NC small businesses! If big box and grocery stores can remain open then salon owners restaurants should be able to operate too! Salons can easily limit the number of clients at a time as can restaurants.
04/16/2020 11:24 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Andrew Swedberg	Open nc
04/16/2020 11:24 PM	Health Care Working Group	Mrs Kristen Hill	<p>As a social worker in my graduate level of clinical practice, I am observing the breakdown in many women, this not only applies to them. The mental capacity is at a brink as our President states suicides , drug abuse, child, and so forth will occur. In fact, I have heard through law enforcement most calls he is receiving is In reference to domestic violence. Just today my husband an "essential" worker's boss had to leave work for his wife's suicidal tendencies that are emerging once again, far worse than ever. Some women running the home not used to having their children full time while spouse is out of the home are immensely stressed. Lack there of the ability to create one's self care has come to a halt. The mental status of those who lost employment, or losing their small businesses is occurring. The American people , North Carolinians have done their part, but the breaking point is near and with logical worked out safety standards they need to return to work. The evolving society of what was, is no longer, justification of taking away the livelihood of others is outweighing Covid-19. It appears numbers are questionable? Look at Sweden as a reference point yes people have died and it is awful, but their herd immunity apparently is working to a degree. There is so much discussion on mental health and how we fix it, yet, lack there of, the silent death that you will be choosing for many if areas are not allowed to work for their livelihood, instead at the disparity of government and stalemates with the House. How pleasant to see Nancy Pelosi's ridiculously large refrigerator on Television discussing chocolate gets her through Covid-19 with her lavishly organized ice cream containers. Meanwhile speaking to a mother who has lost her job and her husbands she discussed they purchased Easter candy a few days later to celebrate after the holiday just to get it half off., and pray the unemployment check will show up. The people, are our everyday people that make this state and country are hurting mentally, emotionally, and now picking up habits that were not present prior. This silent disease of illness will equally do as much damage as the virus! I have faith that society is concerned enough to create healthier cleaner standards with slow integration, and precautions for workers. It should be time for them to decide</p>



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			among themselves if they want to work. My husband is immunosuppressed, and we are fortunate he is working and chooses to take the risk than the alternative, while using extra precautions. Are you getting a paycheck ? Think of the others that are not. It is time to go back to work for all , the economy, and create a cleaner healthy society, with self-awareness many I believe have learned.
04/16/2020 11:26 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Reopen NC!!! Christina Stack	This is becoming ridiculous! Reopen NC! You are doing so much more damage to our people than any virus could.
04/16/2020 11:28 PM	Economic Support Working Group		Can't wait to get to the polls and vote you out! Stand up for NC and it's people. It's your job and what you are currently getting a paycheck for. If other could only be so lucky.
			There are people who are perfectly willing to sit at home, because it is easy for them. They don't understand what is happening to the people they are making fun of - the ones who want to be able to pay their bills, keep their businesses, take care of their families, afford their insurance, etc. Life is different for these two groups. It is critical that North Carolina (and this country) get moving economically again and sooner rather than later. Instead of people being at odds over this subject, we should all do what is best for each of us. If you feel afraid - stay home. If you need to put your life back together - get out there and do it. This is America, afterall, we used to have the right to choose.
04/16/2020 11:30 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Cathrine Thomas	Open NC!! We've had few cases relative to our population, we need to get back to work! Unconstitutional, all of these mandates!
04/16/2020 11:30 PM	Economic Support Working Group	J. Matthew Stoltzfus	Thanks to all our Medical workers and frontline workers keeping things moving. We need to to get NC back to work. The idea behind the shut down was to flatten the curve. Just how flat is flat enough? With only 452 hospitalized today, I hope we are well below the number of beds needed across the state. How many beds do we have that are able to be used for covid-19? How many ventilators do we have at the ready? What was the projected number of beds that you were anticipating needing? When was our projected peak? Please help us understand the reasoning for the continued shut down by giving us the numbers that you are using to justify the continued shut down..
04/16/2020 11:32 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Gayle Schirillo	Gov Cooper. You need to reopen NC in the phases President Trump has suggested. We need to get businesses open, restaurants open and people back to work so that we can get our economy back. Our country cannot sustain this economic hit any longer. Yes lives were lost and I feel horrible for those suffering but with proper social distancing and masks and washing your hands I think that we can keep this coronavirus under control. You need to at least try it so that our country doesn't collapse.
04/16/2020 11:32 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms Tiffany Dunlap	This is ass backwards! The lack of forethought that went into these restrictions is atrocious. Good luck coming to the coast for your vacations when all the restaurants and bars are out of business. You don't quarantine well people! Let the vulnerable shelter if they choose & let us be free!
04/16/2020 11:33 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Lisa Penosky	It's time to #reopenNC ! This virus is not nearly as deadly as initially feared. We can take sensible precautions to protect the vulnerable, and start getting back to our lives. As it is, your definitions of what is "non-essential" is causing hardships . My disabled veteran husband needs new specialty shoes, but the store was ordered closed. Doctor

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			appointments he had been waiting on since October have been postponed indefinitely - they can't be done by telemedicine, and the longer the nerve damage goes on, the more likely it is to be permanent.
04/16/2020 11:33 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mrs. Latanya Wagner	<p>Please reopen North Carolina.</p> <p>Many people are lost jobs, small businesses are closing, many have bills they cannot pay because they can't work, many are unable to pay rent or their mortgage. Please overrule Governor Cooper and reopen the great state of North Carolina before our economy collapses. We can't live like this for an unknown perpetual time into the future. It's not doable.</p> <p>Please work to reopen this state before May 1.</p> <p>Thank you!</p>
04/16/2020 11:34 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Jimmy Wilson	Re-open NC! You have NO right to keep us shut down, what is being done to the hard working people of NC is what should be considered criminal.
04/16/2020 11:34 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mrs Laura Clodfelter	Open nc and help the people who have NO money coming in
04/16/2020 11:34 PM	Health Care Working Group	Crystal Cross	Please RE-OPEN NC!
04/16/2020 11:35 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Reopen nc! Angela Tomes	Please reopen nc! We need to get back to work now ! Or we won't have a job to go back to. Our kids need to go to school. Our seniors need graduation ceremonies ! You'd feel different if it were your job and your children! If you're sick, stay home! The elderly could stay at home or wear masks but let the rest of us get back to work. You are killing our economy and will not be voted Back In. Quit making this political and Open us up.
04/16/2020 11:37 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Ms Anette Powell	In regards to "opening" NC I feel restrictions are needed because people aren't following basic precautions when restrictions are in place. Lowe's/HD/Walmart/etc are busy. And people aren't wearing masks or standing six foot away. Boats link up on the lake. I want the state to get people back to work ASAP with testing so only healthy non-contagious people can go back to work. The virus is just too contagious. Should we get a cure for the virus then we can go back fully.
04/16/2020 11:37 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Teri Jones	Please reopen NC! Let us practice common sense and give us back our freedoms
04/16/2020 11:37 PM	Economic Support Working Group	James Patterson	I believe our state should responsibly start to open for business on May 1st. The economic damage may be such that too many don't survive this
04/16/2020 11:37 PM	Health Care Working Group	No Covid-19 Mandatory Vac Angela Trogdon	Mandatory vaccinations are not constitutional. Individuals have a right to bodily autonomy and healthcare choice. Vaccines carry risks - what is safe for one person is not for another - and where there is risk, there must be choice. Please uphold our medical freedoms!
04/16/2020 11:39 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr. Michael Gates	North Carolina has done a good job containing the virus. Now it is time to begin gradually opening up businesses and putting people back to work. There must be a timeline with

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			reasonable, measurable goals. We need to see a sense of urgency and focus from our leaders in protecting our rights to freedom and ways of earning a living. Seeing tangible actions from you now will go a long way towards maintaining our respect and preventing unintended consequences such as civil unrest and panic. Kind regards.
04/16/2020 11:40 PM	Health Care Working Group	NC Back to Work Tonia Oliver	Respectfully, we must get back to work WITH PRECAUTIONS as soon as practicable. I'm a frontline health care worker. I'm 60 years old. I can tell you that with hand washing, distancing and masks we can do this and get back to work. My background is healthcare and business. Two years ago, 61,000 Americans died of the flu according to the CDC. Did you get your flu vaccine? I'm not comparing it. I'm just saying that let's put it in perspective. We've had about 26,000 flu heaths this year. Now Covid-19. Were at 30,000 ish and I know for a fact that hospitals are using improper coding. If a patient is critically ill from other conditions they still get coded Covid -19 S cause of death and this is just wrong.
04/16/2020 11:40 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Kim Rogers	People need to get back to work. Bills can't be paid, unemployment not working and 1099 people don't qualify. How do you expect people to survive? Our rights have been taken for a virus that doesn't justify it. Open nc for business
04/16/2020 11:40 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Reopen Criteria Lana Witt	What exactly are the criteria needed in order for NC people to reopen their "nonessential" (yet essential to their family's income and community's commerce) businesses?
04/16/2020 11:42 PM	Health Care Working Group	Mrs. Angela Trogdon	No mandatory vaccines, especially not for Covid-19. Please uphold our constitutional right to bodily autonomy. Vaccines carry risks, and where there is risk, there must be choice.
04/16/2020 11:42 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Kimberly Fennur	<p>As a retired pharmacist, current high school teacher and life long citizen of N.C., I ask that you return our constitutional rights back to us and give us freedom to work. Give us access to the NC state parks that we pay taxes to enjoy. Give us freedom to return to our lives. Let us serve those who are immunocompromised (I have two in my immediate family with no immune system - leukemia and one with cystic fibrosis - so I fully understand the threat coronavirus can be to that subset.)</p> <p>The data and research out there is not strong enough to justify this chokehold you have put on us financially and definitely isn't worth the torment you are causing so many on a mental level.</p> <p>If you look at the death projections in NC, a fetus in NC is in far more danger of dying in NC (from abortion) than a working individual who is washing hands and taking necessary precautions.</p> <p>I have too many friends who work in hospitals and with the CDC in labs to know the numbers in the media are not accurate.</p> <p>Do the right thing and return our freedoms to us.</p>
04/16/2020 11:43 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Reopen NC Heather Leak	Please open our state back up. Family and friends are without work, even with some of them being "essential." (Auto mechanic and 2 nurses in my immediate family.) Small businesses in our area are already announcing their closing due to the shutdown. (Stone Table- Monroe, Sparks Tae Kwon Do- Indian Trail.) The numbers are clearly not matching the projections. The decision to close and stay closed are hurting hard working people and families more than helping.
04/16/2020 11:44 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency	Mrs. Betty Shafran	Please reopen N.C. NOW! This is Unconstitutional and unhealthy for everyone!

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	Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group		
04/16/2020 11:44 PM	Economic Support Working Group	ReopenNC Pam Forbes	ReopenNC, you are destroying far more lives than the virus that has a 98% recovery rate. My small business job will not be there if you wait much longer.
04/16/2020 11:45 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Cleaning houses Susan Flack	We need to go back to work
04/16/2020 11:45 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Karen Culler	We need to start opening businesses in North Carolina. Please think about all the people who will lose their businesses the longer they are not able to open. This is becoming unsustainable. Families are struggling to pay bills due to not being able to work and the unemployment website is crashing so it is only getting worse for them. Thank you for taking the time to consider this aspect.
04/16/2020 11:45 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Tessa Burleson	Please allow businesses to reopen to help our economy! Small businesses are essential for our state. These businesses provide more than services to a community, they're paying bills, putting food on the table and helping those in need. We must get people back to work before small businesses go out of business.
04/16/2020 11:46 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mr James Smith	Let Mc Get back to work
04/16/2020 11:47 PM	Health Care Working Group	Dr Galen Collins D.C.	I appreciate you work and task at hand. My suggestion would be to designate hospitals from each major city as covid treating centers and ship patients there while keeping the others clear so they can continue care of others. If even though unlikely, that hospital is filled...designate another and so forth. That way the ebb and flow can be managed while not killing all healthcare. What is deemed non-essential in emergency cannot stay non-essential for many patients. Also, in order to run a competent system there has to be resource and money flowing. We cannot survive if this is the plan with each new bug that comes to be.
04/16/2020 11:47 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	M Rytel	Please maintain stay-at-home orders until necessary! Please follow the scientific and medical community guidelines to protect us, even if it goes into the next couple of months.  Thank you.
04/16/2020 11:48 PM	Economic Support Working Group	ReOpen NC Denise	We must reopen the NC economy. The coast of continuing to be shut down with less than 1% of our stage population affected is destroying lives. We stand to lose many lore Lives from suicides, increased crime, increased alcohol and drug use which in turn contribute to more crime and more suicide. People must go back to work.
04/16/2020 11:48 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Betty Shafran	Please open N.C. NOW! It is Unconstitutional and unhealthy in every way to keep it closed. We are not PreSchoolers ... We The People know how to take care of ourselves! Stop this tyranny being imposed on American citizens!
04/16/2020 11:49 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Angela Trogdon	Please preserve our constitutional liberties and freedoms. Isolate and protect the vulnerable, but let the rest get back to LIFE. Flattening the curve doesn't keep anyone from

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			getting Covid-19; it only drags it out. But our hospitals are underwhelmed. There is no capacity problem. Meanwhile, small businesses are closing their doors, and deaths of despair are rising. Please consider quality of life from ALL angles.
04/16/2020 11:49 PM	Health Care Working Group	REOPEN NC Shannon Overby	REOPEN NC!!!!
04/16/2020 11:49 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Lindys Furniture Katie Purgason	Let small business open up before its to late and most will close!! The longer you let this happen their will be no small businesses !! Everything is a ghost town and the media is making it so much worse!!
04/16/2020 11:50 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Dr Galen Collins DC	The goal of this time was to mitigate or lessen the impact of the virus not to stop it. Continuing to not let people work is going to have more damage and impact health and scale of economy. We will beat this. Don't let it kill our country by your actions.
04/16/2020 11:51 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Julie Queen	The people of North Carolina cannot keep on going this way. I understand that there must still be precautions and rules in place, but we have to reopen our state for the sake of small business owners and those who can't afford to stay home another day. People are struggling right now!
04/16/2020 11:54 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Kelli Wood	We need North Carolina to get back to work! We are responsible, hardworking adults who know how to wash our hands and operate our businesses safely. We are asking you to let us do what we know best. Working for and with our community to make this economy thrive.
04/16/2020 11:54 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Re-open NC Kate Zappone	Re-open NC and let us get back to work and provide for our families. People who don't want NC to re-open can stay home - no-one is forcing them to leave their homes. No hospitals in NC have been overrun. Your job is to create an environment so the citizens of NC can work and live their lives. That is not what you are doing now! Re-open Now!!!
04/16/2020 11:54 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Hair stylist and business Wanda Smith	I am a hair stylist and business owner I have been out of work for almost 4 weeks.. All these promises that self employed will be helped.. I have signed up for unemployment it is still pending.. I have 0 I mean 0 income coming in ... How am I suppose to survive I cannot.. Please allow us to have one client at a time In Our chairs.. we are inspected by state board of cosmetic art.. We have to follow guidelines on sanitation... Please please I have to work I have no supplemented income.. I haven't made a penny in 4 weeks.. My landlord of my business is charging me rent I cannot continue in this manner.. I have owned my business for 20 years please don't make me close my doors please .. Please don't let me lose my livelihood.. please don't let me lose my home .. I am not ask for free money I want to work .. That 1200 stimulus check only help me pay rent on my business that I am going to have to close if I don't get back to work ..
04/16/2020 11:54 PM	Health Care Working Group	Dr Galen Collins Dc	99% of the people wearing a mask or gloves coming into my office are not doing it correctly. In fact because of your lack of educating them on use, I am more afraid they are doing a better job of spreading anything they are coming in contact with by wearing gloves and touching everything thinking they are protected and then bringing it into their homes. The research available also seems to point that people who have on safety gear are less cautious and take more risk because they feel safe. I also believe it will allow for some sick people to feel that they can go out since they are behind a mask and others are as well. Scarves will not help them in that case. Get sense out in your communications.

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04/16/2020 11:55 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Kristi Meador	We respect the initial response and now it is time to lift these restrictions. We can and will protect the 3% at risk with social distancing, proper wear of PPE and restricted visitation in hospitals & nursing homes. Please consider that most of the 3% at risk is on a fixed income retirement/social security they will be able to continue to stay at home! They need the other 97% to get back to work so we can get the supply chains back going, stimulate our once thriving NC economy and bring hope back to everyone! Small businesses, restaurants and farmers need to be reopened! We as American citizens can decide if going to the grocery store, salon or purchasing clothes and eating out is something our personal health can support. Please respect our constitutional rights and reopen NC!
04/16/2020 11:55 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Kim Campbell	Open up local businesses!
04/16/2020 11:57 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Joy Phipps	Re-open NC! COVID 19 isn't nearly as dangerous as the flu! Closing businesses is dangerous for our economy as well as for our health. Gyms enable people to stay healthy. Seniors exercise by walking in stores using shopping carts. Those who are at risk can stay home, just like they do during the flu season. Social distancing prevents the touch many people who live alone need to prevent depression. Treating themselves to a visit to the beauty parlor helps self-esteem. Being able to take advantage of specials in grocery stores is impossible now when you have to submit your list 7-8 days before you can pick up your order. Worshiping with friends renews your spirit! Let us make our own decisions!
04/16/2020 11:57 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Angelique Martin	We need to reopen N.C. This virus has not had nearly the sickness people projected. North Carolinians are unable to feed their families. And frankly no government has the right to take away our civil liberties. That's exactly what's been done and it's illegal. Show North Carolinians the General Assembly and Governor care about us and REOPEN!! Thank you!
04/16/2020 11:58 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Sweden! Wesley Whitehead	Please quarantine those with underlying health conditions and the elderly and let me go back to work to provide for my family. I can't make it on a one time check when I had a job with regular income. The models show that we aren't going to overwhelm the hospital beds so there is no point to this shut down any longer. It's not fair that the policy makers are not affected economically by their own policies. Do the right thing!
04/16/2020 11:58 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Susan Fisher	Please keep N.C. closed till May 30
04/16/2020 11:59 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mr Neil Schunke	Re-open now. What is happening to our elderly in nursing homes and anyone unfortunate enough to be hospitalized? Visits by family and friends used to be the highlight of their days. Now they are locked away apparently indefinitely. Is it better to live in isolation alone and die without the comfort of family, or is family worth dying for? We haven't locked up our nursing homes for the flu before yet we have had over 70,000 deaths in the USA from the flu in a single year alone. Covid-19 has only taken out perhaps 140,000 people world-wide. Apparently most people are not aware that the flu is actually a virus and that in typical years the flu vaccine is only 10% effective. Media sensationalism and political opportunists have used this ignorance to their great advantage. Our family is tired of being held under a totalitarian regime that has taken away our constitutional freedoms to assemble and to worship. Lest you think we are all young and healthy, both my wife and oldest daughter are in the higher risk group. My father is 92 and in fragile



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			health. The slower this virus goes through our state and country, the more chances he has of getting infected during trips to get groceries and doctor visits. Recommendations are what you should be giving not totalitarian heavy-handed laws.
04/16/2020 11:59 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Ryan McClellan	#ReopenNC
04/17/2020 12:00 AM	Education Working Group	School Calendar Concerns Jennifer Stump	I'm requesting you not change the public school calendar for August of 2020. Many people have already scheduled plans around the current calendar. People are desperately hoping to take their vacations this August. Please do not add more disappointment to people's lives and please don't further hurt the economy by making people cancel more plans. Both families and businesses are depending on you. If you need to add more school time, please consider doing it on the backend in June of 2021, when people have most likely not yet made plans. Also, that provides more time to see what actually happens with the COVID-19 situation. This time has been stressful for all of us. Please do not add to that by making people have to decide on missing school versus canceling a vacation and trying to get money back, etc. Thank you.
04/17/2020 12:01 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Reopen NC Malissa Cottrell	This is not the "pandemic" y'all thought it would be. The numbers don't support it. And that is beside the point because this "executive order" is unconstitutional! Quarantine is for the sick, not for the healthy! If you want to self quarantine, by all means do so but let the rest of us go back to our normal lives!!
04/17/2020 12:03 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Ms Rebecca Faulk	Please REOPEN NC ON May 1!
04/17/2020 12:03 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Amber Arnold	Reopen North Carolina! If this continues lives will be ruined by bankruptcy.
04/17/2020 12:04 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Ms Vicki Tonf	Please reopen NC on May 1!
04/17/2020 12:04 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mrs Kayelily Middleton	I demand Cooper reopen NC now!!
04/17/2020 12:05 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Ms Ayse Tillman	I do not support Gov Cooper and the SATH exe Orders! Reopen NC!!

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04/17/2020 12:05 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Ms Lisa Lamm	I do not support Cooper extending the SAH orders. Reopen NC
04/17/2020 12:05 AM	Health Care Working Group	Dr. Valerie Preston	I've had a small private dental practice in Raleigh for the past 20 years which supports the community as well as my team who need to work. We've always gone above and beyond with our infection control and PPE and will continue to do so even more fervently so please open NC!!!
04/17/2020 12:06 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Ms Stephanie Bolyard	Reopen NC NOW!!
04/17/2020 12:06 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mr. Winston Smith	I care deeply about this issue.
04/17/2020 12:06 AM	Economic Support Working Group	melissa maillard	We have owned a tourist driven Restaurant in Downtown Wilmington Nc for the last 21 years. We support two families and a special needs child from our establishment. We are ranked 12 out of 680 restaurants in Wilmington. We are weeks away from going Bankrupt. We know how to keep our patrons safe and had started 1/2 capacity a full week before shutdown voluntarily and totally cleaned kitchen several times a day. Please open us up in some fashion other then Take out which we cannot do. ASAP
04/17/2020 12:07 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Bronwyn Lucas	Reopen NC!!!
04/17/2020 12:07 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Jody McCall	Open the state now. If the governor keeps this up. He's going to destroy entire communities. Many are with out work or have had their hours cut back. It won't be long before the choice is pay the light bill or eat. We are supposed to be a free people. Amazingly something he's forgotten. He can ether join us and give guidance or keep up his game of adding two weeks at a time and watch as the people of the state take control them selves and do what needs to be done.
04/17/2020 12:07 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Terry Lowman	REOPEN NC NOW!!
04/17/2020 12:07 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections &	Kelly Showalter	REOPEN NC ON MAY 1

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	Public Safety) Working Group		
04/17/2020 12:08 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Debra Hinson	Please Reopen NC now!! We all will die one day and yes maybe or maybe not from this virus, but if we don't open back up we will die economically, and that is suicide and not by self-choice, but by you Sir!!
04/17/2020 12:08 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Terri Sanford	REOPEN NC
04/17/2020 12:08 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Wanda Merger	I do not support extending the SAH orders. REOPEN NC!!
04/17/2020 12:09 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Theresa Faulkner	Enough of the SAH orders. Reopen NC!
04/17/2020 12:09 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr. Kai Vannoy	We need to start getting NC back to work. The numbers of cases are far below what was posted. Yes the deaths are tragic and sad but those numbers are likely to pale in comparison to what's coming if we do not start to reopen NC with common sense. This virus is out there but burying our heads in the sand and pretending it will just go away if we wait it out is foolish and it is killing the economy and soon it will be too late. People who are calling for the state to remain closed indefinitely are uninformed and only help the Chinese to further destroy our economy and country.
04/17/2020 12:10 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mr. Winston Smith	I care deeply about this issue.
04/17/2020 12:10 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Michael Blakely	It is time to open North Carolina's Businesses. In my community Walmart, Lowes Home Improvement, Target, Grocery Stores and misc. retail establishments did not have to close and they stayed packed with people and we have not experienced an upward trend in the virus. So quit punishing small business and lets get back opened.
04/17/2020 12:10 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Ma Pam Smith	Thanks. I'm staying home
04/17/2020 12:10 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Owner Wayne Peede	Please, we need to reopen NC. The money we are losing is astronomical. We will never recover the longer we are closed. You are doing nothing to help the small business which

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			you gladly take our taxes from. Remember if we close, you lose your revenue. The numbers are not adding up to give reason to close down. More people are killed in one month by car accidents then by this virus as a whole. More people die of cancer, heart attacks and the common flu. Please listen up and get us back open. Your offering no financial assistance to us. You can't keep us closed and not help us. We will fight back. We will fight you. Remember, you are elected and I will use all my free time to help put out signs against you. So put me back to work.
04/17/2020 12:11 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Monica Phillips	It's time to open NC, we demand our freedom. You're not a dictator, you are an elected official-remember that!
04/17/2020 12:12 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Janna Griggs	What is really going on here? When running numbers for the death rate now, this doesn't add up. I am not talking about in case numbers, but by actually looking at death rate. And that doesn't even account for the lack of tests being done! My cousin works for the hospital. They are telling many people to quarantine at home and not come risk testing. So I guess those aren't counted!!! So, according to the numbers it doesn't appear to be more deadly than the flu. It may be more contagious, but destroying our country and livelihoods by keeping us shut down will do a ton of damage. Lives matter. But provide care and protection to the susceptible population and allow others to make the decision on their own. Abuse and domestic cases are on the rise. Mental health is suffering. This is going to have catastrophic consequences if you don't let people go back to work. You can't even keep up with the unemployment. How are you going to stabilize this?! This state has a lot of outraged people right now. Reopen NC!
04/17/2020 12:13 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mrs. Paula Walters	Please reopen N.C. for business! As a small business owner I implore you to help us fight to keep our businesses thriving by opening up ALL businesses, essential and non-essential! And please tell those in charge in Franklin County that we do NOT need a curfew! We demand that this police state end NOW!
04/17/2020 12:14 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Chris Lougee	End the shutdown, Re-open NC, I have faith that North Carolinians are intelligent and compassionate enough to social distance and respect eachother with out the dictations of the state. Give us back our state. We are smart enough to act responsibly On Our Own. Thank you.
04/17/2020 12:20 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Betty Hinnant	REOPEN NC!!!!
04/17/2020 12:24 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Patti Jibben	<p>This shutdown is not doing anyone any good. With only .0006% of our state infected, there is no reason those that are healthy should not be allowed to work.</p> <p>This is having a massive negative impact on those with mental health issues, and if it doesn't end sooner, rather than later, there could very well be a spike in suicides.</p> <p>Children need to see their friends, their grandparents.</p> <p>Quarantine is for the sick, not the healthy. People WANT to work, not live off the government.</p> <p>November will be here before we all know, and many of us have very good memories on</p>

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			what takes place, month after month.
			Please reopen our state. Not just restaurants and medical offices, but parks, the National forests, EVERYTHING.
			Thank you.
04/17/2020 12:25 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Michelle Cappiello	Please re-open NC! We can't hide from a virus forever. People are suffering!
04/17/2020 12:28 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Dan Stephens	We are not guilty until proven innocent, we are not sick until proven well. This is a republic, governed by laws which you swore to uphold but are trampling as you illegally strip the citizens you are supposed to represent of our constitutionally guaranteed rights. WE need to reopen now! You are destroying business, families, countless lives, and none of the projections are close to what the media has reported. If this was so bad, the death toll would have risen greatly as cancer and heart disease are stilling killing at their normal pace, yet the death toll is down. This has been blown way out of proportion. OPEN NOW before you destroy more lives. History will judge you all for your actions here. You are already breaking the supreme law of the land, stop before you're accountable for more destruction. REOPEN NOW!
04/17/2020 12:32 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mr. Eddie Thomas	Dear Elected Officials, the great state of North Carolina and it's citizen's have suffered enough. It's time top open NC and get our state back to work and back to living. Long-term isolation of the healthy does not help cure this virus or any other....never has...that's not how the human immune system works. This has gone on long enough...the majority of North Carolinian's you were elected to serve are ready to get back to work....NOW! Let's do this together! Do your job and serve the people of the Old North State. Voters are watching!
04/17/2020 12:35 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr J Beaver	Open NC!! We have no income as a small business owner
04/17/2020 12:38 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Steve Kerley	Reopen NC! Stop destroying our economy and lives!!!!
04/17/2020 12:41 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Soft reopen David Judy	We need to let our state get back to work!
04/17/2020 12:41 AM	Economic Support Working Group	REOPEN NC Austin Hall	RE OPEN NC
04/17/2020 12:42 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Don't reopen yet Joanne Wilson	If we reopen too soon it will have all been for naught.
04/17/2020 12:42 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Lisa Groeschner	Please get business back open again. You are killing the economy and the numbers don't justify it. Thank you.

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04/17/2020 12:45 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Joshua Gill	As a citizen of N.C(Granv Co) this continued shutdown has TO STOP. My wife & I were pretty secure before this. With the stroke of Roy Hitler's pen it's taken it all away. Funny enough I asked him to not take his salary, response I got from his office was no deal. Next I'm going to start sending my monthly bills to him and the GA if y'all can't make this right. The unemployment bs is a fucking joke. It doesn't work, and they are SO far behind, it'll be months before we see a dime. Our lenders DONT want to HEAR that unemployment is behind, or that the Feds have dropped the ball. Maybe all of us that have been put out of work need to submit our monthly bills for y'all to pay? Yet let's just keep it shut down, cause these idiots are too stupid to keep themselves safe. No they need a nanny state. Nothing more than a power grab. Like Phil Murphy said last night 4/15/20 on Tucker Carlson. He wasn't thinking about the bill of rights and the CONSTITUTION. Y'all need to get off yours ASSES and FIX THIS. They say elections have consequences. There's one coming up, and ALOT of us INTEND to RAISE HELL and send the entire lot of y'all PACKING.
04/17/2020 12:47 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Phased approach to reopen Stuart Flora	With the phased approach to reopen NC business we could reduce unemployment and economic loss while promoting safety. Please support this effort
04/17/2020 12:48 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Ms. Madonna Fischer-Jones	Please Re-Open North Carolina on April 30th. As a single Mom / sole provider for my family I need to work again! Also, Please open the public schools by May 15th. The online "learning" in Wake County is pathetic. . Thank You, Madonna FJ
04/17/2020 12:49 AM	Economic Support Working Group	E. Anne Tekmen	Dear North Carolina Legislators,  Please. We implore you. Do not re-open NC, not yet. Many of us know people who are sick, or dying, or have already passed away from this dreadful Coronavirus. We *can* bring back the economy even if we wait a few weeks longer, but we*cannot* bring back these lives. We cannot simply consider the deaths of our fellow North Carolinians as collateral damage in jump-starting the economy. Re-opening NC too soon will lead to additional waves of infections and cause more sickness and death. And in the long run, more economic hardship, not less. We need the NCGA to take responsibility to protect public health and keep stay-at-home orders in place. We may even need to extend these orders to keep our friends and family safe. Doing anything less is reckless and irresponsible.  This is about the health and the lives of all our citizens. Without that, there is no economy.
04/17/2020 12:51 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Susanne	Reopen North Carolina!
04/17/2020 12:53 AM	Education Working Group	Mr. David Putnam	As you consider where to move forward from this point in NC, please consider these options. I live in Cleveland County. We have a relatively small number of cases, and the most we have added in one day is 5, although most days are zero to one. Of those we have had, most are recovering well, and we have had one death. The death was an elderly patient who had been confined to a skilled care facility and had been unresponsive for a long period of time due to Alzheimer's. I also own a second home at Oak Island, and of those infected there, only 4-5 active cases remain in the entire county. I realize that more



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			<p>urban areas are in a slightly different situation, and they may require additional mitigation strategies. We can still isolate and trace locally, both here and in Brunswick, and it seems to me that allowing a different set of circumstances (such as moving to Phase One immediately in such areas, by using county by county approach as suggested by Dr. Birx, and progressing through the subsequent “phases” more rapidly as we meet required criteria) would not only be beneficial to our local communities, but also both help jump-start our state’s economy and produce some “test” cases from what might be considered “experimental groups” that could provide insight as to how a larger urban population might be affected should the same measures be applied therein. Let’s allow the President’s phased approach to be our “floor” and consistently apply those measures and criteria/ benchmarks statewide. Employing this strategy may also necessitate funneling more of the antibody/serology and rapid testing resources to those areas early on, in part since, if they prove to be scarce, it would likely take less of them, buying more time to procure a sufficient quantity for urban populations as they prepare to move through the gateway into Phase One. Our state is so diverse that I believe it would not only be unwise but also unfair to apply the same measures uniformly to all. Truly, one size does not fit all here. Another consideration is reporting of cases. Until we know how many cases actually exist, we are basing decisions on incomplete data. For example, just because we have reported 5000+ cases statewide, we cannot assume we still have that many. Many have recovered, and sadly, some have perished. We should not mislead the public into thinking we still have that many active cases because that is how people are reading the data that is being released and what they are hearing from the media. That is fueling the panic I see among so many people. I am a minister, and our parents and elderly are terrified by the optics that people catch the virus and never recover. The count rises daily on the news, and that is to be expected, Even in a near flatline of cases, a few will still contract it. If we only report case counts, we will never show less than what we have today or tomorrow, People do not understand that, and it scares them. They need hope and encouragement, not fear and panic. Likewise, when outbreaks are contained in nursing homes and prisons, these should be considered and reported separately from the cases in a county and separate from the general populations’ progress and case count. These populations are self-contained and pose little risk to the general population, yet those counties with those outbreaks will look horrible in the data unless this is taken into account. I believe we are in a much better position than the media and our limited data show, and with warmer weather approaching, people will be outdoors more and, consequently, naturally more socially distant. My prayer is that the virus will be seasonal and begin to dissipate, and I believe we should encourage people to take advantage of the beauty of our state and the increased immunity that can come from increased vitamin D as the result of sunshine. After all, Sweden has done little of what we have done, and they are fine. Norway, that shut down everything, has had fewer cases than Sweden. I think if we will open up a little more, we will be surprised to find that it don’t be nearly as bad as we imagine. Thank you for your time and attention to my comments. Praying for us all to do the right things to help our people heal physically, emotionally, spiritually, and economically. We must find a way to do all these things,</p>
04/17/2020 12:55 AM	Economic Support Working Group	David Holman	<p>We need to open the state as soon as possible. Hospitals are empty and nurses are getting payed off all over the state. Small businesses are being forced into permanent closure. We the people demand you open the state immediately! Thanks</p>

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04/17/2020 12:57 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Let's open back up Joaquin Fernandez	We need to ease the restrictions related to the Covid-19 issue. Our state's long-term future depends on our ability to work and be productive.
04/17/2020 12:58 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Christine Brown	It is vital to the economy and public health to open up North Carolina. The whole point of flattening the curve was for health care workers to not get overwhelmed. We did that successfully. This virus is here to stay the sooner we can get herd immunity the better. For all the folks that say one person dying it too much is not thinking clearly. We lose tens of thousands every year to the flu and not one bats an eye. It is because it is normal. They are ok with flu and pneumonia numbers being what they are why is dying from one thing worse than another? We need to be rational and not give into the fear that is plaguing our news outlets.
04/17/2020 01:04 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Chris Lougee	I firmly believe the people of North Carolina are Intelligent, compassionate and responsible enough to conduct them selves with respect to each other and respect to the relative severity of this virus. North Carolinians are Practicing great sanitation, avoiding gatherings, and close contact Not because they are forced to but because they don't want to get sick. It is unconstitutional and offensive to assume the vast majority of us want to be dictated when we are fully capable of dictating our own actions with respect to each other and with access to the correct information. People are quick in the stores, wear masks, clean their hands Not because they are told to but because they want to. Remove the current restriction and Advise the public. Thank you.
04/17/2020 01:06 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Ease Restrictions Stephanie Kennedy	I believe we should start getting things back to normal by slowly easing restrictions. It doesn't have to be all or nothing. We can't stay home forever, there are too many that are essential anyway.
04/17/2020 01:20 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Bruce Rifleman	Pretty simple. ReOpen N.C. for business today. Cooper has don enough damage and it will take years for businesses to recover. That is if there is anything to recover at this point.
04/17/2020 01:31 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Reopen N.C. !!! Joe Mackey	We need to reopen N.C.!
04/17/2020 01:34 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Reopen N.C. !! Joe Mackey	Hard working healthy North Carolinians are about to lose everything! Reopen N.C.!!
04/17/2020 01:35 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Open North Carolina up Emily Christensen	Enough is enough!! Open our state back up!
04/17/2020 01:44 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms Rachelle Ross	Please re-open our state, and do not extend the stay-at-home orders. The health effects of keeping people out of work will be far worse in the end than what is happening from this virus. We will end up harming the entire population, not just the vulnerable due to the economic collapse of our economy.

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04/17/2020 01:45 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group		The stay at home policy is working. Please, do not undo this effort and compromise the life of many by prematurely "reopening the country ". I trust Governor Cooper to uphold the stay at home policy until scientific data prove it is safe to slowly resume normal activities.
04/17/2020 01:48 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Brian	Gov. Cooper, Why not just make it a temporary mandate to wear masks, if they work so well, and let us return to work! There, problem solved!
04/17/2020 01:49 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Retired Raymond Rivers	Open the state, the businesses before the economy crashes and we enter into a depression.
04/17/2020 01:53 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Pro Stay at home Caitlin Bradshaw	We must keep the stay at home order in place as a young person with medical issues we need to know that we can get through this, as well as limit the number of people getting sick. Reopening quickly and without testing or a strong backbone is selfish. People are no longer thinking about others. By reopening without proper procedures will cause deaths and sickness to run rampant. If we all just stay at home and put a sensible halt to this we can all move on and restart the country and state learning a lesson from all of this. Community is looking out for others not just thinking of oneself.
04/17/2020 02:12 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Ma Dana Bango	Please be wise and cautious when deciding how to keep your citizens protected. We have had good results with our social distancing. Open NC gradually and safely.
04/17/2020 02:19 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Thomas Case	It's time to reopen the state and lift the restrictions put in place by Governor Cooper.  The most recent data does not indicate the need for such harsh measures to continue.
04/17/2020 02:20 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Thomas Case	It's time to reopen the state and lift the restrictions put in place by Governor Cooper.  The most recent data does not indicate the need for such harsh measures to continue.
04/17/2020 02:21 AM	Health Care Working Group	Mr. Dale Johnson	Reopen this state now. We'll suffer this overreach no longer. It appears a few hundred may die of disease. How many are you willing to sacrifice to economic deprivation?
04/17/2020 02:24 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Colonel Matthew Price	The numbers that were promised and the actuals via the pandemic are not matching up. While I appreciate the hard work that State Services has done, it's time to take a look at the orders presented by the governor and the Constitution and start to back off on some of these.  The fact of the matter is that the community spread happens. Period. It happens. You can not control it, nor the idea of distancing and stopping commerce without people filing bankruptcy when the health experts say it is OK will work. It never has worked.  Data shows that enclosed spaces cause the spread faster than being in a State Park or

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			<p>other outdoor natural area. Additionally, data also shows that people have the virus already - and won't get sick from it at all. If we are going to go forward with this - then those who are compromised need to take much more stringent care (in otherwords, the individuals who are over 65, and have other medical conditions - need to better protect themselves) rather than the entire world stopping for the smaller minority of individuals who are disproportionately affected.</p> <p>This virus is not going to stop until everyone is infected. The idea that we can flatten the curve forever is not going to work as teen male suicides are going to skyrocket. Suicides in general will also - and most people who are stuck inside are eating !,200 to 5,000 Calories a day and because they are terrified that the neighbors will report them don't get exercise.</p> <p>Additionally, Constitutionally, the state does not have the right to stop free assembly or practice of religion. PERIOD. You can argue "Yes we do" and say it under your breath all you want but that is NOT a right that is passed on to the State. But we will allow the courts to speak, as they did previously on Curfews where Minors can be governed by such - but adults may not - the State has not provided clear evidence that anyone is in clear and present danger. And no, you can not slippery slope the issue and say "It is for public health" when a person goes and gets groceries, then gets pulled over by a police officer who is likely to be infected for the sake of writing an unconsiounable sized ticket or threatened to be put in jail. I hope the state has deep pockets for these lawsuits.</p>
04/17/2020 02:28 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Reopen NC John Griffith	<p>I got a comment.</p> <p>Let me go back to work so I can support my family. \$1200 is chump change when you have a mortgage and kids to feed.</p>
04/17/2020 02:37 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Karen Towery	Please open NC NOW!!
04/17/2020 02:52 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Middle Ground Black Brooke	I understand the seriousness of COVID-19, however there is also a seriousness that needs to be addressed when coming to the economy AND mental heath of the people living in North Carolina. I don't believe the flood gates should be opened wide, but restaurants with less than 50 people, sitting on the opposite side should be allowed. Small business, hair and nail salons and the PARK need to be open for mental & physical heath.
04/17/2020 02:56 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Captain Emily Rainey	I am very alarmed at the government overreach happening in our state. I am in the military and I swore to defend the constitution of the US. What is happening is unconstitutional and we will not allow this to continue. Reopen NC This hysteria has gone on long enough. The facts do not support taking away civil liberties. Reopen the churches, exonerate all false arrested protesters and fox the economy you broke.
04/17/2020 03:01 AM	Health Care Working Group	Greg Adkins	ReOpen North Carolina NOW!
04/17/2020 03:08 AM	Health Care Working Group	Ms. Jennifer Houser	Please open our state back up as soon as possible. The goal of flattening the curve was never to eliminate the threat of the virus; it was to give our hospitals a chance to prepare. Enough time for them to do that has passed, and resources have either arrived or are en

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			<p>route. Now is the time to let us get sick, so we can get back to normalcy sooner rather than later. Our emotional &amp; physical well-being is just as important as our health - these have to be weighed in a balance. Right now, that scale is inappropriately tipped, to the frustration &amp; detriment of our society.</p> <p>Also: whenever the vaccine does come out, please don't require it by law! It is untested over a length of time. If you do decide to require it by law, please protect the "religious conviction waiver" (I forget the actual name of it) for those people whose consciences would be violated by having vaccines injected into their bodies.</p> <p>Thank you!</p>
04/17/2020 03:17 AM	Economic Support Working Group	save working watermen Lara Fox	My husband and I have our own charter fleet in the outer banks. We have no hospitalizations Covid 19. This economic shut down is driving the worker watermen and women under and ruining our country. Let us who are relatively young, healthy, non smokers, athletic fit people work and move our nation back towards normalcy while we continue to protect the vulnerable populations to this disease and provide support to helping them stay safe. There is a smarter way to combat this with more precise measures that don't ruin our economy for decades to come. Please be fiscally responsible and don't buy into the mass hysteria. Thank you in advance for your thoughtful attention.
04/17/2020 03:24 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Open NC Now Kevin Ross	We are the 9th most populous state and we rank 20th with the number of positive corona virus infected and rank 28th in number of deaths. Enough is enough already open NC.
04/17/2020 03:29 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mr. Winston Smith	I care deeply about this issue.
04/17/2020 03:43 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Reopen NC Kanda Haight	RE-open NC Now! Our livelihoods depend on it and a low number of Corona infections DEMANDS IT. The economic loss caused from a shutdown is FAR greater than any losses caused from COVID-19. Reopen NC now!!
04/17/2020 03:45 AM	Health Care Working Group	Malicki	Go with the scientist and doctor's recommendations. Solve this now otherwise more difficult later in every way.
04/17/2020 03:59 AM	Health Care Working Group	Mrs. Katie VanHouten	Please expand Medicaid. Improved healthcare for all during this time of COVID 19 really means improved health for all North Carolinians.
04/17/2020 03:59 AM	Education Working Group	Small Business Owner Genelle Douglas	NC needs to be reopened for all business no later than May 1st. We have families to feed and a bills to pay. We can't continue to live on NO income!!
04/17/2020 04:01 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Katie VanHouten	Use medical advice and scientific evidence to make a plan to reopen NC; do not respond to loud voices of shadow groups (such as ReopenNC) making unscientific demands which will only increase death and suffering for all North Carolinians.
04/17/2020 04:03 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working	Mrs. Katie VanHouten	North Carolina needs vote by mail to be instituted now, in time for the November election. Our democracy and free and fair elections are at stake; we should not have to risk our lives to vote in the United States of America.

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04/17/2020 04:03 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Terry Burns	We need to reopen NC. There will be more businesses killed than covid deaths if we don't. Please reopen NC now. My county has only had a handful of cases of the virus. If you must keep restrictions in place for certain areas a little longer then do it on a county wide basis. Much of NC is ready to open now!
04/17/2020 04:09 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mr William Stewart	NC has one of the lowest death and case rate per million in the country. Children are being harmed by not being in school and exercising. 1 cause of death for CoViD 19 is obesity. With kids at home and indoors you are causing more death. Reopen North Carolina now!! Don't ruin the health of our children!
04/17/2020 04:13 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Re open NC Ryan Finney	I feel the state needs to open. This disease is truly not as bad as stated. The common flu has more deaths this year than Covid-19. Not to mention the states economy is a lot of small business. Business can't be made non essential it is one of the main reasons we are nationally in an economic depression. Petitioning and protesting also can't be considered non essential as it is a direct violation of the first amendment of the United States Constitution. As well as quarantine is not for the healthy rather it is tyranny and complete violation of basic rights as a human. America directly believes in life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. I feel like I currently have non of these basic human rights. Sure I have life but I don't have liberty nor the pursuit of happiness. My liberty means going out and being and active part of my community. My pursuit of happiness is also gone as I'm not allowed to go out to pursue my dreams. I'm only 18 but there is a lot I'd like to accomplish for myself and my country. I wish for the state to open so I can have and do everything as I've listed.
04/17/2020 04:30 AM	Education Working Group	Mrs. Mary Barefoot	Open economy and No more shut down
04/17/2020 04:47 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Todd Dumke	Enough is enough - keep the infirmed home - the rest of the country needs to get back to work. Shutting down the entire state , destroying the economy and small business over 131 deaths is inane -
04/17/2020 04:47 AM	Health Care Working Group	Re Open North Carolina Blaine	I do not consent to this shutdown. I would be happy to consent if you could provide legitimate proof, that a shutdown did more good than harm. When you look at the yearly numbers and talk to doctors that are not on the propagandized television (repeal of the Smith-Mundt Act), it is easy to see that this is unnecessary and harmful. "Those who would give up essential Liberty, to purchase a little temporary Safety, deserve neither Liberty nor Safety." Attributed to Benjamin Franklin. I do not think we can keep pretending we live in a republic anymore.
04/17/2020 04:52 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Reopen N.C. Marissa Van Dyke	Quarantine is when you prevent the ill from moving to stop the spread of a disease. Tyranny is when the healthy are banned from moving. Reopen N.C. Reopen N.C. Reopen N.C. Reopen N.C. Reopen N.C. Reopen N.C. Reopen N.C. Reopen N.C. Reopen N.C. Reopen N.C.
04/17/2020 04:52 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Steve Hare	We need to re open NC. Socialism does not work. Workers can and will protect themselves. Constitutional rights are undeniable. We can not end the virus. If so, end the



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04/17/2020 04:54 AM	Health Care Working Group	Mrs Gail McBride	Flu. Cant do it. Mr Cooper your stay at home rule is crushing small businesses in NC and especially in western NC. We need those establishments as much as they need us. Reopen NC!! I am a medical professional. Germs have a way of spreading and getting around. That's what they do, and your "stay at home" will not stop them from doing their job. REOPEN NC!!
04/17/2020 05:02 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Jodi Tate	Open NC up. My family's business that has employed between 35-50 people for last 50 years may have to shut doors in a week. While it is considered essential, their business is down 70% and no payroll stimulus has arrived. No one has gotten sick in this factory setting. Lay offs have begun. Our government has no right to prohibit us from working, nor do you have the right to make a decision for me about exposure to a virus. As businesses announce daily, they will not be able to reopen the fear spread by the media continues to control. It won't matter if you release restrictions in May as many will be destroyed by then. It won't be a virus with a less than 1% mortality rate that kills them, it will be the depression, the loss of homes, loss of income, and the inability to pay for essential things. Where then will the daily briefings be and how many of you in Raleigh and DC will donate your salaries indefinitely to help your constituents? I don't want your hand out, I want the freedom to generate as I was before. Thank you.
04/17/2020 05:13 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Daniel O	Reopen NC!!! Restart the economy!
04/17/2020 05:20 AM	Economic Support Working Group	ReOpenNC Kasey Brown	Hundreds of thousands of families across the state are trying to survive right now on a small fraction of their normal income or ZERO income all together! Small business owners are not get any help at all! No unemployment, SBA and PPP are GONE! I'm sure people who are collecting money and those not financially effected because Governor Cooper has deemed them "essential" are doing just fine, bust what about everyone else? Small business owners are the backbone of this state and the economy! We have bills, we have kids and we are going to lose everything we have ever worked for if we don't have any money coming in for another couple weeks or months! The Assembly and Governor can set guidelines that allow us to to make a living! Right now we are making nothing! How are we supposed to sustain our lives let alone our businesses with this communist approach? Something needs to be done and it needs to be done today!
04/17/2020 05:21 AM	Economic Support Working Group	CEO Michelle Amador	I run a large real estate company in NC with over 300 agents covering the Triad area. Housing as you know is essential and is a big part of recovery. What I am hearing from the front lines loud and clear the number of people who are losing their jobs, small businesses going under, people cancelling their health insurance because their small business is going under, the fear of losing everything economically is making people more people sick then the virus itself. We have to get the American Worker and business back open and to work. Yes with precautions. We will have to live, work, and adapt with the virus. But to stop the economy and destroy families and lives is a bigger concern and problem. Let businesses get back to work so they could put in to place there own standards and safe practices. We already are doing that in real estate but we had to get back to work to create those solutions!
04/17/2020 05:22 AM	Health Care Working Group	John Macomber	The overreach of the Governors executive order needs to be shut down immediately. The projections of impending doom were based off faulty numbers, and it's been shown we

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			are not anywhere near the disaster that was predicted. Let alone the fact that we are fully capable of protecting the most vulnerable if given guidance rather than draconian edicts. Thousands of folks have been told they cannot support their families because their small businesses are nonessential, that's false, each of them is as essential as the grocery or hardware stores. Long term effects from this power grab well most likely include large scale increases in substance abuse, and suicide. Reign this power hungry governor in now, i, and many other free North Carolina citizens demand it!
04/17/2020 05:29 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mr Christopher Edwards	Stop this lockdown. Let adults decide for themselves. End the tyranny
04/17/2020 05:31 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Terry Dowell	Andrews is becoming a gost town you have to repon Nc places are going out of business everyone on unemployment
04/17/2020 05:34 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mr Donald Brock	Reopen NC
04/17/2020 05:35 AM	Health Care Working Group	Mr. Jesus Morales	We need to reopen as soon as possible. People are suffering and even those of us who have jobs, those jobs can't last forever this way. We need to reopen as soon as we can, the federal government's guidelines should be used to reopen ASAP.
04/17/2020 05:35 AM	Health Care Working Group	REOPEN NC George Washington	Reopen the state. The rural areas in Eastern NC were already struggling financially prior to the shut down, and these sweeping restrictions that may work in Charlotte or Raleigh are illogical for the bare boned economies of Eastern NC. There are many family owned small businesses that will be impacted so drastically that many of them will not be able to reopen their doors after the tyrant Roy Cooper, even if they wanted to. More people will die in rural areas due to these irresponsible economic restrictions than by the virus.  REOPEN NC!
04/17/2020 05:37 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Robin Black	Open NC back up ..people need to work & pay bills & feed their children
04/17/2020 05:37 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Ms Caroline S Betts	I very much appreciate my North Carolina government making the tough decisions necessary to keep All of us North Carolinians as safe as possible during this time of covid-19. Please continue to use sound judgement and not reopen state too quickly. As our leaders we need to rely on you to make the hard decisions and base them on scientific facts, having a testing and treatment protocol in place and lifting restrictions by increments in order to avoid another spike in covid-19 cases.
04/17/2020 05:49 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections &	Travis Rich	Open NC back up. This stay at home order is unconstitutional and must be overturned, you quarantine the sick not the healthy. We have lives to live!

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04/17/2020 05:50 AM	Education Working Group	Reopen! Steven Messer	Open the state!
04/17/2020 05:52 AM	Education Working Group	Mr. Richard Rierson	We as a family of teachers are NOT in support of this continued shut down, when statistics have indicated minimal risk for our state. Remember, elections do have consequences. So far you have NOT changed our opinion of who we will vote for. Show some genuine honesty & courage. Do the right thing if we meet the gate opening criteria, begin to reopen N.C.
04/17/2020 05:53 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr. Don Augenstein	Open NC back up now, I do not want to go bankrupt.
04/17/2020 05:57 AM	Health Care Working Group	Mrs. Stevie Savala	Please reopen North Carolina. People need healthcare and healthcare workers need their jobs!
04/17/2020 06:07 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Max Lands	Open this state back up. You are going to have a revolt on your hands if you don't. We are kit dumb and we can conform to reasonable measures to assure public health safety.
04/17/2020 06:07 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Cynthia Shishilla	We need to reopen NC immediately. There is no reason for us to be shutdown.
04/17/2020 06:09 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Shannon Futch	ReOpen NC. North Carolinians want to work.
04/17/2020 06:12 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms Nikki White	Enough is enough. We want our freedoms back. This has gone way too far. People are going to rise and this shut down will turn around. But for the love of everything you have... you know in your mind minds (because I'm not truly sure if you know how to feel What's in your heart) that this is total bullshit. REOPEN NC!
04/17/2020 06:13 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms Fay Dixon	Please consider a safe reopen of small businesses.
04/17/2020 06:13 AM	Economic Support Working Group	LAURA HAWKS	We need to stay at home until Medical experts say it is safe to go back out. We need tests to be able to see if people have maybe already had the virus and are immune.
04/17/2020 06:14 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mrs Renee Jackson	Open NC
04/17/2020 06:15 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms Amy Carl	OPEN NC NOW!! People are losing everything because we are closed...OPEN NOW....This is ridiculous!
04/17/2020 06:16 AM	Economic Support Working Group	H C	Reopen NC
04/17/2020 06:17 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Reopen NC Caitlin Price	We need to reopen NC. Our small businesses are going to continue to suffer until they are forced to close their doors for good. These people are our next door neighbors, our friends, those who give back to support schools and local charities. There are

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			organizations such as the American Legion and VFW that will not be able to reopen their doors to veterans and continue to support our community because they are charity organizations who rely on public support who do not receive any government bailout. What happens to Veterans then? I emailed the governors office, state legislatures, mayors about this months ago and never heard a word back on how these places were to survive and it was never mentioned in any briefing. Keeping NC closed means slowly killing NC and turning it into a poverty stricken state. Keep those at risk in quarantine and allow the rest of NC to get back to business or offer some sort of alternative that allows for a middle ground. Those who want to stay home will be able to do so and not be punished and those who don't can go back to normal without punishment
04/17/2020 06:17 AM	Economic Support Working Group	H C	Reopen NC
04/17/2020 06:18 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Open NC Alicia Tucker	It's time to open North Carolina back up before it destroys our economy
04/17/2020 06:19 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Robert Suggs	Time to open NC! OPEN NC!
04/17/2020 06:20 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Reopen NC! Russell Scott	End this illegal and tyrannical shutdown now! You have no authority to break your oaths to protect and defend the principles of the constitution, therefore no right to strip the public of their rights. Reopen NC!
04/17/2020 06:21 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms Dewanna King	It's important to keep the stay at home order in effect to protect the public and our healthcare providers. We can not afford to open NC up at this time.
04/17/2020 06:25 AM	Health Care Working Group	Wendy Baker	We need to go back to work. In Asheville the delicious restaurants we love are done. They will never open again. The boutiques owned by women and minorities closed. Never to open again. This city that I have watched grow and become a destination is in dire straits. Its literally a ghost town. We have to open up. We have to open up now. Our hospital has 1 person admitted for COVID. 1. We have had 3 deaths. While that is 3 too many, the economic devastation is far greater.
04/17/2020 06:25 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Allen Dameron	This for Roy Cooper, Enough is enough. You are acting like your king. Let is go back to work. This ridiculous. These are families that need to work to pay bill. I haven't received a dime of help from the state or federal government. I have applied, and done everything you people have told me to do. The hospitals have had plenty of time to prepare for this coronavirus our break. Get off you high horse and serve the people by letting us get back to work.
04/17/2020 06:27 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Antoinette Becht	Thank you for all you were doing to protect our state. I petition you to please be in the process of re-opening North Carolina. I do believe in the precautions that still need to be in place however mentally and emotionally and financially our citizens are suffering, our businesses are suffering, and our overall well-being is that steak. It's time to begin the process and not keep suppression.
04/17/2020 06:33 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Reopen NC NOW!!! richard stephens	Reopen no now before I lose everything I own I would rather die of this virus than live like this

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04/17/2020 06:33 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Phase 1 Todd Huffines	Roll back coopers orders to allow business to resume in NC. Challenge his unconstitutional orders, it's been long enough, we need to be smart but allow the healthy people back to work. Look at Switzerland and their numbers.
04/17/2020 06:34 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr. Michael Robinson	REOPEN NC NOW!!!!!!
04/17/2020 06:34 AM	Health Care Working Group	Mrs Sonya Baskin	Please open our state back up. People can not continue like this. Most of the public is doing as they wish while the business owners are suffering.
04/17/2020 06:38 AM	Education Working Group	Rev Rick Calloway	It is time to reopen our economy. The shutdown is not constitutional.
04/17/2020 06:39 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Deirdre Hickman	Open NC. Let us go back to work.
04/17/2020 06:39 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mary Vance	Reopen NC
04/17/2020 06:45 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Heather Anderson	REOPEN NC!!!! Find a way to do it safely but people's livelihoods are being destroyed, our precious economy is destroyed!
04/17/2020 06:45 AM	Health Care Working Group	Mrs Eileen Hall	Open NC - I'm seeing more patients coming in just to talk due to no socializing with others, fear, get away from family driving them crazy, despair . This is causing harm then good
04/17/2020 06:46 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Jon Haley	Please open the state back up in accordance with the new Federal guidelines, they make sense and will help get the State back up and running. The State's deaths from COVID will be eclipsed by the deaths from poverty.
04/17/2020 06:46 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Jeff Ford	The citizens of NC should be able to decide for themselves what is in their best interest and safety in regards to this virus. The state should advise and make recommendations but should not take away an individual's right to choose how to best protect themselves from potential health threats. The state needs to be reopened before more lives are lost from the devastation to our economy. There are many other things in our state that people die from besides this virus and are just as devastating to the families who are affected.
04/17/2020 06:50 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Elizabeth Stabley	With fewer than 0.05% (of North Carolinians having COVID 19 (that's not 5%, thats 5/100th's of 1%) and losing only 0.001% of the population to the virus, there is absolutely NO reason not to open our state back up for business. Let's use some common sense!!! #ReopenNC
04/17/2020 06:51 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Cynthia Balch	OPEN NC!!! It's time to get our economy back up and running. This cannot go on any longer. The folks that are immune compromised and the elderly should be reminded to stay home. The rest of us need to make a living.
04/17/2020 06:52 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Open North Carolina back Brian Bishop	Open our state back up , stop ruining businesses
04/17/2020 06:53 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Star Shuping	This is complete overkill along w/a violation of our rights & liberties. Not only has Gov Cooper destroyed the NC economy, but there are small businesses & franchise owners who will not be able to bounce back. They will lose everything. These businesses have no

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			sales & use taxes nor withholding taxes to pay to the state of NC, so when the budget rolls around, the trickle down effect will touch all , especially education because education is always the 1st budget to be cut. There are hair dressers, barbers waitresses, waiters, cooks, hotel maids, concierges (those whose livelihood depends on tips) & every other blue collar worker who are suffering. The disparity between those who live paycheck to paycheck & the wealthy becomes wider every day. Not only is he destroying businesses but the lack of social interaction is not healthy for those who suffer from depression. Those recovering from addiction can nt attend their AA meeting. Small children can nt even learn nor practice social skills because they can nt play on the playground nor go to school. There are common sense ways to reopen instead of restricting people's lives. & in a state of over 10M people w/less than 100 deaths, Gov Cooper is showing complete disregard for NC
04/17/2020 06:55 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Open NC Up Lisa Parrish	Please open NC back up this is ridiculous to shut down schools and restaurants. The numbers are being padded. If you want to quarantine people only do people with underlying issues. Not everyone.
04/17/2020 06:56 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mr Stephen Marens	<p>To the Elected NC Legislation</p> <p>Your stance of keeping people safe and not moving on reopening measures, implies we can't think for ourselves.</p> <p>You need to stop thinking the majority of NC peeps are unable to make smart decisions to keep themselves safe.</p> <p>After all, they did vote you in to your position, right?</p> <p>Reopen NC</p>
04/17/2020 06:57 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Re-open NC Wil Ezzell	Re-open NC I am a small business owner who owns a fitness center in Wilmington,NC. I have been out of work for way too long and staying closed any longer is only going to hurt my business and members even worse I have over 1,300 members.
04/17/2020 06:57 AM	Health Care Working Group	Reopen NC Patty Bingham	Reopen NC. Or you will be voted out
04/17/2020 07:01 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr David Frac	From what I saw from the Federal guidelines yesterday I believe North Carolina should reopen to Level One by the end of April if not sooner. I believe North Carolina needs to reopen soon to get people working again.
04/17/2020 07:01 AM	Economic Support Working Group	ReOpen Bonnie Black	we Need tonget back to work. Nc people are resilient & hard working people- PLEASE REOPEN NC NOW!!!
04/17/2020 07:04 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mr. Kris Ward	As a small business owner I am truly frustrated that the Governor can decide in one day to ruin a 60 year old business that has sustained 3 generations. We pay taxes, employ 40+ residents and have never once asked for government support. We don't want loans or handouts, we want to open our business and use common sense to keep the public and ourselves safe. The governor has chosen winners and losers by allowing some businesses to stay open. I didn't vote for the Governor, but I never thought he would get to



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			decide if our future is ruined by an executive order. You are forcing model citizens to openly call for rebellion. Please do what is right for everyone or allow the governor to ruin our economic future.
04/17/2020 07:04 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Allison Connors	Please only NC to reopen its businesses at the end of Governor Cooper's order for April 29th. This order is hurting businesses and families. Every job is essential to their family.
04/17/2020 07:06 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Amy Rivera	We need to open NC. We need our jobs back. We don't need the government to keep us up. Stop being a Democrat and be Americans!!!! Thanks!!!
04/17/2020 07:07 AM	Economic Support Working Group	William Argenbright	Please override Governor Cooper's draconian mandates and put in place measures that respect people's right to choose. Reopen NC for the healthy and protect the vulnerable.
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04/17/2020 07:10 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr. Darrell Ellison	Re open our State. People are losing their businesses and livelihood because the media and politicians are hyperventilating over a virus that is less deadly than the flu!
04/17/2020 07:10 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Linda Kutzer	<p>I am writing as a concerned citizen of Wake County NC. I am very concerned about the unconstitutional and unprecedented, measures and proclamations being made by Governor Cooper over this virus that has well over a 98% recovery rate, and is not over-running the hospitals, as was the initial reason given for the</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Social distancing measures</li> <li>• shutting down of (non-essential?) businesses</li> <li>• quarantine of healthy people to their homes</li> <li>• limiting shoppers within stores that are open</li> <li>• limiting groups of people</li> </ul> <p>The longer we are shut down the more likely there will be more and more bankruptcies. Please open the State back for business. Respectfully Linda Kutzer</p>
04/17/2020 07:10 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Manda Whitehurst	Please consider lifting your the ban sooner rather than later. My household takes pride in working & not relying on government hand outs, which works in favor of all of us. Without our tax dollars, there is NO money.
04/17/2020 07:12 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Shannon Hendricks	We must #reopenNC! The good people of NC have been more than patient while the unemployment numbers skyrocket to an increase of 5100%! How is that sustainable? Establish guidelines for the reopen and allow the responsible business owners to mitigate the risk! And for goodness sakes uphold the 1st amendment! Church leaders need to mitigate risk for their congregation. #reopenNC
04/17/2020 07:13 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Alexandra Shadroui	We can protect at risk individuals while the-opening the state. It's time to be set free from fear and look at what we can do naturally to keep everyone healthy. 50,000 people in the IS died from the flu this year. 50million people had the flu in the US. No one is saying it doesn't cause people to die, but the people who are most at risk have a comorbidity. This should not be the precedent for action on the future.

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			<p>Get a plan together and let's roll.</p> <p>As a teacher, I don't have to imagine the loss of education and it's impact into the next school year and beyond. How will those students catch up?</p> <p>Time to move forward, while providing high risk persons extra care.</p> <p>Respectfully,</p> <p>Alexandra Shadroui</p>
04/17/2020 07:13 AM	Economic Support Working Group	US Citizen Brooke Dellinger	Open North Carolina back up!!! This country needs to be open. This is unconstitutional!!
04/17/2020 07:13 AM	Health Care Working Group	Hendey Hostetter	We must create prepaid mail in ballots for the November election
04/17/2020 07:14 AM	Health Care Working Group	Ms Nelda Holder	I urge you to make haste to take advantage of Medicaid expansion in this time of public health crisis. The citizens of this state deserve to have this coverage available and it is the most economical way to make such an expansion. No one who can afford their own personal insurance, or receives it through their employer, can have any idea of how much this is needed. Please get this to the people who so badly need help right now. Thank you.
04/17/2020 07:15 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Kalena Randall	ReOpen NC! Do it in phases if necessary, but get it open. Businesses will die if you don't. Might want to take a look at the most recent data concerning the virus and how it's spreading. Locking down healthy people isn't stopping the spread.
04/17/2020 07:15 AM	Economic Support Working Group	REOPEN NORTH CAROLINA Angela Jenkins	I believe our governor should reopen the state & quit trying to dictate our lives. The economy & small businesses can't afford this any longer! And the people of your state, the ones who vote for your seat, want to be free!
04/17/2020 07:16 AM	Health Care Working Group	Mr. David Volk	<p>Yes, please open the State. The reaction has been overblown. Now that we know this is not killing us all in our tracks, then deal with the threat in more reasonable ways.</p> <p>Stop elective abortion. It is intentional killing. Allowing it to continue while panicking over a potential threat shows how schizophrenic our society is.</p>
04/17/2020 07:18 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr James Bess	Reopen our economy
04/17/2020 07:19 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Lorinda Schneider	Until NC has adequate testing and we fully understand the saturation and spread of the virus here, please keep the state closed.
04/17/2020 07:19 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Darrin Collins	Please re-open NC and allow us to get our businesses back
04/17/2020 07:19 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working	Reopen our state! Kira Yates	We need to reopen our state! The media has blow this out of proportion and our economy is getting ready to tank. If folks want to stay at home, give them that right but for the rest of us, we want to get back to normal! It's time to stop living in fear!!

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04/17/2020 07:20 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Karen Gaskins	Pls open NC and get this economy going! Small businesses are being hurt which is consequently hitting families in our community. The mortality rate of COVID does not support this wide sweeping shut down. Add to it that there are many who have had COVID but were asymptomatic , which makes the mortality rate even more minuscule. Those with immune issues should stay home but for the good of our states longevity Reopen NC!!!!
04/17/2020 07:20 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mrs Rebekah Miel	My family is high risk and has been in isolation since the first case in NC was reported. Beyond wanting the stay-at-home-order and social distancing to extend beyond May, I also ask that our state government create and communicate guidelines to protect at-risk individuals. These guidelines should include, but are not limited to, worker protections for individuals who have to remain in isolation, guidelines for stores + services to accommodate individuals who are high-risk, and accommodations for access to essential government services.
04/17/2020 07:21 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Ms. Nelda Holder	I fully support the current stay-at-home conditions the state of North Carolina is using to slow the spread of the coronavirus. I believe it needs to be extended – at minimum – until at least mid-May. THIS IS A PANDEMIC. Lifting the order too soon will do at least two things: (1) spread the disease further, and (2) result in another stay-at-home order that will make it even harder for everyone, including businesses. We must acknowledge there will be a "new normal" once we can get through this awful scourge. Look for creative ways to deal with what is coming, but please keep our citizens safe so they will be ALIVE in that future. (Note: Please cooperate in assuring safe voting in the fall!)
04/17/2020 07:21 AM	Health Care Working Group	Mr Stephen Collins	Please reopen by April 30th
04/17/2020 07:21 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Ruth Queen	Reopen NC Your making people hide in fear as our country collapses. If we go down I want to take my chances working. We have forgotten the battles our forefathers fought and survived. We will never solve this problem hiding at home. This is unconstitutional.
04/17/2020 07:22 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Cheryl Frey	Open NC!!! The point of lockdown was to flatten the curve and not overwhelm the healthcare system...that has happened!!!!
04/17/2020 07:23 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms Renee Wallace	Please Re-Open NC! We can't see another Depression!
04/17/2020 07:24 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Listen to scientists-Teresa Lambe	<p>I'm a veteran NC teacher of 25 years. My partner works in the restaurant industry and is a full time student, so out of work and doing classes online now. My daughter works in the restaurant industry and is a full time student, so in the same boat. My oldest daughter is a Ph.D. Student in NYC and here with a classmate to escape the pandemic - and going to class online. In our home, I'm the only person still working and that's happening around caring for our 4 year old, cleaning, cooking, worrying about bills and my students and their families and my colleagues and our neighbors and our friends.</p> <p>However, I believe that the NCGA must listen to scientists when you consider when and how to reopen the state of NC. Although this has been hard, it's not as hard as grieving a</p>

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

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			about the goals of the removal of freedoms, as when those goals were achieved it has added additional restrictions to freedom rather than lifting them. It has failed in almost every way to interact with its citizens as free men and women and has instead treated them as if they were children who have extremely limited rights and who must be protected from the world.
04/17/2020 07:25 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Jonathan Harrison	Time to open up North Carolina with common sense and wisdom. Follow CDC guidelines, just like flu season. Gov. Roy Cooper has overreached with government power through executive order! The US Bill of Rights is still the law of the land! #ReOpenNC
04/17/2020 07:27 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mrs. Casey Zvanut	<p>I wanted to share my thanks to Governor Cooper for making tough decisions to keep our state safe.</p> <p>I know people want things to get back to normal, but I hope that any decision to begin phases of reopening will be based on strong data showing a continuous decline in COVID19 cases and not merely because of social pressure.</p>
04/17/2020 07:28 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms. Mary Roth	Gov. Cooper, My name is Maty Roth from Charlotte NC. We need to open NC or I am going to be homeless. My unemployment only last 2 months. I need to go back work in such a bad way. Not only for financial reasons but also for my mental health. I keep this up anymore. I am scared. Please open NC back up and get running again. Thank you, Mary Roth
04/17/2020 07:30 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Deborah Weatherby	We need to put our citizens back to work! Reopen NC NOW. we cannot afford the continued economic impact on our state and its workers.
04/17/2020 07:31 AM	Health Care Working Group	Dr Roy Lewis	<p>I urge the General Assembly to reopen North Carolina for business. This great state has many small businesses that will fail with continued closure. Reopen with a continuation of a form of limited social distancing. Even New York is looking at state wide reopening. My medical colleagues in New York anticipate reopening their practices in early May.</p> <p>In the United States, we typically have around 8000 people die per day. What has the all cause mortality rate been during this pandemic? Has it gone up by the daily death rate for COVID-19?</p> <p>North Carolina has had 148 deaths attributable to COVID-19. How many people are now unemployed because of COVID-19?</p>
04/17/2020 07:31 AM	Health Care Working Group	Crystal Regan	We need to get our State back to work. While this new Virus is awful, the numbers do not support the decision to continue the shutdown. Give good guidelines and move on. Covid-19 is a virus. Like Flu A or B, it will most likely mutate annually. The best defense is immunity. The best offense is precautions. Quarantine the sick and those at high risk of mortality. Continue to educate on hygiene and best social practices.
04/17/2020 07:32 AM	Health Care Working Group	Reopen NC Angie Hendren	<p>We need our state open.</p> <p>We need to get back to work and there is no reason for remaining shut down and locked in our homes. Hospitals are not overrun. Health care facilities are prepared and more people die of other illnesses and you don't shut the state down for those. You are ruining small businesses and taking away our freedoms. You are not listening to the people...WE the people. We have rights and you cannot continue to squash them.</p>
04/17/2020 07:33 AM	Health Care Working	Re-open NC Lori	Please let Dental Offices re-open and let Hygienists go back to doing their job! Infection

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	Group	Duggins	control is what we are trained to do. People are suffering while Gov. Cooover is playing political power control with our lives. The numbers have shown a decline for days now and never hit the massive target anticipated which should tell you that your data is not credible. Please, allow the healthy, to return to work AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!
04/17/2020 07:33 AM	Health Care Working Group	Mr. Bart Goswick	Open North Carolina Businesses NOW!  Facts: 1) According to Johns Hopkins COVID-19 site(4/17/20 @ 6:38am) NC has 5,668 cases (0.05% of our population), & 155 deaths (0.001% of our population). NC has approx. 10.4 MILLION total population. 2) There is a small notation on the Johns Hopkins site --- "Confirmed cases include 'PRESUMPTIVE POSITIVE' cases"... as per CDC guidelines. In other words, these numbers are WAY OVERSTATED, therefore the effect on our population is even less than my quoted 0.05% & 0.001% above.  OPEN North Carolina NOW!  Respectfully submitted on this 17th Day of April in the Year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty.
04/17/2020 07:33 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Time to open back up! Fuller Caton	This virus has been a sham. The flu is worse, and that's coming from a paramedic. I'm not just guessing. There is no reason to shut down peoples work. The individuals should choose whether they leave their home or not, the old and sick should stay at home while the rest, the healthy, go back to work. This is partisan politics at play and you're holding the workingman as leverage. The Democratic Party is gone after this next election cycle, I guarantee that. Open everything back up!
04/17/2020 07:34 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Nobleman Edward Castlebury	RE OPEN NC NOW! YOU HAVE NO RIGHT TO KEEP UP UNDER EXECUTIVE RULE... TYRANTS BE WARNED.
04/17/2020 07:34 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Re-open Julian Pierce	We need to re-open our economy now!!!
04/17/2020 07:34 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Chris Rehm	I implore you to open NC back up at the April 30th deadline. Our town already struggles economically and our small businesses cannot continue to go without revenue. Our case count is very low, our hospital is not overwhelmed. There is no reason that our businesses can not open back up as long as safety practices are in place.
04/17/2020 07:35 AM	Education Working Group	Maureen Rupert	Open up all educational facilities....students are suffering!
04/17/2020 07:36 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Truett Buie	Reopen our state. The economic damage will be far more damaging and long lasting than the damage from the virus. We need to get back to work!
04/17/2020 07:37 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Nicoe Robinson	Small business in NC need to reopen to sustain our local economies. Let us ascertain our own "risks," and make decisions for ourselves about where we'd like to shop (local) and which business (local) we want to give our hard-earned money in exchange for goods &



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			services. If you don't do something quick, this will have a long-lasting effect on our NC economy...and possibly your jobs as representatives for your constituents. Please, I implore you to re-open NC!!!
04/17/2020 07:38 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Barbara Szczepanski	We in Western North Carolina has been closed since mid March - some of us since before mid March. Haywood County has had 4 confirmed cases, 3 of which have recovered. So, no deaths. The shutdown was overreaching. The continuation of same is an egregious abuse of power. Please, anyone with some common sense, step up and help us get our businesses open again. If anyone wanted to get a taste of socialism/communism, here we are. REOPEN NC!
04/17/2020 07:39 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Scott Ewell	Open up the businesses. Only the big box stores are going to survive this mess if you don't reopen the economy!
04/17/2020 07:39 AM	Health Care Working Group	Mr Nathan Modlin	Please do not open our state too soon
04/17/2020 07:39 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Michele Carroll	I own a salon in Mitchell county and I am self employed and can not get unemployment. I felt safer in my salon than I do going to the store. I am a sole proprietor at my salon and I was just having a customer at a time when the state shut me down. Another month is really going to hard on my family if there is not some assistance from the state or to be allowed to open back up.
04/17/2020 07:42 AM	Health Care Working Group	Dental Hygienist Kim Barnett	I do have a very dangerous job when it comes to transmission of any type of bacteria or virus but take every precaution possible to insure that I or my patients remain healthy. One thing is for certain, if I can't work, I can't pay my bills and I will lose everything I have worked in the dental profession for over 35 years to achieve! We NEED to work! I would rather take my chances with a virus than lose everything I have, PERIOD!!!
04/17/2020 07:44 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Open Non-essentials Ayse Mehmeti	I support to reopen the non-essential businesses NOW. We have a small business and it is defined as non-essential by decision makers. It is a VERY essential one for our family in order to put bread on the table. Non-essential businesses are essential for our economy.
04/17/2020 07:47 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Ideally Essential Jennifer Bechtel	NC should be open. The economy is suffering and many will lose their livelihoods due to the economic consequences of sheltering for a flu that mutates as much as it does. This is the equivalent of closing down for cold and flu season each year. It will do us no good to restrict the healthy and sound for the immune compromised if the healthy and sound of mind and up unhealthy and insane from this overreach.
04/17/2020 07:47 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Heidi Rice	Please keep our death toll low, and don't reopen too soon. Prépare for vote-by-mail. With paper copies of all the ballots, it will be easier to determine if there were fraud or online hacking. Refusing vote-by-mail puts citizens and poll workers at risk and shows racist and discriminatory intent. (Also, it's very ironic for NC Republicans to act like this is all about election integrity since they were the ones recently found guilty of NC voter fraud and since it has been found in writing that the GOP gerrymandering is for the benefit of « non-Hispanic whites. »)
04/17/2020 07:48 AM	Health Care Working Group	Mrs Melissa Field	Hospitals are empty. Workers furloughed. Only emergency procedures are happening. No breast screenings, no colonoscopies screenings, no biopsies, doctor's offices closed. How many will die because of this total shutdown. You can not kill this virus! We may not have a vaccine. When we do it will rely on responsible citizens to take it. We do not have a true vaccine for flu. It has to be taken yearly and only covers certain stains as it continues

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			to kill 30-60 THOUSAND American a year since 1918. Why don't we stay home every year for flu. Do those deaths not matter? We have to come out of our houses and DEAL with the hand that's been dealt. More of the vulnerable will die. What IS the death rate? It seems to be very low but that is not reported. Americans are intelligent people. We will stay home when sick and we will protect ourselves and our family. We are doing all we can as a country. We have to work and live our lives despite risk as we do everyday when we get in a car. Time to open up! Thank you,
04/17/2020 07:49 AM	Health Care Working Group	Ms Leslie Hagarty	we want testing for everyone BEFORE reopening. Get it in place NOW.
04/17/2020 07:50 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Marsha Van Hecke	I enthusiastically support adoption of the initiative relating to Advance Health Care Directives (Statute G.S. 32A-25.1) allowing either a notary OR two witnesses to sign the documents, and adoption of the initiative (Statute G.S. 10B-3(16)) that would allow documents to be notarized remotely, especially those relating to Advance Health Care Directives.
04/17/2020 07:51 AM	Education Working Group	Ms Leslie Hagarty	stop trying to kill us for your stocks.
04/17/2020 07:52 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Reopen NC Keith Majeroni	Reopen NC by 5/1. The virus is much less severe than predicted. The economic harm be created by the lockdown will result in more suffering and loss of life than the virus. This lockdown is unnecessary and unamerican. Thank you.
04/17/2020 07:56 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms Ellen Freeman-Lynde	As a small business owner, I can't imagine putting profit before people. I'm willing to stay closed as long as necessary to keep our community safe and healthy.
04/17/2020 07:56 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Reopening North Carolina Penny Watts	Please open our state back up.
04/17/2020 07:56 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Sandra Bishop	We need small businesses back to work now.
04/17/2020 07:57 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Heather Alf	Dear NC general assembly. I am deeply concerned that the measures put in place to mitigate covid 19 are excessive and possibly ineffective. I am a mother of 6. I have a 2 college age students who are being denied an adequate education. No one in my family falls into a high risk category for ill effects of this illness. I think it would be wise to allow the healthy low risk individuals to go back to regular daily life while watchfully protecting the immune compromised and elderly. We can keep our most vulnerable safe while not creating an economic catastrophe that may cost more lives in the end. Respectfully, Heather Alf
04/17/2020 07:58 AM	Education Working Group	Mr Powell marshall	Please keep this state at home until the healthcare industry is sure we are safe without creating a more horrible phase 2 of this pandemic
04/17/2020 07:59 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Michael Lynch	#REOPENNC OUR ECONOMY IS SUFFERING
04/17/2020 08:00 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections &	Mrs. Lisa Sayne	Reopen NC!

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	Public Safety) Working Group		
04/17/2020 08:01 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Reopen state Karen Brzycki	We stayed home to lessen the curve. The curve is lessened- now you are choosing one set of lives for another. You keep this state shut down other lives get lost- ANd the livelihood of too many people. 30k a year lost to car accidents- no closing of freeways, no stop driving orders. We did this so the hospitals wouldn't get overwhelmed. Success. Nurses and doctors are being furloughed because business is stopped. All actions have plus and down side, don't grow this from a virus to a cancer on society. Reopen the state!!!!
04/17/2020 08:01 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Tony Basile	Reopen the state! We need to go back to work.
04/17/2020 08:01 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Michelle Drake	Please let small business stay alive. We can practice safety first but we need our jobs to live.
04/17/2020 08:02 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Thank you for considering Leigh C	Please consider a way to work with all people. Those that need to or want to stay home, should without fear of loosing spot in a company. Those that are willing to assume responsibility and take precautions should be allowed to work. So many of ya are truly struggling with children crying at home. It's u fair to represent only part of us. Reopen- with precautions and understanding to let NC be ahead and get back to normal.
04/17/2020 08:03 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Re-Open NC Daniel Reavis	We need representatives that are willing to put our Governor and his over reach in check. The fact that the state and the country are still shut down is ridiculous and is starting to have a negative effect on people. Governor Cooper needs to go.
04/17/2020 08:03 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Gigi B	Protect our economy by protecting our public health. Please keep the stay at home order in place (and extend if necessary!). Our economy will greatly suffer if we let this pandemic overwhelm our hospitals, healthcare workers and other essential workers. Take the long game approach, not the short game.
04/17/2020 08:04 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Pat Oppel	We need to get N.C. back to work. Those who are vulnerable can shelter at home. Limited precautions can still be in place but we need to get back to work. Thank you!
04/17/2020 08:04 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	MS. Jennifer Floyd	I support not only the existing shut down, but extending it. Until we have widespread testing available to thr public at large it would be irresponsible to go back to "normal". As a service industry worker I come into close contact with hundreds of people each day. I do not want to go back to such a working environment until there is a demonstrated level of safety.
04/17/2020 08:04 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Open NC Linda Greene	The time has come to reopen NC, too many people are reaching a point of no return financially ! With safety precautions honored, we should start moving to reopen.
04/17/2020 08:05 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Quez Frye	It is time to get this state opened back up. With the social distancing guidelines in place it is safe to get our economy going again. People are hurting, help is a joke. Small businesses like mine are hurting or failing and the ones that haven't failed can't hold out any longer. Peoples savings and retirements have been or are being destroyed. Enough is enough get the state open and do it now.
04/17/2020 08:05 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr. Craig Scanlon	Open per President Trumps Guidelines. Unsustainable economic damaged is being caused by Staying Closed

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04/17/2020 08:05 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Dondi Smith	Open UP THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA!
04/17/2020 08:06 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Thomas Muncy	Local economies being ravaged, please use real common sense data on current infections to guide the restarting of our critical small and independent businesses.
04/17/2020 08:06 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Heather Wooton	Open our state up!!!!!! You are trying to destroy our small businesses to push your agenda!!! ReopenNC!!!
04/17/2020 08:07 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Joan Sobel	It is past time to open NC. Keeping NC shutdown will have more of a negative impact than the virus. Open NC!!
04/17/2020 08:07 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms Mary K	Re-open NC at the end of April like planned! We cannot keep this economy shut down forever. We need to still social distance and take precautions. The vulnerable should continue to shelter in place.
04/17/2020 08:07 AM	Health Care Working Group	Mrs. Tammy Blackwell	I understand the seriousness of the current situation but we need to open the state back up. People are losing everything. Suicide, murder/suicide and domestic violence is up. I feel the elderly and immune compromised need to continue to stay home but it's time for things to start opening! Small business owners may never recover. School at home for my kids is a joke! My 6th graded only has about 45 min of work and my 8th only a couple hours. These things are all just a review. Everyone is depressed including the kids! Also, outdoor sports need to start back up. We can't stay home forever! Thanks for the opportunity to share my thoughts.
04/17/2020 08:08 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Ross Parrish	Reopen NC Now. Get folks back to work.
04/17/2020 08:10 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Donna Criswell	Please do not lift the stay at home order until testing procedure plans can be put into place. We have all worked too hard over the last three weeks to contain this virus. Let's be sure about what we are doing before making hasty decisions!! Thanks for all you do! Also, please consider voting by mail procedures for the November elections!
04/17/2020 08:11 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mrs C B	While we're thankful for all your work and effort to ensure our state was safe and sound, it's times to hand us back the reins to our lives and livelihood. Please reopen NC. Our actual numbers while low, are not solely due to flattening the curve. We are using incorrect data and a guessing game which is ledictkona to collapse our economy. We may not see huge effects now but in a year, we will have a disaster on our hands and there will be blood on yours for how this has been handled. Mental health and suicide is already rising and will soon quickly bypass the covid numbers. Act now and be remembered for having saved our state, not the one driving it into the ground.
04/17/2020 08:11 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Samantha Sellers	One of Raleigh's biggest draws is it's booming local economy of independent stores, restaurants, and businesses. These WILL NOT survive if we do not reopen the state. Please, reopen NC now!
04/17/2020 08:12 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Reopen NC Angela K	Reopen NC ~ Look at a map, Do the Math
04/17/2020 08:12 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Tommy Bradshaw	We need to open May 1. I own a winery and May is my best month of the year. If you want to save the NC wine producers open May 1.
04/17/2020 08:13 AM	Continuity of State	Mr Jay Hutchins	Davie co health sept reports only 1 active case in a nursing home. The state tally and

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	Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group		numbers are highly false. Either recall roy cooper or impeach him for his grievous violation of my and our 1st amendment rights!!!!!!
04/17/2020 08:13 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Debra Herring	With respect, I would like to see all small businesses afforded the opportunity to open using the same practices as current retailers. I know that in my town, the small businesses that I frequent were already practicing health and safety for customers even before the orders came through and I personally feel better in those places than in box retailers anywhere. There is certainly something to be said for personal one on one attention and caring versus big retailers and I feel those places are much cleaner by far. I am very sad that my CrossFit gym is not allowed to be opened given that they have garage doors open, no ventilation system, outdoor workout space, continuous use of disinfectant as we have always done to be respectful of our workout family. This is a huge part of my health and wellness since I have a muscle movement disorder that I manage with weight bearing exercises. My other treatments denied are deep tissue massage therapy for my muscle disorder. My therapists have always practiced sanitation and disinfecting and I have never been in a room that it was not just me and my therapist. Some of them wear masks anyway. Blanket orders are not healthy for any of us on any level and a one size state order does not fit everyone. I have suffered for 30 days in muscle pain because I cannot get the treatments that I need. I have been punished because I chose a holistic form of treatment to avoid prescriptions. It should be the choice of the individual whether they chose to go to a business or not, not the governments. I do not appreciate my freedom to choose being stripped away. No one ever asked me if I would be OK with any of this. I am capable of making my own decisions regarding my health and wellness. I do not need you to do that for me. Blanket orders are bad and you can do better.
04/17/2020 08:13 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Susan Moody	#ReopenNC NOW ... North Carolinians are smart people. Trust us to do what is needed to protect ourselves and each other. Let us work! Let us get healthcare. Let us care for our family. Give is back our freedoms!
04/17/2020 08:15 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Terry Crysel	Please reopen North Carolina! Too many people are suffering! We need to get back to work! The virus has not been prevalent in my area. I don't know anyone who has had the virus or had it in their family but I know many who have lost their jobs or have had their salaries reduced. So many businesses that are closed. I believe we can act responsibly and get things going again.
04/17/2020 08:15 AM	Health Care Working Group	Mr. Rusty Gaeta	Please OPEN UP OUR STATE! You are hurting more people by keeping them home. You are destroying our home town small businesses! Make the immune compromised stay home. Make provisions for them to get care. The President said it us up to each Governor now to open up our states. Tell Roy Cooper to quit being a tyrant and unlawfully breaking our 1st Amendment rights. We the people have spoken and will not be infringed upon.
04/17/2020 08:15 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Alexandra Landeros	Please protect public health and keep stay-at-home orders in place.

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04/17/2020 08:16 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Lindsey Parker	I believe we should keep the state closed for all of May. The government should be supporting business so that they do not feel the need to rush back to "normal". I want to see a play laid out before we open back up and the public should have time to read it.
04/17/2020 08:17 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Sudie Gower	Let's get people back to work as soon as possible. This shut down is doing irreparable damage to our small businesses who need to pay their employees so that they can feed their families. Poverty also kills.
04/17/2020 08:18 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Hon Brian Sisson	Reopen nc. Small business owners and the economy are dying.
04/17/2020 08:18 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mrs Kay Bryant	Please ReOpen NC
04/17/2020 08:19 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Matthew Harris	Please reopen NC
04/17/2020 08:20 AM	Health Care Working Group		Keep NC "stay at home" orders in place until NC state health experts say it is safe, and testing and tracking is fully available. Do not open too soon based on economic pressure from special interest groups. All our lives are at risk. I am a resident of NC.
04/17/2020 08:20 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Monica Foley	Please allow NC to reopen. Those who are high risk can continue to isolate. We can do it by employing social distancing and all the things we know work. Our hospitals are at 33%. We were told we were going on lock down to flatten the curve. We have. There is a risk, yes. But we need to get back to work. Please let us.
04/17/2020 08:22 AM	Education Working Group	Mrs. Amanda Brown	We need to reopen NC! We need to get back to a somewhat normal life again. Small businesses are hurting, our economy is hurting. We need to open up and start building up an immunity to this virus. REOPEN NC!
04/17/2020 08:22 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Robert Eames	I hope NC is keeping an eye out for signs like this story exposes. <a href="https://www.bbc.com/news/world-us-canada-52311877">https://www.bbc.com/news/world-us-canada-52311877</a> When "essential" business drops the ball on protecting employees on this level, the entire state will pay. We all need to work smarter to protect the employees, the population, and the economy. #StayhomeNC
04/17/2020 08:23 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group		Support, expand, and secure full access to mail in voting for all future elections for all registered voters. I am a resident of NC.
04/17/2020 08:23 AM	Economic Support	Mr. Steve Franklin	We need to start back to work. Keeping NC shut down is not the best for people. NC needs



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	Working Group		to go back to work.
04/17/2020 08:25 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Reopen NC Collin Strickland	You must reopen NC. The governor's executive order violates our state's constitution. Force him to repeal it or impeach him for violating his oath of office. Cooper serves the people of North Carolina, we do not serve him.
04/17/2020 08:25 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Sir Lesley Herring	NC is dying, not from a virus, but from lack of income! This state cannot function and take care of the needy without cash flow. I cannot provide for my family without cash flow. The unemployment system cannot work without cash flow. It took three weeks for me to file a claim and might take 4 more just to get paid! This nonsense has to stop.
04/17/2020 08:25 AM	Health Care Working Group	Kim Warchol	Please keep our state closed as long as needed to keep us safe however we very much welcome the phased approach to reopen with clear requirements and guidelines. Thank you.
04/17/2020 08:26 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Jessica Ward	Good Morning,  I am writing to strongly urge you to start the process of reopening NC by the end of April 2020. This issue it too important to play political games and one person should not have the power to shut down business and personal freedom. Our state has had a minimal number of cases and based on this we should be restating all activities and business. Personal responsibility and accountability coupled with common sense will allow us to proceed with caution and return to normal life. The negative impact of these restrictions will not be forgotten for a long time and getting us back to business will ease the impact on families, businesses and especially our elderly who are suffering from depression. Best regards. Jessica Ward
04/17/2020 08:27 AM	Economic Support Working Group		Do not let economic concerns drive the relaxing of the NC "stay at home" orders. Public health and safety should be the primary focus and those types of decisions should be made primarily by public health experts. While economic concerns are important, health and safety concerns come first. I am a resident of NC.
04/17/2020 08:27 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Angela Hawkind	Please reopen NC for business. The small business owners in NC are suffering. The Covid-19 numbers do not support the destruction bring caused by the Governors Order.
04/17/2020 08:30 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Angie Byrd	Please work toward REOPENING NC. Small businesses will never recover it can be done. Our State is strong and will take the precautions to limit as needed. We need to be able to have graduations with spacing, we need to have church, we need to be allowed to vote in November in our normal way. Don't steal our civil and God Given Rights
04/17/2020 08:30 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Phillip Stewart	OPEN THE STATE! Also, any future restrictions MUST go through the proper channels and this out of control governor MUST be held to account for single handedly leading to what will be the largest failure of small businesses in history. People's entire life's work are being wiped out over this exaggerated emergency and we get a pat on the head from the governor about how good we're doing at social distancing. Government tyranny at it's finest all while a large part of the population sit back and applaud the trampling of the Constitution.
04/17/2020 08:30 AM	Continuity of State	Mr. Liberty Lovin	Protect the first amendment.

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04/17/2020 08:31 AM	Health Care Working Group	Melissa Kemlage	Please reopen NC!! I am in the mental health field and the continued shut down is steadily increasing suicide risk, domestic violence and substance abuse. I also work in Child protective services. Children safety is also at high risk due to being isolated, parents out of work, no income, etc. The benefits for reopening far outweigh the benefits for staying shut down!
04/17/2020 08:33 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Ursula Brown	We have got to get North Carolinians back working. Too many small businesses will not make it much longer.
04/17/2020 08:38 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Harry McClard	Please open the economy as soon as you can. I am a senior but I had been working as an independent contractor part time and now that is gone and the state unemployment is last in the nation to provide any sort of help for the federal program; after a month it's still not working. Opening is a balancing act of health vs economic survival but most of us are willing and able to provide for our own safety. We can't do our own money though.
04/17/2020 08:38 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Harry McClard	Please open the economy as soon as you can. I am a senior but I had been working as an independent contractor part time and now that is gone and the state unemployment is last in the nation to provide any sort of help for the federal program; after a month it's still not working. Opening is a balancing act of health vs economic survival but most of us are willing and able to provide for our own safety. We can't do our own money though.
04/17/2020 08:38 AM	Health Care Working Group	Ms Melanie Lane	The pandemic has been a chance to see the short comings in our healthcare system. Many of them are universally seen across the globe as a fear of overwhelming the systems has led to a unprecedented shut down of the global economy. Much of this could have been prevented with an early focus on testing and stockpiles of things like ppe but we can't turn back the clock now we can only try to do better moving forward. One thing each of you can do is finally expand Medicaid. You know in your heart it's the right thing to do, put politics aside and do the right thing. Other reasons can be seen from the Justice Center:  Medicaid expansion would: Provide coverage to people who form the backbone of our economy and need access to care and services Help people get the medication and treatment they need, especially for substance use disorders or chronic conditions like diabetes Inject our tax dollars back into the state to provide more coverage for more people and allow state dollars currently spent on care to be redirected to other priorities Protect families from medical debt and bankruptcy Help rural hospitals that are struggling to keep up with providing care for uninsured people Create jobs and stimulate economic activity, especially in the health care industry.  The time is now to help the people of NC
04/17/2020 08:40 AM	Health Care Working Group	Jeannie Powell	NC needs to continue to Stay At Home. We don't have adequate testing or tracing for COVID-19 and until we do, the only way to contain the serious and deadly illnesses and

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			deaths is to Stay At Home. Please be a true representative of your constituents and continue to Save Our Lives. Thank you.
04/17/2020 08:41 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Gwendolyn Christopher	We have to reopen!! We are drowning and small business cannot continue down this road!! Testing, Tracing, and Trending (TheThree T's) can be done and we can reopen!! To wait to reopen until we achieve this 100 % would be disastrous!! April 30th is long enough. Thank you
04/17/2020 08:42 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Nellie Greer	Please open up so people will not die from depression, starvation because they cannot work to buy food, exposure from not being able to keep their homes, violence ( domestic and child abuse), many other conditions because of a lowered immune system. We have to reopen to save lives.
04/17/2020 08:43 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms Sheryl Donaldson	Please open NC back up. We know how to protect ourselves and our families. Our hospitals are prepared. This shut down is killing people and putting precious innocent little people at risk. Trust us. We can do this without being forced to lose our homes, our businesses, our jobs. PLEASE OPEN NC NOW.
04/17/2020 08:43 AM	Economic Support Working Group	OPEN NC Sharon Bradley	We must open our state! This has gone on long enough! All of this for roughly 3000 cases within a population of 10 million! We want our freedoms back! Enough is Enough!
04/17/2020 08:43 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Rebecca Joyner	I am concerned that if we open the state back up too quickly that we run the risk of a second wave, which wastes the sacrifices that have been made to date. Please be thoughtful in how you do this and put the health of our citizens first. Even if we wait until the end of May, that buys time to put a process in place to allow for re-entry in a sensible way. We must get back to work but not in a way that reverses the gains that have been made.
04/17/2020 08:44 AM	Education Working Group	Mr. Jeff Jodges	Stay at home is safer than exposing students to the risks associated with this illness
04/17/2020 08:45 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr. Matt Currin	Please open NC, there has been no plan to phase the economy back in, just at the governors discretion. We need a plan to get NC working again!
04/17/2020 08:45 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Owner Jennifer Hemric	We have a small business in the Outer Banks and there are only 2 businesses left open in our town because no visitors or non resident homeowners are allowed. We cannot pay our bills or repay a loan under these circumstances. This is devastating to not only our family but many others. Reopen North Carolina.
04/17/2020 08:46 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Lori Zeto	The rights in the United States Constitution override mandates issued by governors. Americans have the right to protest and speak out against these absurd, nonsensical shutdowns. Economic decline is the greatest national threat to Americans; right now, there are so many people suffering and losing their businesses. Sadly, the cure has already become worse than the problem. Our state cannot afford to wait until May 1, 2020; we must begin to reopen North Carolina NOW!
04/17/2020 08:46 AM	Education Working Group	Ms Lydia Hallum	Money will begin to flow, but lives cannot be replaced. We need order. The rich can stay home the poor have been working throughout. We need vote by mail for the state. Voting is to important to be put at risk
04/17/2020 08:46 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Reopen NC Crysta Pearse	I am writing to strongly urge the committee to allow the residents of N.C. to return to their jobs and reopen their businesses. The longer we are forced to stay home the more certain

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			it will be that we will not be returning to the same N.C. we had prior to this virus; businesses will not be financially able to reopen due to the government picking and choosing which businesses were forced to close. Let us return to our lives so we have something to live for!
04/17/2020 08:47 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mrs Stephanie Krzich	Congressman Murphy had excellent suggestions for opening NC again. Would you please open the economy? Hydroxychloriquine, zinc, z-pac, IV Vit C have worked to recover people. We have treatment. We've slowed the curve. We want to Reopen NC. Thanks.
04/17/2020 08:48 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Harry McClard	Mail-In Voting: I am town councilman in the Town of River Bend. We allow "absentee voting" including mail-in and early voting. Mail-in has specific rules including a copy of photo ID. I encourage those rules if we elect to use mail-in voting. Early voting and regular voting include drive-up in-car voting for persons with disabilities. This is a realistic option also, although it would create long traffic jams. The down side to mail-in voting is that if towns elect to use that option, the town is charged a lot for the election if it is not a federal election. In our case in River Bend, the cost is about \$7,000. If we use mail-in option, it would probably become "norm" and that fee to the towns should be eliminated.
04/17/2020 08:48 AM	Economic Support Working Group	A Smith	Please reopen NC, NC coastal and rural counties depend on the summer tourism revenue for their economy. Think of the tax revenue lost with Dare, Currituck, New Hanover and Brunswick county beaches shut down over the summer. If we are not open by Memorial Day the summer is lost and there is no coming back fiscally from this year. Think of the families impacted by this economic disaster. Let the vulnerable and elderly shelter as needed but please allow the rest of NC to get back to work.
04/17/2020 08:48 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Stay at Home is Working Robert Winstead	COVID-19 stay at home measures are working and helping to slow the spread of the highly contagious COVID-19 virus. Please stay the course until we have sufficient data to show that removing the stay at home requirement will not result in increased infection rates.
04/17/2020 08:49 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Lynne Stalls	Reopen...ket small businesses practice social distancing...key Americans be free to do what we do best.. Control our own lives.
04/17/2020 08:49 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Wendy Mayo	It's time to reopen small businesses and services. Use same type or precautions as big box stores!
04/17/2020 08:53 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Brian English	I am writing to express my growing concern over the impact of recent executive orders by Governor Cooper in relation to COVID-19. It is alarming that a Governor is being allowed by fiat to unilaterally and single handedly cripple the NC economy, shutter businesses, close public lands, and otherwise generally tyrannize the citizens of this state under the guise of protecting us from a virus. Many of our businesses will disappear permanently and more people are losing their means of livelihood every day. Furthermore, the reality and data surrounding the virus and its actual health impact in NC in no way remotely justifies these draconian and tyrannical measures. How much liberty are we expected to surrender to theoretically curb the spread of a virus? Simply put, the Governor has no authority to do this grievous harm to the citizens of NC. These decisions rather belong to communities, businesses, and individuals to evaluate their own risk and act accordingly. In light of this I wanted to petition you as my representatives to call for a special session

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			of the NC General Assembly to discuss continuation of these executive orders, or the lifting thereof, and require a recorded vote of our representatives to keep these measures in effect.
04/17/2020 08:54 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Stacey Hingson	NC needs to be reopened ASAP! This has gone on long enough and gone way too far. People are suffering far worse by this shut down than they would be if this virus really was as bad as the Left is making it out to be. The worst part is that our children are suffering most because of all of this and they, as usual, are left in the wind. By not allowing them to go to school you are depriving them of their education, social interaction, exercise, and, in some cases, simple necessities like food and affection. This is way out of control and the push for socialism needs to stop. This train to the gas chamber needs to be derailed!! We live in the Land of the Free and many many AMERICANS are not going to stand for this much longer!!
04/17/2020 08:55 AM	Economic Support Working Group	C. Miller.	We need to reopen North Carolina no later than May 1st. Our hospitals are NOWHERE near overrun. Healthcare workers are being furloughed. Small business has been devastated by this. The death rate for Covid 19 is much lower than originally thought. The chances of even catching it are much though than originally thought. We are crippling our economy. This cannot continue.
04/17/2020 08:58 AM	Education Working Group	Gary Kreiser	I would encourage the state to not modify school calendars for the start of 2020-2021 school year. If a decision is made to allow earlier starts, this decision needs to be finalized and communicated by May 30, 2020 to allow for cancellations and rebooking of previously paid summer commitments. State guidance also needs to be provided for high school credits earned by middle school students to ensure that middle school students who successfully complete/earn a P grade for high school course work in middle school earn that credit towards high school graduation.
04/17/2020 08:58 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Renee Cox	Reopen N.C. by May 1, 2020 People who feel like they need to stay at home due to underlying health issues , they can.... let freedom be the choice!!
04/17/2020 08:59 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Eddie Glance	North Carolina needs to reopen. Torching our economy to "protect " a few isn't the right choice. Stop with the unconstitutional edicts and let's get back to work.
04/17/2020 09:00 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr James Jarman	Please reopen NC so people can get back to work.
04/17/2020 09:01 AM	Health Care Working Group	Hillary Gould	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. What are you doing to get NC back to work? We need to REOPEN NC now. My husband is a small business owner. He has been out of work for weeks. Our finances are taking a deep dive although we have applied for both loans that the SBA has offered. We have not been given answers about them yet but have heard that the funds set aside to honor those loans is gone. What do we do to support our family? To pay our bills? To buy food? Clothing? Please REOPEN NC!!
04/17/2020 09:01 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Hairdresser Lisa Strickland	Please allow our shops to reopen , we understand if there will be new rules , but this is most of us our only income !!
04/17/2020 09:01 AM	Economic Support	Rob Watson	We need to begin wise reopening - beauty salons with every other seat empty, restaurants

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	Working Group		with every other table empty, etc. Our economy cannot sustain full shelter in place much longer. Our health system cannot yet sustain no shelter in place but some balance must occur or the impact of this pandemic will hit our people harder through depression, suicide, hunger, alcoholism, drugs or worse than the virus itself. Please begin to reopen.
04/17/2020 09:01 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Joy Evans	No one talks about how many people die a day on our highways. 194 have already died in 2020! 16, 126 had injuries. These all end up somehow with our first responders and/or in our hospitals. Should we shut down the roads, so we don't have any more deaths? For our economy and mental health, we need to reopen asap. I personally have two teenagers and am worried for them. Depression, suicide and underage drinking/drugs will only increase if we do not allow them to resume their healthy habits, i.e. school, in-person social interactions, jobs, sports, extracurricular activities. I thank you for reading, I know these are not easy decisions.
04/17/2020 09:02 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Bridget Lockhart	Please allow NC to return to work. Businesses that can reopen safely should be allowed to do so to decrease the negative effect our economy will endure. It's time to stop letting fear rule our lives. Open the parks, open the churches and restaurants. ITS TIME!
04/17/2020 09:02 AM	Economic Support Working Group		It occurs to me that one of the biggest worries people have now, other than the virus itself, is - the bank! All these programs the government is setting up - loans to small businesses (with conditions that may have to be paid back), airlines having to fly empty planes with government subsidies, landlords who may lose properties because their renters can't pay rent, mortgage payments which are being 'deferred' but will still need to be paid later - to whom are all these people beholden? Where is the money due? To the banks. Banks aren't doing anything for people in this crisis. How about if the government passes a law which says - no bankruptcies, no foreclosure, no loan payments are due during this national crisis. Let's all stop worrying about money so much. Also - maybe that would eliminate the inane 'reopen' movement.
04/17/2020 09:03 AM	Health Care Working Group	Linda Lathan	the hospitals have capacity to handle Covid cases...they have furloughed nurses and other Healthcare personnel!...if the reason for the shutdown was to protect hospitals...it was a sham reason!...i have worked 31 years as a nurse and worked in far more dangerous environments than this Covid virus!...it is highly contagious...but not nearly as deadly as heart disease...cancer or even the flu....the politics of all this is sickening....if it wasn't an election year it would be business as usual...
04/17/2020 09:04 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Andrew Gillingham	Get NC back to work! We should take COVID-19 seriously, but we can do that without destroying the NC economy. Don't allow Cooper to be a tyrant and make orders outside his constitutional authority.
04/17/2020 09:04 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Please reopen N.C.! Brooke Marshall	Please reopen NC



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04/17/2020 09:09 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Don Ayscue	<p>Cooper claimed that restrictions have slowed the virus, but the virus will not disappear because we stayed home. We have experienced complete loss of freedom. Whenever the quarantine ends, NC jobs and our way of life will have been destroyed beyond repair. No amount of government money or programs can repair this fragile, interdependent network that took hardworking people decades to build.</p> <p>Most Americans want our products to be manufactured in America, but this is not possible because you have shut down our economy.</p> <p>Cooper's government interventions lead to trouble, causing further problems, and more dangerous than the virus.</p> <p>Cooper, it is time to lead by following the example of many governors announcing this week the return of our freedom of association and our ability to support and feed our families.</p> <p>All healthy individuals in North Carolina must return to work immediately, before our state economy and jobs are destroyed.</p>
04/17/2020 09:09 AM	Health Care Working Group	Tammy Black Tammy Black	<p>Stop lying to the public regarding deaths that are being listed as the China virus! OPEN NC NOW... Shutting a state down for less than 200 deaths is asinine and dangerous! We will remember this come November!!</p>
04/17/2020 09:11 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Sharon McInnis	<p>We need to reopen NC. There were 34k deaths from the flu last year and we managed to stay open. Our people cannot continue without working.</p>
04/17/2020 09:12 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Lisa Freeman	<p>Open North Carolina! This has gotten ridiculous! I am self employed and have been unable to even get through your unemployment website bec it asks who my employer is (ME!!). I tried calling and no calls are accepted. This is insane. I have 3 children and no money coming into my household. This madness has to stop. I can't wait to vote out Roy Cooper for the mishandling of this.</p>
04/17/2020 09:14 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Chilleko Hurst	<p>From an litigation point of view it's not an intelligent plan of action to open th3 state within the next 60 days without testing.</p>
04/17/2020 09:16 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Shari Lynn	<p>A new crisis stronger than the virus looms and threatens our society. Businesses by the thousands will be destroyed, families will go hungry, blood donations will reach critical stages with less donations (putting many lives at risk!) and those suffering in violent homes, sequestered with their abusers, will be subjected to unbearable physical and mental torment. Law Enforcement is being put in a terrible position...between the will of the people and the rights afforded by our Constitution and their orders, based on data that has now been shown to be revised from original predictions. We are being forced to stay inside without sufficient data to support these unprecedented restrictions.</p> <p>Sound data does not subscribe to feelings or popular opinion. The current numbers for CV19 no longer support the need to shut down the state of North Carolina. We need to reopen May 1st. Those who are immune-suppressed or high risk can and should continue to self-isolate. The supreme court has already ruled that no state of emergency supersedes constitutional rights.</p> <p>Shutting down the state and the country has never been the answer before. It didn't</p>

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			happen with influenza, H1N1, or the Swine flu during Obama's Administration.
			There is a way that we can protect the most vulnerable, while allowing the heart of NC, the small businesses and the hard workers of our state, to continue to feed their families. Please, do the right thing!
04/17/2020 09:17 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Chris Fawcett	We MUST start opening up the state's economy by May 1st. Follow the guidelines set out by the federal government to keep as many safe as possible. This shut down will cause increases in depression, suicide, domestic violence, alcoholism, non-covid health issues, homeless, and a serious strain on the state's finances. While every death is sad, we cannot destroy the livelihoods of millions of Carolinians. These are hard choices, but we must do our best to protect BOTH our working citizens and those at risk from the virus. This cannot be a black and white decision. We have to rise up and be better. We can figure it out.
04/17/2020 09:18 AM	Economic Support Working Group		Do your work by adopting the President's 3-phase approach to reopening the state(s). We are past the peak of this disease, people are able to select their approach to re-entering society based on personal comfort level, and the economy will strain to the point of rupture if we delay the reopening of small and medium businesses. Constituents are not as stupid as many leaders want to characterize them. People will act in their own self-interest first; in the interest of friends and neighbors as largesse allows. Lead with Constitutional principles in mind. Open the NC economy!
04/17/2020 09:18 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Sasha Gray	Please reopen NC no later than April 29....we are adults and can make the decision to be safe while we rebuild our economy. We simply cannot allow all businesses to continue to be shut down. Our livelihood and families depend on opening all businesses now.
04/17/2020 09:19 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Dr. John Bowman	Dear Sir/Madam, Before considering ending any stay-at-home orders please take into consideration how successful these orders have been both here in NC and nationwide in reducing the increasing numbers of cases COVID-19. Until we have adequate testing for the virus we have no idea how widespread the COVID-19 virus actually is, but there is compelling evidence that there are many individuals who are testing positive and do not have symptoms. Please take into consideration what medical experts are saying when you consider your recommendations. Public health in this crisis must be your first priority.
			Dr. John Bowman, Moore County, NC
04/17/2020 09:19 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Katy Moss	The numbers do not support the economy being shut down. Human life is precious and I understand some limitations, but our economy cannot afford to stay shut down over a 98% survival rate. As of today 84% of the deaths are 65 and older, and majority of 65 and older do not work. This info is right off the website for NC covid. Do not keep healthy people at home, does not make sense
04/17/2020 09:21 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Misti Barbee	Begin opening the state. Small businesses can begin opening with the hygienic measures in place (distancing, masks, hand washing, no large group gatherings, etc.). The vulnerable can still self-isolate. Those who can work-from-home can continue. But we need to allow small businesses to open and survive this.
04/17/2020 09:21 AM	Health Care Working	Russell Boyce	Open NC on 4/30! The goal was to not overwhelm the medical system. The goal has been

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	Group		achieved. Time to open! If not, very very detailed goals with specific numbers and timelines need to be provided.
04/17/2020 09:22 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Misty Hampton	Open NC!
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04/17/2020 09:26 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Andy McPherson	Enough is enough! Lift the impractical, illogical, UNCONSTITUTIONAL stay at home order! Quarantine the sick, let the healthy go to work. You politicians are not our nannies! We can, and will, take care of ourselves. My health is not your responsibility. Picking and choosing the businesses that are "essential" is ridiculous ! What gives the government the right to say what/who is "essential? Certainly not the constitution! OPEN THE STATE BACK UP NOW!
04/17/2020 09:26 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mrs Ann Rosar	I support our local government, Governor Cooper, mayors, etc. in all their decisions - well done. Please continue to keep our public safe.
04/17/2020 09:26 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Mary Bennett	Keep it shut down! We don't have enough resources to reopen. The reopen N.C. folks are just loud. The majority of us don't feel safe. Protect NC citizens. Protect health care workers.
04/17/2020 09:27 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Beth Mizelle	Our state has been more impacted by the shutdown than the virus. Please look at everything - the toll this has taken - and open NC Economy back up. Yes, it will be staggered - and yes, it will need guidelines. But there is no reason, for example, a hairdresser can't see clients - that we can't eat in restaurants with the same limit capacity as you have given Lowe's. Please don't kill everyone in NC by keeping the economy shut down.
04/17/2020 09:27 AM	Health Care Working Group	Owner of Bull City Soles Julie Marciniak	<p>I am the owner of a small business in Durham with 7 employees.</p> <p>All MASSAGE THERAPY practitioners were shut down by Governor Cooper March 25, 2020 along with nail salons, beauty salons and barbers.</p> <p>As a small business, we have been serving the Durham community for 28 years. Our clients come in for acute and chronic pain relief after the medical model: prescription drugs, surgery, Physical Therapy and other procedures have failed them. To THEM we are essential. To them we SAVE LIVES.</p> <p>A chiropractor or physical therapist come into just as much contact with people as we massage therapists do, so can you explain to me why they were not shut down? Why they are deemed essential and we are not?</p> <p>As massage therapists we have been trained to practice safe and sanitary hygiene. This is nothing new to us. And we have stepped up our level of awareness even more before we were closed down, to address the concerns of COVID-19. Clients with compromised immunity made the conscious decision to stay at home and not expose themselves, and</p>

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			<p>we stopped taking new clients to control the environment even more was just a few of our efforts. As a small studio we have the flexibility and ability to control the spread of potentially dangerous germs a whole lot more that Walmart, Roses, or any grocery store that has been allowed to remain open!</p> <p>As of today, April 17 NONE of my employees have received any unemployment benefits. You know, the ones I PAY for and submit with every payroll!?! </p> <p>In your attempt to "save lives" you are killing small businesses and therefore endangering far more than a few lives. This is wrong. We need to go back to work!</p>
04/17/2020 09:27 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Ms Glenda Culler	Please open NC back up. We need to get on with our lives. Back to work to support our families. If grocery store workers, hospital staff, and most of the general public do it,,,,why cant we all?
04/17/2020 09:28 AM	Health Care Working Group	Ms Paige Baker	Please do NOT lift the stay-at-home order until: you can test anyone who asks for a test, get rapid results, and do contact tracing; ensure that all frontline healthcare workers and support staff have all the PPE they need to safely do their jobs; and ensure that all people working in a public capacity ALSO have all the PPE they need to protect themselves. Also-- wait until Dr. Anthony Fauci says it's okay. Thank you.
04/17/2020 09:31 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Kevin Worlton	Please allow counties to determine their own reopen process. My county and business has essentially been locked down since March 16th. We now have 15 cases with one death due to Covid19, it's time for Dare County to move to Phase 2.
04/17/2020 09:32 AM	Health Care Working Group	Not Safe To Reopen The Co Elizabeth Stiff	Good morning, There is a growing concern from thousands of community members about the proposed reopening of the country /state so soon. There Must be mass testing before we ease social distancing or send everyone back to work. If we don't give this pandemic more time to resolve and offer testing to everyone, we will be faced with a high probability for a second wave to take the lives of many more of our citizens. We must prioritize life and safety over the stability of the economy.
04/17/2020 09:33 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Nicole Criddle	It is time to open back up our state. Initial modeling was incredibly flawed and rather than admitting that, acknowledging that the hospitals have capacity and can handle the cases, we are doubling down in an effort to flatten a curve that never truly spiked. We can handle this virus by asking the highest risk to self-isolate and allow the rest of us to take on the burden of caring for them financially and physically. While we get back to normal life we will be working on developing Herd Immunity, the only proven method of handling a health care crisis such as this. A complete suppression strategy simply isn't possible nor has it ever been accomplished, a mitigating strategy like we have taken will undoubtedly cause spikes whenever we choose to lift it, which is why the models you've chosen to trust continually keep pushing back a peak, there is no one publicly speaking about the fact that the same amount of deaths will occur over a slower amount of time with the current lock down situation. The only way this saves lives is if our hospitals couldn't handle the surge of patients and people died needing treatment or equipment, fortunately this hasn't come to fruition but the best way to ensure it doesn't is allowing hospitals to start back up elective procedures and continue care before they also shutter their doors due to

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			economic collapse. We can't continually shut down every time there is a resurgence. A vaccine is in no way promised, and so far vaccine research hasn't cracked Rhinovirus', HIV/AIDS or previous coronaviruses, formulating our plan based on the idea of a vaccine that may never be developed is incredulous! Open our state back up, quit trampling all over the Constitution and allow North Carolinians to get back to business. Freedom of choice is imperative here, those who disagree with opening would still be allowed to sit at home quarantining until they choose to do otherwise but for the rest of us who want to get back to our life we should be allowed that right. Freedom has never been risk free, its why we allow people to drink, smoke and drive cars all things that also have inherent dangers, allow citizens to decide how to proceed with their lives while informing us of the risks involved, that is the governments job.
04/17/2020 09:36 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Erin Kirkpatrick	Respectfully requesting N.C. reopen all businesses. Our numbers put us in phase one. While I'm personally not financially hurting, many are. Pro sports and Indoor coliseum concerts are far from necessity even prior to COVID.
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04/17/2020 09:36 AM	Health Care Working Group	Ms Toby	As a nurse, I don't believe we should rush to open the economy. I know people are scared and ready to open up, but once we do, the curve can go up again. Many countries have seen a second wave and that's not good for anyone if that happens here. I see a lot of argument that those who wants to stay home, stay home. But let those that wants to go out do so. (1) that's not how it works because if someone are asymptomatic, they can pass it on to someone else, (2) if only half of the states stays home, the curve will not go down. This is a group effort, (3) without laws, restriction, guidances, people will not follow. Take this into consideration before you open NC back up. I know we need to open up eventually, but now is not the time!
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04/17/2020 09:36 AM	Health Care Working Group	Ms Tanya Triber	I urge our NC government to move slowly in reopening the economy and "returning to normal." The advice of doctors and public health experts should be followed to the letter. We need more testing. We need patience, due process and some assurance we are truly on the other side of this virus before we begin to peel back the layers of social distancing, business closure and common sense precautions like limitations to gatherings and wearing masks & gloves. If we act too quickly a second wave of infections is likely, causing further deaths and even more economic devastation to our communities. I support a continued hiatus of business, school and normal life until we have adequate

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			tests, and tracking methods in place. Rushing to return to normal could be catastrophic without these measures.
04/17/2020 09:38 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Ms Terry Miller	We as citizens have done our part Now it is your turn to do your job and get our people back to work As President Trump said Make a plan and we The people want to know what it is Stand for North Carolina Now!!!!
04/17/2020 09:39 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mrs Brittany Lefler	Reopen North Carolina.
04/17/2020 09:40 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Tammy Pope	I think that with the very low covid cases in NC up to this point and knowing that the virus has been around since November we have an obligation to reopen the state as quickly as possible meaning May 1st. Vulnerable persons should be allowed to stay at home if needed but small business, restaurants, hair dressers, etc should reopen with new plans implemented to keep Americans safe through this transition to full recovery.
04/17/2020 09:40 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Dr Herb Lamb	There is no doubt that we should continue sheltering in place practices. It is also imperative that the state support federal funding to help North Carolinians during this crisis. Thank you.
04/17/2020 09:43 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Jennifer Martin	While I will personally continue the social distancing for a while, I feel strongly it is time to open this state back up. Let me make those closure, social distancing, etc, decisions for myself. Many people shut down their businesses early and almost all were very financially comfortable( ie, long term attorneys.) A small business, especially a new one is drowning in this economic atmosphere created by the very office we pay our sales tax too. And even to open May 1, will still make 2020 hard to recover from at this point. This shutdown is based on information that has changed daily and we just don't see it..... It is not ironic that those that are for NC to stay shut; are still working (or receiving a check), financially comfortable and/or on a political narrative. We all see this and know it... I have repeatably seen people preaching "stay at home" on social media but not what they are really doing. It is all fake and I want to think for myself. This government executive order is killing us..... The economy isn't separate from people, just like the virus it is people. The supposed cure here is worse than the cause. We are not New York.....
04/17/2020 09:43 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Jesse Thomas	Dear NC Representatives, The current science supports a continuation of the shelter-in-place policy. We must remain on this path for as long as the scientific data informs the experts to do so, and in order to avoid another–potentially more deadly/catastrophic–outbreak. The lessons of our past should guide our steps toward a safe and healthy future for all; i.e. 1918 “Spanish” Flu pandemic where, once restrictions were relaxed, the second wave of infections intensified and killed many more than the initial wave. Do the right thing for your people. We are ALL relying on you to keep us safe...and alive. Best regards, JT

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04/17/2020 09:44 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Carolyn Wiley	Please do not open the state businesses open until we have testing available for everyone who is asymptomatic. That means state-wide!
04/17/2020 09:44 AM	Health Care Working Group	Nurse Practitioner Sonya Glavin	Before we start opening up we must test. Turnaround time in private lab is now reasonable , previously at 10 days. As we live with covid we need to test as many as we can and have prompt results. We must fund our public health departments, let's get nurse students , NP students, med students helping with contact tracing. We need to support technology that will help with contact tracing and identification. We have SAS, IBM, technology right here in NC. Refer to them , get them to work together on this.
04/17/2020 09:45 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Paige Hogan	I do not think we should rush into reopening. I know it's important that this be over with soon, but the health and safety of our residents is more important. We are now seeing the effects of flattening the curve, but seeing that and reopening would be reversing any work we did by closing.
04/17/2020 09:46 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Joanne Forgione-Salata	You need to reopen NC people are losing their jobs, homes and families yes families. There is no cure for this virus just like the common cold or the flu. People will die as with any virus. You will lose you seat as Governor over this and have on your conscience families that will lose everything they worked for. Please reopen NC
04/17/2020 09:47 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Dan Baker	Open it up
04/17/2020 09:49 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Sir Rod Drake	The projections cited by the Governor are faulty. How can you dare to offer further restrictions when your data proves you are wrong?
04/17/2020 09:49 AM	Health Care Working Group	I Al Morrow	Ease the restrictions. This is unsustainable and you are suspending our rights. We're capable of making decisions in our own best interest and don't need big brother dictating how we live our lives.
04/17/2020 09:50 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Patricia Parker	Please open NC. These restrictions imposed on the citizens are unconstitutional. Restaurants ans stores at half capacity for a week or two, shopping hours for the "at risk" population, etc. We need to see the light at the end of the tunnel soon.
04/17/2020 09:50 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Trust the Healthy Dale Hunsucker	NC has MANY HEALTHY PEOPLE. Areas of good health need to be allowed to return to a more normal way of living. Areas of higher medical needs can be returned a little slower if necessary. Citizens of NC desire to work & live safely & healthy. As adults we are responsible for our families and as such I hereby request that we be allowed to come back from hiding out from this situation.  Thank you for your consideration on this issue. ????
04/17/2020 09:51 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Re-open Now Mike Hood	Re-open now, the numbers are not justified
04/17/2020 09:52 AM	Health Care Working	Dr Alice Coblentz	We must exercise extreme caution when choosing to re-open the economy. To do so

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	Group		without much greater access to testing - both active infection and serology tests- would be courting disaster. Please choose a very conservative approach.
04/17/2020 09:53 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Nancy Petry	Reopen NC on MAY 1 , 2020
04/17/2020 09:54 AM	Economic Support Working Group	My salon Faye Floyd	I need my small salon open! I do not qualify for assistance. We wear mask and will only have 1 person in at a time
04/17/2020 09:54 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Miss Tiffany Mckoy	Please use the expertise of our state health director and science and medical professionals as well as some business professionals to come to a well balance solution on when to open up our states economy. We want a smart way, a gradual way to open our economy without risking its citizens to more of the outbreak. We really need more wide spread testing. Our numbers are low and that is great but we are not wide spread testing or tracing. That number could be higher. We risk over whelming our health care system. So please be careful and be strategic on when to open the economy. Too early and when can increase our rate of infection, too late and our economy suffers more but a gradual roll out and more widespread testing and tracing we can survive this. Thank you.
04/17/2020 09:54 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Henry Petry	Reopen NC May 1, 2020
04/17/2020 09:56 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Ann Rich	We must begin opening North Carolina May 1st. Most small businesses will not make it much longer. How can we continue to bail out individuals? This tax money for those individuals comes from people who are working. Is it too hard to understand that if people are not working, there is no one to pay taxes to bail out individuals? Do we just keep printing money?
04/17/2020 09:56 AM	Health Care Working Group	Covid 19 closure Jessica Fuoco	I am a Dental professional, my mother is a nurse. Please keep NC closed to protect us both. There isn't enough PPE for all the dental offices and the hospitals too. She is already being asked to used the same N95 mask for all 5 of her shifts. If dental offices reopen we need N 95 protection too. I would rather my mother, a nurse, saving lives have those supplies. People can brush and floss at home, they can still see a DDS for emergencies and they can stay safe and keep others safe. I know our economy is suffering but our people, our mothers, fathers, sisters, brothers and children are living! How is that even a debate!!
04/17/2020 09:57 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Reopen NC April Keen	We need to reopen NC!! The hospitals are not overwhelmed and the curve has been flattened! We can't afford to stay shut down any longer!!
04/17/2020 10:01 AM	Education Working Group	Miss Sarah Norman	As a counselor I see the mental health of our nation crashing. As an American I see small business owners who are now saying they are going to be unable to open back up due to

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			lost funds. I feel like If we opened now slowly - allowing stores, restaurants, movie theaters, etc to reopen with a cape size how how and where we can sit. We can get to some kind of normal. This virus isn't scary to me - it's what I'm hearing from friends and seeing from My students that's scary. We were not made to live this way, our constitution doesn't allow this. Please consider reopening NC in small increments as soon as possible.
04/17/2020 10:01 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mr. Nathan Litwin	Please continue to keep everything closed. As soon as we reopen there will be a spike in cases of the virus. People are confusing the low numbers with that meaning that it's nothing to worry about. I would even do as many other states have and close schools for the rest of the year. Just please ignore the reopen people, put the politics of this aside, and listen to the health officials.
04/17/2020 10:03 AM	Health Care Working Group	Tara Britt	Medicaid expansion is greatly needed in this state. This is just one example of how your voting to not expand medicaid has a very negative effect on people in much of NC's rural areas. It's shameful for our state especially during these trying times. Contagious illness affects us all!!
04/17/2020 10:04 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mrs. Leslie Lippa	Re-Open NC! I've been isolated since March 18 but so what? I can't go anywhere even though I don't have it! At least open the beaches so people can walk!!
04/17/2020 10:05 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Tabitha Edwards	We need to open nc. Please anyone families are hurting business are dieing.
04/17/2020 10:06 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Matthew Farrell	Use medical advice and scientific evidence to make a plan to reopen NC. Do not respond to loud voices of groups making unscientific demands that will only increase death and suffering for all North Carolinians. An overwhelmed health care system impacts all of us. Higher death counts are not a boon to the economy.
04/17/2020 10:07 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Tara Britt	Use medical advice and scientific evidence to make a plan to reopen NC; do not respond to loud voices of groups (such as ReopenNC) making unscientific demands which will only increase death and suffering for all people in North Carolina. An overwhelmed health care system impacts all of us. Higher death counts are not a boom to the economy.
04/17/2020 10:07 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Rev. Judah Jones	I support keeping the state under stay at home orders until we have the testing necessary to know who is sick, who has immunity, who is vulnerable, and until advised to open by medical professionals. I also support developing a way for everyone to vote from home.
04/17/2020 10:08 AM	Health Care Working Group	Ms. Leila Daly	Please expand Medicaid. Improved healthcare for all especially during this time of COVID 19 translates into improved health for all North Carolinians. It is particularly evident now during this pandemic, we are all interconnected. We cannot sacrifice one group or class.
04/17/2020 10:09 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Lee Huffman	Small business owners and employees are hurting. I urge the government to stop restrictions and let us go back to work. We cannot afford to keep going like this. Please

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04/17/2020 10:10 AM	Health Care Working Group	lewis wardell	end restrictions. Clearly the current health system is inequitable, crazy expensive, driven by corporate profit motive and unable to adjust for emergencies. Work on a true public health model in which costs are controlled, access is expanded, and competitive forces reduce system competition. Until people feel more comfortable that adequate care will be affordable and available, they won't risk returning to work and play.
04/17/2020 10:10 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Stay Home Stacy Barrick	Please keep the state shutdown until we are able to test more people and until infection and hospitalization rates have gone down. If we reopen too soon I fear we will have another spike later down this year. I am currently unemployed, not because this virus shutdown my place of work but because I had been planning for a month to try to find a new job in mid March during my break from college classes but ultimately was unable to. I'm terrified of trying to find a job right now because of this virus and I do not want to work anywhere that will not provide its employees with masks at this time. I'm also scared of a second wave of this virus being even deadlier if we reopen too soon. Right now there is no denying how bad this virus is nor how much it is affecting everybody but I feel we are getting close to reaching the peak of this virus and will be able to safely reopen if we can just get more tests and continue telling people to stay home unless absolutely necessary.
04/17/2020 10:10 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Ryan Gertz	I support the stay at home movement. Our health is more important than getting back to the norm.
04/17/2020 10:11 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Karen Crumbliss	Please listen to scientific and medical experts regarding the gradual opening of our state. There are always groups who will want more, but please defer to the experts rather than anxious citizens. It is hard for all, but will be more difficult if we open too early and go through it all again. Thank you
04/17/2020 10:12 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	lewis wardell	Enabling universal access to remote voting is the only way to avoid charges of voter suppression.
04/17/2020 10:13 AM	Health Care Working Group	Karen Crumbliss	While we are in the middle of such a serious health crisis, covid-19, the need for the expansion of Medicaid is ever greater! It will help the health of the people in our state which will, in turn, help us to get back to "normal". Thank you.
04/17/2020 10:17 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Lee Daly	It is imperative that strong evidence-based medical and scientific data on COVID 19 be the foundation for formulating a plan to reopen NC, not loud voices of fringe groups (such as ReopenNC). While I think all of us would like businesses to reopen, we cannot afford an increase in death and suffering. As a retired PA, I know first hand how an overwhelmed health care system impacts all of us. Higher death counts are not a boon to the economy. We need a plan for testing and tracking in this state.
04/17/2020 10:19 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency	Leila Daly	North Carolina needs vote by mail to be instituted now, in time for the November election. A ballot with stamped return envelope should be mailed to every North Carolinian. Our



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	Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group		democracy and free and fair elections are at stake; we should not have to risk our lives to vote in the United States of America.
04/17/2020 10:20 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Teresa Davis	Ok. Its time to start opening! Social distancing, proper hygiene, stay home when sick. I'll even wear a mask everywhere! Just Open Up NC!
04/17/2020 10:20 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Jessica Boggs	The economy of NC is already hurting severely from the shut down. I live in eastern NC where we already are economically poor, and keeping us shut down will cripple us. There have already been folks denied help, small businesses are not getting help from the government, and the big government doesn't want to help the small business folks. Lowe's and Walmart are open, allowing droves of people to be there, where most small businesses don't have more than 50 people around at a time and are much cleaner than Lowe's and Walmart yet nothing is being said about them, they are big money and considered "essential", yet small town small business has to stay closed? If you want NC to survive, you need to reopen, economy crippling is worse than a virus...
04/17/2020 10:21 AM	Health Care Working Group	Mrs. Peg Buchholz	I am urgently requesting that the businesses in NC be opened very soon. It is so sad to see small business owners losing their life's work and people being unemployed. Also, I believe especially that the beaches should be open. Fresh air and exercise is one of the best ways to kill a virus. I also believe that the virus is no more serious than the flu and people have a very high rate of recovery, so these quarantine rules have been too severe (in my opinion). Please, please let our state get back to normal before we harm ourselves beyond recovering. I am not articulating this very well, but I am very worried for our state and our country. Thank you.
04/17/2020 10:21 AM	Health Care Working Group	Ms julia slebos	expansion of medicaid is critical; I don't understand the callousness that seeks to deny health care to the poorest among us
04/17/2020 10:22 AM	Health Care Working Group	Dr Melanie Gerard	Reopen North Carolina
04/17/2020 10:23 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Sandy Johnston	Please consider experienced medical advice and scientific evidence to guide your decisions in doing what is best for all North Carolinians.
04/17/2020 10:25 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Miriam Vanderlaan	We need to open back up! YOU are killing us all without the virus.
04/17/2020 10:26 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Reopen North Carolina Matthew Corbitt	We need to start opening this state back up. No more money for small businesses loans now and to many people suffering. The numbers are not what you expected and over hipe. This is our state and country. Thank you
04/17/2020 10:26 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Ms. Julia Slebos	Re: Vote by Mail Pls. do not do what Wisc. did (require in-person voting at the polls) and endanger our health by not allowing vote by mail during the time of COVID-19.
04/17/2020 10:28 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections &	L G	In this time of community medical crisis, please leave the decision to reopen up to the medical experts because if your priority is business, the crisis will continue. It's a personal issue for me as my husband is living in the garage to isolate from the rest of us. There

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	Public Safety) Working Group		have now been three frost advisories so it's certainly not easy for us.
04/17/2020 10:28 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Franchisee Carol Horrocks	Please open NC and give us our freedoms back. I am a Franchise owner of 2 stores and we are willing to take necessary safeguards, but we NEED to get the economy back! REOPEN NC!!
04/17/2020 10:28 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Extend Stay at Home Order Jenna Bowman	<p>I live in Surry county, which according to the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Resources website, currently has 11 cases of COVID-19. There are cases in all surrounding counties, including our neighbor Forsyth county which has 122 cases. (as of Today, April 17, 2020)</p> <p>I am 7 months pregnant. I have a daughter in elementary school, which is closed through mid-May.</p> <p>If the state reopens at the end of April, I will be going back to work in a non-essential manufacturing facility (where my coworkers are from both North Carolina and neighboring Virginia counties). I will be forced to take my daughter to stay with her (elderly and at risk) grandmother every day.</p> <p>As rates continue to increase across the state, if the state reopens too early any social distancing efforts made by my family will have been pointless and I will be putting myself and unborn child, as well as my family in my home, and my parents-in-law in their home, at an unnecessary risk of contracting and spreading COVID-19.</p> <p>As a mother, I know I am not the only one with small children in this position, and reopening too soon, and before children are able to go back to school, will be detrimental to all those families, and our most at-risk population: the elderly relatives we depend on for childcare while schools are closed.</p> <p>The North Carolina Stay-at-Home Order should be extended to meet the the order to close schools until mid-May, or even until the first of June.</p> <p>Resource:  <a href="https://www.ncdhhs.gov/divisions/public-health/covid19/covid-19-nc-case-count">https://www.ncdhhs.gov/divisions/public-health/covid19/covid-19-nc-case-count</a></p>
04/17/2020 10:31 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Candy Hess	We MUST open commerce!! YOU are killing more people than the virus! NC is way down the list on deaths. You are DESTROYING our state and families.
04/17/2020 10:31 AM	Education Working Group	Mrs. Cama Merritt	I urge you to take advantage of federal funds that are available to support education, especially during this crisis. Now more than ever we need to address the discrepancies in our education systems. In the more affluent areas public education thrives. In deprived areas, where students need a lift up, funds are often less than needed for a vigorous educational system.
04/17/2020 10:32 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms. Julia Slebos	I support a responsible, cautious, and scientifically supported approach to reopening public spaces and non-essential businesses. I do not agree with the current federal push to reopening as soon as possible. It is so obvious that such an approach will cause unnecessary deaths; how is it possible to select that option?

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04/17/2020 10:33 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Lisa Aguilar	Please re-open NC, with citizens using precautions while out in public. I am a self employed, independent contractor and need to work to support my family..so far NO aid provided to us and we are going g further into debt. We need our economy operating again with a new norm. this stay home shutdown in not right and hurting us- the majority who are not sick
04/17/2020 10:35 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Sandi Bracey	REOPEN NC NOW!,
04/17/2020 10:38 AM	Economic Support Working Group	William Miller	This closure is crippling the economy. People are starving. Businesses will go away forever. Stop the madness. If business isn't opened up, the damage will be permanent and widespread with no fix.
04/17/2020 10:44 AM	Health Care Working Group	Jean Tedder	Unless and until we have a method for testing a statistically relevant cohort of citizens, it would be imprudent to allow gatherings in public. We must stay at home until we know who is asymptomatic or immune. Otherwise, we just heighten the probability for another close-down of businesses not to mention a new surge of cases, including deaths.
04/17/2020 10:45 AM	Health Care Working Group	hardee klitzman	Please expand Medicaid during this pandemic, not only for those who have lost their jobs and health insurance but also those who may be on the cusp of eligibility. We are all at risk if there are those who do not have access to healthcare.
04/17/2020 10:47 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Ms Beth Ford	I support Roy Cooper, completely. We are not yet ready to reopen nc. We closed down for a good reason and that reason is still valid. A too early opening will have devastating consequences and many more people will die. Wahoo! Go Roy! Support your governor, we have no other leadership.
04/17/2020 10:47 AM	Economic Support Working Group	NC SHUTDOWN CHELSEY GANN	The numbers don't support this shutdown. I work in hospitality and our family has been slow to receive unemployment. We need to be back working. The hospitals are not overwhelmed. I have a sister and sister in law both nurses at caremont in gastonia, and atrium in charlotte. They both said the hospitals aren't overwhelmed in fact their dead! This isnt fair to our children or us. Open back up!!!!
04/17/2020 10:48 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Teresa Norman	#ReopenNC... We need to get back to work! I agree with the phases but we need to start soon. Please do not extend the timeline past May 1st. This is a terrible situation but delaying will only hurt those most vulnerable. This is a violation of our Constitutional Rights. Regardless of the source, the HCQ / Z-pak + Zinc regime for treatment is safe and effective. Make sure we have access to it if necessary... Thank you, Teresa N
04/17/2020 10:50 AM	Economic Support Working Group	hardee klitzman	The recommendations of the health care community are the most important when plans are made to relax the shelter-at-home and social distancing guidelines. Do not succumb to pressure from groups who are not basing their demands on science.
04/17/2020 10:50 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr. Paul Harvin	Please use medical advice and scientific evidence when you make your plan to lift pandemic-related restrictions and "re-open" North Carolina. It is important that we protect our health care system from being overwhelmed, so that our healthcare system can continue to effectively serve all North Carolinians. If we lift restrictions too quickly, we will likely need to put severe restrictions back in place again soon thereafter. The back and forth would likely cause greater economic disruption, higher unemployment and the

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			bankruptcy of more North Carolina individuals and businesses.
04/17/2020 10:52 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Open NC Michelle McCoy	Governor, Let's keep careful guidelines for the elderly and those who are immune compromised. But for the main population who is healthy, let us work, walk the parks and beaches, gather with others and live. Fresh air and the vitamin D from the sunshine is key in helping our immunities! Also, I am seriously concerned about the mental health in this state and fear serious repercussions if we are kept shut down much longer. Please open up our wonderful state by May 1st! Thank you for your support!
04/17/2020 10:53 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Jessica	Reopen NC now. This has gone on far too long. The numbers don't add up. The sick can stay home. We need small businesses opened up before we lose them all. Losing them would be far more detrimental than this virus will ever be. It is unconstitutional for the government to close these businesses! The people should have a choice!
04/17/2020 10:53 AM	Health Care Working Group	Mrs. Christine Barboriak	Please expand Medicaid. Improved healthcare for all during this time of COVID 19 really means improved health for all North Carolinians. Especially during a pandemic, when contagious illness impacts us all, everyone's good health is interconnected. Please ensure that all medical workers have proper PPE.
04/17/2020 10:54 AM	Health Care Working Group	Mr. Paul Harvin	Please take action to expand Medicaid and other healthcare programs to ensure that all North Carolinians have affordable access to the quality healthcare our citizens needed during this pandemic (and afterwards). We need to do our best to help all North Carolinians stay safe and healthy, so that we can all work grow our economy and make North Carolina an even better place to live.
04/17/2020 10:55 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms Peggy Porter	It is time to allow small, supposedly non-essential, businesses to reopen, as long as they are following appropriate sanitizing and social distancing protocols. I would feel as safe in those as I do in the grocery store, perhaps more. Many of these businesses are already done for, most likely; let's not kill more of them.
04/17/2020 10:55 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Miss Halia Babchuk	We need to open the economy again. The curve has more than flattened. There is no scientific or logical reason to kill the economy. Nurses are being sent home for not enough work. We didn't shut down for flu, which is a lot more severe on people. Please do the right thing.
04/17/2020 10:56 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Christine Barboriak	Please continue our stay-at-home and use medical advice and scientific evidence to make a plan to reopen NC; do not respond to loud voices of shadow groups (such as ReopenNC) making unscientific demands which will only increase death and suffering for all North Carolinians. If we open too soon and overwhelm our hospitals countless, avoidable injuries and death from COVID-19 will occur. Putting our healthcare and frontline workers at risk will not help the economy but will instead make a shambles of our fragile infrastructure. Science must lead the way or we are doomed!
04/17/2020 10:57 AM	Education Working Group	Ms. Jennie Eblen	Over a million people in North Carolina are facing a pandemic with no health insurance. The NC General Assembly has the power to cut the number of uninsured in half immediately, using federal funding. Expanding Medicaid now will bolster our health systems and families against this pandemic, and create a path towards economic

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			recovery when this crisis is over. EXPAND MEDICAID NOW!
04/17/2020 10:59 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mr. Paul Harvin	Please take action to institute vote by mail and expanded safe early voting to be instituted now, in time for the November election. A ballot with stamped return envelope should be mailed to every registered North Carolina voter. The functioning of our democracy and continuity of free and fair elections are extremely important. We must work to ensure our citizens are able to exercise their right and responsibility to vote and to not be impeded by fear of falling ill due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.
04/17/2020 11:00 AM	Health Care Working Group	Sonja Palmer	Over a million people in North Carolina are facing a pandemic with no health insurance. The NC General Assembly has the power to cut the number of uninsured in half immediately, using federal funding. Expanding Medicaid now will bolster our health systems and families against this pandemic, and create a path towards economic recovery when this crisis is over. EXPAND MEDICAID NOW!
04/17/2020 11:00 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Rev John Pflug	Please reopen the state now. The cure is worse than the disease. It is a relatively non-lethal disease (not to be dismissive but to be realistic about the relative numbers) in our country but it has been absolutely lethal to the economy and businesses of North Carolina. Open us back up immediately please! Have courage! My vote will be for those who have to conviction to open us back up.
04/17/2020 11:03 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms Susan Straw	We all want to get back to work. BUT if we go back too soon, it's likely there will be a worse second round. Getting everyone back too quickly will NOT end up helping the economy, instead it could make it even worse! Get the ability to test everyone & know where we stand before you start opening everything back up.
04/17/2020 11:04 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Kim Gammons	Reopen NC!
04/17/2020 11:04 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms Pam Weaver	I'm single and work within the beauty industry as a sales consultant. This is week 4 that all salons, barbershops and spas have been closed. None of these self employed have received any unemployment. They can't survive this situation much longer and even be able to open their business back up. Furthermore all of these place already have sanitation guidelines prior to Covid-19 and are willing to implement even more. I understand the seriousness of this situation but these small business owners can't be closed for months and survive. We as citizens take a chance/risk every year during flu season let the citizens that are sick or immune compromised stay home but the rest of us need to work. In my county there have only been 4 cases this entire time and the mayors of the towns here on Wednesday just extended the stay at home until May 15th with just 4 cases this needs to end and let the citizens go back to work.
04/17/2020 11:05 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	REOPEN NC Ashley	Please open NC! Those who are compromised can choose to stay at home under strict restrictions. Those of us who are healthy can make the choice for ourselves whether or not to go out. Keeping NC closed much longer is going to hurt me in more ways than 1. I am a hairstylist. I'm 24 years old and most of my clients are also young and healthy. I need to be able to work. Unemployment site is TERRIBLE and extremely frustrating. I did not get

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			my stimulus money because I paid the last few years. So, I'm still waiting for the check. No unemployment money yet either. I cannot survive like this. I've already started to dip into my savings. It'll be gone by May 1st. You are going to destroy the economy and you won't be forgiven. Do not shut down the healthy. It's unconstitutional. Please keep the people in your thoughts.
04/17/2020 11:08 AM	Health Care Working Group	Ms Susan Straw	Please expand Medicaid. With Covid-19, everyone's health affects everyone else's. When folks in low-income jobs without health care coverage continue to work (even if they may have some low-level symptoms), it can impact everyone's health! If they had a way to protect their own health, it could protect everyone's!
04/17/2020 11:09 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mrs. Christine Barboriak	Please institute vote by mail immediately. The photos from Wisconsin were shocking to the core of democracy. We should not have to risk our lives to vote.
04/17/2020 11:09 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	hardee klitzman	No one should be denied the right to vote because of a fear of personal harm or of harming others. Every North Carolina voter should be mailed a ballot with which they can vote by mail.
04/17/2020 11:10 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms. Eleanor Cook	I have a lot of concerns about the "Reopen NC" movement and some of the attitudes coming from that sector. I think it's very important to weigh the pros and cons of how much and when to reopen businesses while we are still trying to keep the pandemic in check. Social distancing and staying home is helping and we should continue to do that until we have more widespread testing available and until the health care system is stabilized and has a chance to catch their collective breath - our health care workers and other public workers are stressed and worn out, please let's not make that worse for them! Thank for your consideration.
04/17/2020 11:13 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Tiffany Ingham	Please open NC back up. We need to open up our small businesses before they go under. We need to get back to work! Thank you for your service to our state.
04/17/2020 11:14 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms Martha Sikora	Open our state. This has gone beyond ridiculous. We are NOT NY, NJ or CA. We are Americans who need and want to get back to work. Are you going to close us down with every flu strain that comes through? You didn't close us for Ebola, Zika or H1N1. Reopen NOW.
04/17/2020 11:14 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Michelle Hausman	When health officials determine it is safe to re-open our economy, please consider instituting a mandatory face mask policy. Both the CDC and WHO are recommending that all citizens use some form of face covering in public and a form of legislation would allow stores and businesses to enforce this policy. Not only will it help to keep out essential workers safe, but it will also lower our rate of infection. I would also ask that the committee looks into ways to ensure low-income households, the homeless population, and other at-risk groups have access to face masks. Thank you for your time and consideration!
04/17/2020 11:14 AM	Health Care Working Group	Anthony Vendittelli	The actions by the Governor are draconian, misguided and self serving. Out of curiosity I would like to know, what is the end game? The virus is not simply going to 'go away', so are we to be under Martial Law for another 1.5 years? This is not sustainable nor is it



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04/17/2020 11:15 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Supreme Citizen HT Perry	<p>constitutional.</p> <p>I don't give a damn what economic destruction plan you hatch, I'm going to work and have a normal life. You've really made a mess of this.</p> <p>See if you can stop me with flawed models and hyper-sensationalism on 24/7 liberal news.</p>
04/17/2020 11:16 AM	Health Care Working Group	Protection AB Chen	<p>NO FORCED CORONA VACCINES!</p> <p>Who should decide your medical care- you and your physician OR the government?</p>
04/17/2020 11:17 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr. Michael McIntosh	<p>Please end the restrictions imposed upon the bulk of the citizens of North Carolina. While you and everyone else within the government are getting paid, the bulk of the people paying for those services are not. Please follow examples set by Sweden and several States here like South Dakota. They created plans to protect those at the highest risk for contracting COVID19 and let the rest of their populations continue to live freely. The infection rates and death rates have been the same or lower than those here AND their economies are not headed into a negative spiral.</p> <p>The determination by the governor of what is non-essential and what is essential is at best arbitrary and capricious. Keeping liquor stores open is creating a bigger problem for those with addiction problems. Hair salons and barber shops already know how to protect themselves and the public from a variety of infections much worse than COVID19 - HIV being one them. Dog grooming salons are hazardous to the public - are you serious?!</p> <p>The government workers are part of the group of people who are not living in the real economy. Over here in reality, your income is based on your daily efforts and there are competitors working as hard as they can to gain the business you have. We cannot just raise our prices without risking the existing business we have. We are constantly working to improve our efficiency and services to better align with the people paying us to provide products and services they want and need. I can assure every one of you that EVERY BUSINESS IS ESSENTIAL! They are essential to the owner(s), the employees, and every client they have purchasing goods and/or services from them. If they were not "essential," the business would close. That is how the real economy works.</p> <p>I hope you read this and invest the time to consider you actions moving forward. Your jobs depend on all of us working our jobs. This could be viewed as a wonderful thing: your constituents are not petitioning you to get unemployment funds extended (an additional cost on the budget), we are asking to work!</p> <p>Thank you for your consideration.</p>
04/17/2020 11:18 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Kathy S	<p>Reopen NC, please!</p>
04/17/2020 11:19 AM	Health Care Working Group	Mrs Dianne Cruz	<p>Please expand Medicaid. Improved healthcare for all during this time of COVID 19 really means improved health for all North Carolinians.</p>
04/17/2020 11:19 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency	Mrs Dianne Cruz	<p>North Carolina needs vote by mail to be instituted now, in time for the November election. A ballot with stamped return envelope should be mailed to every North Carolinian. Our</p>

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	Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group		democracy and free and fair elections are at stake; we should not have to risk our lives to vote in the United States of America.
04/17/2020 11:20 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Dianne Cruz	Use medical advice and scientific evidence to make a plan to reopen NC; do not respond to loud voices of shadow groups (such as ReopenNC) making unscientific demands which will only increase death and suffering for all North Carolinians. An overwhelmed health care system impacts all of us. Higher death counts are not a boon to the economy.
04/17/2020 11:23 AM	Health Care Working Group	susan shumaker	I'm writing to strongly encourage NC to accept the federal dollars to close the Medicaid coverage gap so people with COVID symptoms can seek treatment without fear of bills they can't pay or medical bankruptcy. As a RN and former small, rural hospital CEO, rural hospitals were already struggling significantly before COVID. 37 other states have expanded Medicaid and are seeing better health outcomes and a positive economic and employment impact across their state. This would bring ~\$4 billion a year in funds to NC which are badly needed in this time of a global pandemic. Those in the Medicaid gap work in jobs that our economy all depends on and many work multiple jobs that don't provide health insurance. Many of these folks have been hardest hit by COVID because they work in food service etc. Now is the time to expand Medicaid! thank you
04/17/2020 11:23 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Pam Billings	Open North Carolina by April 29th. We need to get back to work!!
04/17/2020 11:24 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Owner Andrew carlson	#Reopen. Virus is affecting 3 per 100,000 if you keep nursing homes shut down which is my actual business why are we crippling everyone else?
04/17/2020 11:24 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Leslie Beaver	Open NC
04/17/2020 11:25 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Professor Michèle Longino	"Use medical advice and scientific evidence to make a plan to reopen NC; do not respond to loud voices of shadow groups (such as ReopenNC) making unscientific demands which will only increase death and suffering for all North Carolinians. An overwhelmed health care system impacts all of us. Higher death counts are not a boon to the economy."
04/17/2020 11:25 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Reopen N.C. ASAP Rebecca Spann	Reopen N.C. ASAP. This thing has dragged on long enough. The numbers don't justify a continuation of this absurd lockdown.
04/17/2020 11:26 AM	Health Care Working Group	Professor Michele Longino	Please expand Medicaid. Improved healthcare for all during this time of COVID 19 really means improved health for all North Carolinians. Especially during a pandemic, when contagious illness impacts us all, everyone's good health is interconnected.
04/17/2020 11:27 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Professor Michele Longino	North Carolina needs vote by mail to be instituted now, in time for the November election. A ballot with stamped return envelope should be mailed to every North Carolinian. Our democracy and free and fair elections are at stake; we should not have to risk our lives to vote in the United States of America.

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04/17/2020 11:32 AM	Health Care Working Group	Korinne Coons	I am an Nursing home nurse I am capable of fallowing guidelines to keep my patients safe without the government ruining local businesses and striping away so many freedoms including the right to protest !
04/17/2020 11:33 AM	Education Working Group	Ramona Williams	I feel that it is not safe enough to open the county back up at the end of the month. I'm praying for that President we have.
04/17/2020 11:34 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Re Open now! Nick Lizzi	We need to reopen now! We are suffering unnecessarily!
04/17/2020 11:35 AM	Health Care Working Group	Toni Bloom	Then numbers do not justify the continued lock down. Lift the stay order.
04/17/2020 11:35 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Charmaine Johnson	It makes no sense to me. How the government can attempt to reopen with NO vaccine or any medicine to suppress the symptoms. Testing is one thing, but if the government has NOTHING to give that patient if they are positive or a carrier!!! Listen we haven't made it anywhere in this mess. We are still at stage ONE. IF reopened prematurely guess where me and mines will continue to be till the powers that be get it right...
04/17/2020 11:36 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Cherie Smith	Re-open NC. \$1200 doesn't cover rent and groceries. Going bankrupt will kill our family.
04/17/2020 11:37 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mrs Karen Viscito	I'm concerned that the NCDOR has not waived the interest to be paid on taxes that have been deferred until July 15th. We cannot meet with tax preparers, we should not be penalized. Please reverse this.
04/17/2020 11:38 AM	Health Care Working Group	William Watson	Get your tyrannical boot off our constitutionally protected "unalienable" liberties! The assumptions underlying the stay-at-home edicts are not necessarily correct—otherwise one would expect to see a more significant difference between locked-down NC and States without state-wide lockdowns or countries without country-wide lockdowns.  It's quite possible the now declining curve of COVID-19 deaths is just a reflection of William Farr's power law epidemic model and not due to the tyrannical stay-at-home edicts with its accompanying economic destruction.  When the threat recedes and we congratulate ourselves on our actions being responsible for the desired result, we may be repeating the magical thinking of the pre-scientific ancients—attributing the rising of the sun to our prior night's sacrifices.  Oh, & good luck meeting your budget/service targets now you've turned off your tax revenue spigot.
04/17/2020 11:38 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections &	Carmel Feldman	Open by or before May 1. Our small businesses simply won't survive until May 15. We can put in spacing and sanitizing efforts just as grocery stores etc have done. We are smart and you need our small businesses to thrive!

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	Public Safety) Working Group		
04/17/2020 11:38 AM	Health Care Working Group	Dr Marian Spencer	I am in support of continuing the shelter in place until evidence clearly shows it is safe to end it. I also support mail-in ballots available to all or do all voting by mail in ballots. Thank you.
04/17/2020 11:39 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Suzie Smith	More people died of suicide in TN than of covid-19 in TN last week. If we care about deaths, we should care about ALL deaths. Lift the lock down, it's going to kill more than this virus ever will.
04/17/2020 11:39 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mr Todd Morrison	Re-open NC now
04/17/2020 11:39 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Jeanmarie Casanave	I urge you to reopen NC . The number of deaths although sad, do not merit losing the economy. Please use reason. The deaths from the flu are far higher; the deaths from H1N1 were far higher and we did not shut down the entire economy. It's enough, truly. Reopen and let the citizens be responsible for their own behavior. Treat us like adults for goodness sake!
04/17/2020 11:40 AM	Health Care Working Group	Mr Robert Carey	All NC citizens deserve health care. PASS EXPANDED MEDICAID!
04/17/2020 11:41 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Karen Jones	Did you know that people use massage as pain management? Since they can't manage their pain with massage they've turned to opioids - which kills far more than this virus ever will - daily. STOP THE OVERREACH ! Open NC NOW!
04/17/2020 11:42 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Karl Chien	Our Governor has over stepped his authority at the expense of those trying to make a living. The numbers and percentages we are seeing are not adding up to the hysteria orchestrated by the news media! Open NC back up and do it now!!
04/17/2020 11:43 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Aaron Condon	<p>Reopen NC! Covid19 is a mild flu. Even admitted in the New England Journal of Medicine by Dr. Fouci: "This suggests that the overall clinical consequences of Covid-19 may ultimately be more akin to those of a severe seasonal influenza (which has a case fatality rate of approximately 0.1%) or a pandemic influenza (similar to those in 1957 and 1968) rather than a disease similar to SARS or MERS, which have had case fatality rates of 9 to 10% and 36%, respectively."</p> <p>We are destroying the economy, small businesses, and peoples lives over a mild flu! reopen NC!</p>
04/17/2020 11:44 AM	Education Working Group	Ms. Joy Jones	Governor Cooper, I am begging you to reopen our economy. Not only are our small businesses suffering, but our children are suffering greatly. Our senior class has been impacted in ways that are unimaginable. It is not fair for this group of students who have worked their entire life to have all of it be suddenly ripped from them with no ceremonies. I am urging you to reconsider opening our economy and all functions. Our statistics do not support being

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			closed any longer. We need to get back to a vital life function as citizens of this state. Think about what you are taking away from the citizens of this state. They will never be able to get this back. Please re-open and allow graduations, gatherings, to go on. Our students have worked for this. It will be a devastation if you do not open our state on April 30. Please think of the class of 2020.
04/17/2020 11:45 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Parvinder Basra	As my opinion on current circumstances I am urging to state of NC to re-open the economy .
04/17/2020 11:45 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Juan Villacres	Unemployment claims are up from 12,000 to 618,000. That's a 5100% increase in claims. The rule is for every 1% rise in unemployment, there is a 2% rise in death rates overall. So that's a 6% increase in the unemployment rate, give it take. So how many lives will be lost due completely to this shutdown? SAVE LIVES - OPEN NC!
04/17/2020 11:46 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Troy Crawford	Please consider less restrictive options can be considered than currently in place (limiting capacity vs. shutdowns as an example). Thanks
04/17/2020 11:47 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Marcus Purdue	The numbers do not support the stay at home order. Open NC today please.
04/17/2020 11:47 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Col (Ret) Dennis Gervais	I write to express concern over Governor Cooper's EO overreach. He is overreacting to the COVID issue that is affecting roughly .0004% of North Carolinians. The harm his actions have done to our economy and general welfare far outstrips any benefits. I ask the legislative leadership to begin an immediate, post COVID, reexamination of extant emergency powers laws to provide for requirements the NCGA leadership be formally included in any future decisions that so dramatically affect our economy.
04/17/2020 11:48 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Zach Gomez	Goodbye constitution it was nice knowing you. Please don't let this be true. Lift the stay at home order on May 1st.
04/17/2020 11:50 AM	Health Care Working Group	Jim Kerry	No vaccine mandates. You can't mandate a pharmaceutical whereas the manufacturer has NO liability for injury or death. The solution can not be worse than the cure. Father of a vaccine injured child.
04/17/2020 11:50 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mr. Gregory Powell	Open up North Carolina. This virus is nothing out of the ordinary. Shutting people down is unconstitutional and far more dangerous than it is safe. The entire covid response has been overreactionary abuse of power. We the people of North Carolina are prepared to ignore any non remittance or extension of the unconstitutional restrictions placed on us. Thank you for your time. Sincerely, Gregory Powell
04/17/2020 11:52 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Michael Rainey	ReOpen NC! Of you keep us out another 6 weeks there will be nothing to reopen

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04/17/2020 11:52 AM	Economic Support Working Group	David Evans	People willing to give up their freedom for temporary security deserve neither and will lose both. OPEN NC NOW!
04/17/2020 11:52 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Kelli Johnson	REOPEN NC NOW!!! It's a must for our small business!!!
04/17/2020 11:54 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms Linda Varosi	Please use a scientific evidence based plan to reopen the economy of North Carolina. Failure to follow logical, best scientific methods and procedures will increase death and suffering for all North Carolinians. An overwhelmed health care system impacts everyone. The grief of losing a loved one affects a family for a lifetime. Higher infection rates and death rates will not help our economy. Thanks.
04/17/2020 11:59 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Marie Cammoron	Absolutely No Mail-in Voting. There is nothing in place to ensure a fair and secure election process. It would move the process beyond the oversight of election officials and would impact all of us including the most vulnerable among us. And OPEN NC on May 1st. The numbers do not support the shut down.
04/17/2020 12:01 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Marie Fahy	There is no need for mail in ballots. This will only create opportunities for election fraud. Vote in person is the only way to have a nearly honest election. Re-Open NC! The numbers do not justify the lock down.
04/17/2020 12:01 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Julia Talton	Re-open NC. Small businesses and we the people are suffering more economically from this shut down than from the virus. Our hospitals in NC are far from being overwhelmed - they're actually underwhelmed! Give those of us that are healthy and not health compromised go back to work, the compromised can continue to choose to stay home and remain quarantined - their choice. THIS way is NOT sustainable economically, mentally, physically or emotionally for the majority. We're so done with this. Compared to past pandemics (black plague, Spanish flu, H1N1 - take your pic), and yearly flu/pneumonia deaths - we have never shut down our country. We're just done! Re-open now.
04/17/2020 12:02 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Citizen Monica Hill	Please open NC Businesses and churches! We are dying and not from the virus!!! Thank you
04/17/2020 12:03 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Jerry Duke	Quarantine is when you restrict the movement of the sick. Tyranny is when you restrict the movement of Healthy people. RE-OPEN NC on May 1st. The curve is flat.
04/17/2020 12:06 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Constitution First! Brandy Shope	The governor is not greater than the Constitution. If people want to stay home, let them. They have the right to do so. People also have the right to leave their homes and spend money as they please. We can't continue to let this state's economy die. People are struggling with finances, food, and/or mental health. The mental health of this state won't be stable for long. Is this state prepared for that? Don't let the cure be worse than the virus. Uphold the Constitution! #reopennc



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04/17/2020 12:07 PM	Education Working Group	Mr Michael Martine	Please consider flexible options to provide for families with immunity compromised members to have their school aged students continue their education at a distance. Social distancing at schools is not possible. The risk for a student family member infecting another family member is extremely high from what we know today. Providing ongoing distance education services will help balance the educational needs of students and medical infection risk exposure for their families.
04/17/2020 12:07 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Paul Yeager	<p>Please allow us to decide for ourselves what measures are appropriate to protect our health.</p> <p>The draconian "one size fits all" approach dictated by the Governor Cooper is killing our economy.</p> <p>As I write this, I am enjoying a two-day honeymoon in Tennessee with my wife, where we are social distancing in a rental cabin. Under the current order in North Carolina, we couldn't do this in the Tarheel State. Therefore hundreds of dollars are supporting the economy of Eastern Tennessee instead.</p> <p>We aren't suicidal. We don't know of any business owners that are suicidal. We see businesses that are allowed to remain open taking appropriate measures to protect customers and employees. Why shouldn't all businesses be allowed to do the same?</p> <p>We should be allowed to each decide for ourselves how to best protect ourselves.</p> <p>The role of our state government with regard to the "pandemic crisis" should be to provide the information citizens need to make informed choices and provide economic support to the extent possible.</p> <p>The longer the current draconian restrictions are in place, the more desperate the need for economic support will become, and the more likely we are to experience significant social unrest.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p> <p>Paul Yeager Waynesville</p>
04/17/2020 12:09 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Beaufort Ct Commissioner John Rebholz	<p>There is clearly a significant difference between counties with regard to infection rates. Treating the entire state the same is like treating the entire country the same. Beaufort County has only six active cases and we are flat.</p> <p>The guidelines need to be applied County by County and allowing Counties to open when they meet the guidelines. Do not think that Wake and Beaufort are the same.</p>
04/17/2020 12:10 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mr. Peyam Barghassa	Keep up the good work. DO NOT OPEN everything up prematurely; no matter how much the idiots that don't believe in science protest.

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04/17/2020 12:16 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mr Martyn Holmes	Please start to quarantine the ones that need to be quarantined so we can bring some normality back to this country.
04/17/2020 12:16 PM	Health Care Working Group	Mrs Kathleen Dickson	My health is at risk. Why is that less important than if someone can get a hair cut? Please listen to our doctors and scientists. Take their recommendations as a plan. Do not make me a sacrifice to our economy.
04/17/2020 12:17 PM	Health Care Working Group	Mrs Amber Hamby	Open the economy now!
04/17/2020 12:17 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	MR DON THOMPSON	we have flattened the curve, corvid19 is not more dangerous than flu h1n1 , lets open the state, thank you
04/17/2020 12:19 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	MS PAT THOMPSON	Let's open back up the state, H1N1 has hospitalized more people than coronavirus
04/17/2020 12:20 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms Betsy Clark	Dear Committee Member, I ask that you consider the overall well-being of our citizens. While we consider the implications of one (out of 1400 named and 380 trillion un-named) virus, and make our best guess as to impact, I ask that you also consider the historically and statistically verifiable deaths of despair that are a certainty following extended periods of unemployment. Please take measures to reopen our state quickly in order to prevent the certainty of these deaths of despair. Our hospitals can more than handle the capacity. With federal funds depleted, North Carolinians are suffering, and need to be free to work, in order to feed and house our families.
04/17/2020 12:21 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Kip Kerecman	Please listen to guidance from the White House and ease restrictions on NC. Our economy is suffering unnecessarily. The data does not warrant any extensions to stay at home orders beyond April.
04/17/2020 12:21 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Ms Nicole Thompson	Thank you for your concern and preparing for the virus. It is time to go back to work/ school
04/17/2020 12:22 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Ms Kayden Thompson	great job NC, BUT now let us get back to normal

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04/17/2020 12:23 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Debra Chavis	Please open NC the economy and the people need it.
04/17/2020 12:23 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mrs Marcy Ray	It is far too soon to consider lifting stay at home restrictions. If we lift them now we risk more deaths and even more economic disruption! Stay the course, enforce social distancing, support those out of work, and focus on getting the widespread testing and tracing we need to be safe before we lift restrictions.
04/17/2020 12:29 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Hunter Corbin	I feel we need to reopen this state and put our citizens back to work and stop the unconstitutional things we're going through this is a free country and free people we have the right to work and enjoy life if you're scared stay home but unless it's your time to die God will keep you safe.
04/17/2020 12:35 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mr. Winston Smith	I care deeply about this issue.
04/17/2020 12:36 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr. Todd Posey	<p>NC needs to be reopened with restrictions starting to be lifted no later than May 1. The models predicted a level of severity that was hyperbolic and never materialized anywhere. This unconstitutional restriction of the rights of NC citizens needs to end with quarantining for sick people, sheltering for vulnerable populations, and things reopened for those not affected. Social distancing, hand hygiene, and masks are sufficient for a period of time to mitigate the risk of those returning to a regular routine and going back to work. If people wish to shelter in place voluntarily, they may do so. The current shutdown is destroying lives and the economy.</p> <p>Additionally, do not go to mail-in ballots for the election this fall. Early voting and appropriate spacing on election day will allow people to maintain social distancing when voting. Mail-in voting raises the risk of voter fraud.</p>
04/17/2020 12:37 PM	Economic Support Working Group	mr. Pete Gamble	I am a one person business that began in 1984. I am a security consultant/locksmith and have been out of work for 5 weeks now. This quarantine is really hurting. But last time i checked really hurting was a lot better than dead after spreading. PLEASE DO NOT succumb to those demanding NC re-open before the scientists who actually KNOW what they are talking about say it is safe. Thank You!
04/17/2020 12:42 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Tammy Turner	Please open North Carolina back up. We can all take precautions against the virus and get back to life. Some restaurants will never reopen but we need to start recovering from the quarantine.
04/17/2020 12:45 PM	Economic Support Working Group	ms Sue Atkins	State is overwhelmed with unemployment claims and families are going hungry. For lots of people a monthly income is \$4000.00 a month. Federal government state governments can't meet the needs. Small business owners and restaurant owners need to work again. The figures of deaths due to Covid 19 are being falsely driven up by demands that all deaths be listed as COVID simply to get funding. And hospital and doctors need to be able to see patients and do surgery. Want to prove your not trying to for us into Socialism or take away our Constitutional rights? Prove that your not on George Soros payroll ?evil man that he is

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04/17/2020 12:46 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Stephenie Lail	Then have the guts to stand up to our despot Governor Cooper and REOPEN NC Reopen NC!!!! Those that choose to stay home can do so- but let's get NC running again!
04/17/2020 12:46 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Susan Lupton	Governor Cooper has done a great job, along with his health and other advisers, by taking strong steps to lower the illness and deaths caused by COVID-19. He should continue to do so, regardless of pressure from "ReopenNC." Reopening NC now, particularly without adequate provisions for testing and contact tracing, would mean a spike in cases in North Carolinians, as well as increased risk for health care workers and so many other front line workers. We need a careful, data driven and scientifically based approach to reopening our state.
04/17/2020 12:50 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Gail Carucci	Please REOPEN North Carolina now! It's not about Republicans or Democrats. It's about people, no matter white, black, yellow, red. We all need to work, educate and play!
04/17/2020 12:52 PM	Economic Support Working Group	People need help Stephanie Brewer	Hello, I am a resident of NC and am a small business owner who is self employed. We sell military surplus gear at Paintball and Airsoft events. As a self employed small business owner we are really hurting. I don't want to close our business but I am not sure what else we can do to weather this storm. I have applied for a \$10,000 small business loan through the SBA but have heard nothing, I have applied for unemployment benefits but my case is still pending for over 2 weeks because of being self employed and I see that the federal government opened up these benefits to self employed and contract workers but still nothing. I have also tried to go on the IRS website to get the stimulus direct deposit into my bank account but it keeps telling me technical difficulties. I am a hard working individual who wants to be working but I cannot find a job or get any assistance with funding our small business during this shutdown. Where do we turn to get help?
04/17/2020 12:54 PM	Health Care Working Group		It is way past time for the NCGA to immediately expand Medicaid. COVID19 poses a serious risk to all North Carolinians. By withholding health insurance from 600,000 of our citizens, the NCGA is endangering all of our lives, including my 97- year old father in law, who left his assisted living to live at my home. I have spoken to COVID-19 patients who are not getting adequate care because they lack health insurance. This puts them and the rest of us in grave danger. I urge you to support rural hospitals, health care workers, and everyone in the state by expanding Medicaid immediately.
04/17/2020 12:55 PM	Education Working Group	Ms. Lisa Mayhew	I am concerned that if we reopen public spaces without any testing or tracing that we will be back in the same situation we were in in March. Please consider our citizens that are immune compromised or elderly. I am against opening without testing in place.
04/17/2020 12:56 PM	Health Care Working Group	Allison Coates	I write as a voting constituent from unincorporated Wake County, but also as a proud North Carolina citizen concerned for all of our citizens, I am a scientist by training, a small business owner, a wife, a mother of 3 sons, a daughter of 2 parents over 70, and a teacher.  In early March we saw that due to a profound lack of knowledge about the infectiousness and mortality of the novel COVID-19 virus, as well as serious concerns about its source, individuals, organizations, businesses, and governments relied heavily on models from Imperial College in the UK, Harvard University and the IMHE in Washington to ascertain the

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			<p>dangers of COVID-19. These models indicated a terrible loss of life was likely, and we took drastic, unprecedented steps to protect ourselves from this apparently unprecedented risk. The goal then was "Flatten the curve" to prevent our hospitals from being overwhelmed. It was never to prevent loss of life from the virus itself.</p> <p>But the models were wrong, dramatically wrong. They were wrong in their mortality figures by *hundreds* of percent, even as the models claimed to take into account "full lockdown through May". The Imperial College model predicted 2 million dead in the US alone. The IMHE model predicted that North Carolina, even with full "social distancing" would need 7,000 hospital beds per day at peak in March.</p> <p>None of these came to fruition. The Imperial College model has now admitted to be a 13 year old piece of software without documentation. It has not been released to other researchers to ascertain its reliability. (See: <a href="https://www.wsj.com/articles/coronavirus-lessons-from-the-asteroid-that-didnt-hit-earth-11585780465">https://www.wsj.com/articles/coronavirus-lessons-from-the-asteroid-that-didnt-hit-earth-11585780465</a>) The IMHE model has been updated numerous times, initially predicting a peak at Easter. It now predicts a future peak, but it continues to mis-predict *the past*. (See: <a href="http://redstate.com/elizabeth-vaughn/2020/04/02/analyst-discovers-a-major-flaw-in-imhe-coronavirus-model-used-by-white-house-heres-why/">http://redstate.com/elizabeth-vaughn/2020/04/02/analyst-discovers-a-major-flaw-in-imhe-coronavirus-model-used-by-white-house-heres-why/</a> .)</p> <p>We can see now that our NC hospitals are not at capacity. As of 4/17, there are 429 hospitalizations with COVID-19 and 152 deaths reported with COVID-19. (See: <a href="https://www.ncdhhs.gov/divisions/public-health/covid19/covid-19-nc-case-count">https://www.ncdhhs.gov/divisions/public-health/covid19/covid-19-nc-case-count</a> .) We are not at even 7% of the expected need for hospitalization due to COVID-19, and COVID-19 patients are filling less than 3% of the total number of hospital beds in NC.</p> <p>Many are claiming these results are only due to our lockdown, and as soon as we leave lockdown, we will rise to the original outrageous claims. But the data does not support that. In states with no lockdown, the hospital rates are equally low. In countries such as Sweden, the hospitalizations are already falling. (See: <a href="https://www.icuregsw.org/en/data-results/covid-19-in-swedish-intensive-care/">https://www.icuregsw.org/en/data-results/covid-19-in-swedish-intensive-care/</a> )</p> <p>There is no evidence that we ever would have had a need for 7,000 beds due to COVID-19. We have already flattened the curve. (See: <a href="https://archive.is/Sa1KL">https://archive.is/Sa1KL</a> "Eight Reasons to End the Lockdowns Now".)</p> <p>We do know, however, that as of 4/15, more than 500,000 North Carolinians are unemployed. (See: <a href="https://www.newsobserver.com/news/politics-government/article241828321.html">https://www.newsobserver.com/news/politics-government/article241828321.html</a> .) Again, we have suffered a total of 152 deaths due to COVID-19. That means for every 1 death, our lockdown policies have put more than 3,200 people out of work. While each death is a tragedy, the unemployment numbers are a catastrophe.</p>

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			<p>Already 3,200 people out of work for every death. How many children are now hungry? How many people and families are living under anxiety and depression? How many people are now turning to substance abuse to assuage their despair? How many families are losing their homes, their businesses, their retirement savings, their children's college fund? How many are losing their dignity and hope?</p> <p>We need to reopen NOW. We need to give our children normalcy NOW. Every business is essential to the people who work the business! EVERY BUSINESS IS ESSENTIAL to the people who receive their income from the business!</p> <p>We can begin by opening immediately our schools, parks, playgrounds, and ball fields. We know now that healthy children are at less risk from COVID-19 than they are from the flu (See: <a href="https://www.thelancet.com/journals/lanchi/article/PIIS2352-4642(20)30105-X/fulltext">https://www.thelancet.com/journals/lanchi/article/PIIS2352-4642(20)30105-X/fulltext</a> ) There are zero deaths in NC for anyone below the age of 24. (See: <a href="https://www.ncdhhs.gov/divisions/public-health/covid19/covid-19-nc-case-count#by-age">https://www.ncdhhs.gov/divisions/public-health/covid19/covid-19-nc-case-count#by-age</a>). Statistically, this is true throughout the US. Districts can be given latitude to allow immune-compromised children to stay home while still allowing most children to return to a safe, happy, socially fulfilling environment conducive to learning. We have no evidence of transmission of COVID-19 out in the open air; infections appear to be related to being in enclosed spaces, be they nosocomial infections or perhaps related to mass transit. Allow the children to return to their sporting events such as baseball teams and soccer. Allowing people to utilize state parks will help everyone with their ability to get sunshine, a known disinfectant, and Vitamin D, increasing their immune system response, as well as healthy exercised.</p> <p>We can also loosen our hospital restrictions immediately, allow enough procedures to raise our hospitals to 80% of capacity.</p> <p>We can then allow every business to reopen with some lowered capacities, while asking everyone who can to continue to work from home. If Target and Lowe's can have 50 employees and 50 customers, then the small businesses, gyms , salons, other indoor facilities can open while they maintain social distancing and use good hygiene. We can allow summer camps to be scheduled, and families to be confident they can go on summer vacations to the beach. And as we see there is no crisis, we can allow sporting events with crowds.</p> <p>The CDC guidelines say wait until the curves fall, but we have so few patients per county, and so few deaths outside of nursing homes, that we cannot wait until the curves fall to literally 0. Given the leniency with which health departments have been counting COVID-19 deaths, we must examine all-cause mortality rates to determine excess mortality rates</p>



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			<p>instead. The truth is, NC has no excess mortality.</p> <p>Worse, we see that the lockdown DID NOT PROTECT our most vulnerable. Keeping healthy people from working their businesses did not stop nosocomial spread of the virus to nursing homes, which were already closed to the public before lockdown began. But in fact, nursing homes were not requiring staff to wear masks until April 13. (See: <a href="https://www.newsobserver.com/news/coronavirus/article241884456.html">https://www.newsobserver.com/news/coronavirus/article241884456.html</a> )</p> <p>We can protect the vulnerable by isolating them better if we concentrate our testing and mitigation on them directly. Test nursing home staff weekly. Inspect nursing homes more, not less, to check for hygienic behaviors. Provide funds if necessary for the elderly to receive paid leave from their places of work, rather than having to be laid off or lose their job. But we cannot tolerate more than half a million people unemployed. We must allow people to work again.</p> <p>Please let North Carolinians out of our homes, and let us work. We are counting on you to represent us. We are not serfs, but citizens, Treat as us such.</p> <p>Allison Coates</p>
04/17/2020 12:56 PM	Health Care Working Group	Mr Andrew Riddle	<p>Let's make sure before we resume business as usual in North Carolina that we pay attention to the experts and not the politicians. It's important to get this right, or we may be taking a giant leap backward and exposing vulnerable people to harm. This means having the means to test large numbers of people, to isolate those who test positive, and to determine who else they may have exposed to the virus.</p>
04/17/2020 01:00 PM	Health Care Working Group	Ms. Alta Jo Longware	<p>Dear Elected Official,</p> <p>We the people are concerned. Currently, our nation is fighting a war with Covid-19 and as a result, we are facing an economic recession like none before. With a prediction of tens of thousands more deaths, many states are considering extending "Stay at Home" orders. Knowing that another 30+ days of an American shutdown will be catastrophic to our economy and could destroy millions of people and their families, some states are looking at "Back to work" initiatives.</p> <p>People cannot return to their jobs and/or support businesses until it is safe to do so. In order to make it safe for everyone, it must be determined who is or is not infected with the virus, who is an asymptomatic carrier, and who is resistant. That is critical information, which is necessary to develop both short term and long term goals and effectively implement a plan of action.</p> <p>There is at least one rapid test available. Biomedomics currently produces a test that allows for a 15 minute diagnosis of Covid-19 and screens for carriers who are asymptomatic. Information about the rapid test is available at <a href="https://www.biomedomics.com/.../infectious-disea.../covid-19-rt/">https://www.biomedomics.com/.../infectious-disea.../covid-19-rt/</a></p>

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			<p>I implore you to appropriate funds immediately that are designated to provide comprehensive testing to everyone in America, prioritizing those people who want and need to return to work. All of our elected officials must to take to heart Dickinson's words of wisdom, "Then join hand in hand, brave Americans all! By uniting we stand, by dividing we fall!"</p> <p>Thank you in advance for acting quickly and with only one goal in mind, the immediate funding of a rapid Covid-19 test for all, to help get America moving again!</p> <p>Sincerely, Alta Jo Longware</p>
04/17/2020 01:00 PM	Health Care Working Group	Susan Lupton	I urge you to expand Medicaid immediately. By not providing health insurance for 600,000 North Carolinians, you are putting everyone in the state at increased danger of contracting and potentially dying from COVID-19. This is particularly true for health care workers, other essential workers, and my 97-year old father-in-law , who left his senior assisted living home to love with me during this pandemic.
04/17/2020 01:05 PM	Health Care Working Group	Mr Andrew Riddle	Covid-19 has turned a mirror on our society in so many ways. It has shown, in the plainest and most painful way, how the most vulnerable among us suffer during a catastrophe. We have seen this before with natural disasters in North Carolina but now more than ever it is impossible to ignore the obvious lesson that the poor need more protection. It is morally imperative that the NCGA extend Medicaid coverage now.
04/17/2020 01:06 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mx Christopher Grohs	<p>Many small businesses are struggling with insufficient help from the state or federal government. We need assistance in the form of grants, 0% interest loans and a system of distribution that is accountable. The PPP and EIDL programs are out of funds, and many small businesses without staff accountants or long standing/high dollar relationships with banks have been shut out. Small businesses are the fabric of our cities and towns, providing both employment and richness to our tourism trade. We need to maintain shelter in place until adequate testing and care is available. Until then, please pass additional funding for the small businesses throughout NC that desperately need help. Streamline the process, requiring banks to approve loans equitably instead of just for their rich clients and larger businesses.</p> <p>Proposals:</p> <p>1 - provide immediate grants from \$1000-\$10000 for small businesses based on payroll and rent expenses from the first 3 months of 2020, offering a cash infusion to businesses that are decimated by closures</p> <p>2 - organize a PPP 2.0 that offers monthly certifications and steady aid (similar to unemployment) that allows small businesses to pay staff, rent and other necessities throughout the crises and transition once restrictions are lifted. Do this monthly. Make it simple.</p>
04/17/2020 01:06 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Thomas Norris	Please consider reopening NC small businesses immediately. The effects of poverty are every bit as detrimental to human health as a short-lived contagion that is deadly for a select segment of the population with other underlying comorbidities but not so much for the majority of the population. While it may have been the correct decision to shut down the economy when we were still learning about the virus and its effects, much more is now

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04/17/2020 01:06 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Susan Lupton	North Carolinians need to be able to vote by mail, without barriers, in November. Nothing is more important to our democracy than free, fair and safe elections in November, the most important election of my 70 year lifetime. I was horrified to see what happened in Wisconsin, with people having to risk their lives to cast their vote. There will almost certainly still be a great risk of COVID19 in the fall. We must take steps immediately to ensure fair access to the ballot box in North Carolina come November.
04/17/2020 01:08 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Donald Beard Jr., CLU ChFC CASL	Open North Carolina's economy now.  North Carolina deserves better leadership than this.
04/17/2020 01:08 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Samantha Martin	For the sake of all businesses and the freedom of citizens, let us make decisions for ourselves and our families. My cancer - fighting mom can stay home. We will keep her isolated Let the rest of us get back to work!
04/17/2020 01:09 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Lori Taylor	I support adoption of the initiative (Statute G.S. 10B-3(16)) that would allow documents to be notarized remotely, especially those relating to Advance Health Care Directives.
04/17/2020 01:11 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Andrew Riddle	We should not be in too much haste to open up North Carolina for business. We should be adhering to the advice of epidemiologists rather than politicians if there is a conflict between the two. We must make sure there is an adequate infrastructure of testing and contact tracing in place. Only then can we manage the outbreaks that are sure to come when there is a return to normal.
04/17/2020 01:14 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mr Andrew Riddle	The North Carolina Board of Elections, and the political system within which it functions, needs to learn from the lessons of the fiasco in Wisconsin and work to make mail-in voting widely available in our upcoming elections.
04/17/2020 01:16 PM	Health Care Working Group	Reopen NC !!!! Lisa Ney	Please reopen NC ... the cure is becoming worse than the disease. I work in healthcare ... we have flattened the curve. Now we need to start opening back up responsibly or we won't have an economically or mentally healthy NC to come back too!!!
04/17/2020 01:18 PM	Health Care Working Group	Dr Charlotte Sweeney	Please note my support for both Advance HC Directives, GS 32A-25.1, and Notary, GS 10B-3(16) to facilitate implementation of a patient's wishes concerning health care.  Thank you for your work on behalf of all North Carolinians. Be well.
04/17/2020 01:22 PM	Economic Support	Shirese Palmieri	Open N.C.! Our people need to work. Tired of political agenda listen to people! Mental

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04/17/2020 01:22 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Ms Lillian Spiller	Please put the health of NC citizens first!!! If there were an accepted proven treatment for covid-19 we could tentatively move forward but that hasn't happened yet. And how many people are going to feel confident enough to go out there and support these businesses??? Not as many as you think because most of us are too scared!
04/17/2020 01:23 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Amanda Atoigue	OPEN NC!!
04/17/2020 01:23 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Shirese Palmieri	Hi it's me again open our state. The citizens want things back to normal.
04/17/2020 01:23 PM	Health Care Working Group	CMDMCM Eugene Treants	COVID-19 has NOT Peaked in our state and we are in danger of giving in to people who see making money instead of saving lives as important. All citizens of NC and the US depend on a NON-Partisan approach to keeping us safe and not giving in to politics or early opening of everything in the state. I live in Randolph County and up until now we have had very few cases of COVID-19, but this week we are seeing and an uptick in the number of cases here and throughout the state. NOW is not the time to relax but to continue mitigation. Uncommon sense is called for, NOT giving in to money interests and lobbyists. Gene Treants, CMDCM, USN (Ret)
04/17/2020 01:24 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mr. Dustin Hodges	You have illegally violated multiple amendments to the US and NC constitutions - mainly 1A and 14A. We cannot be non-essential and still equal. This is a violation of your duty to the people. You had no right to shut down - you took that by force - illegally. No more talk about a "pandemic" which only affects 3% of population. OPEN NOW - restore the constitution so we can impeach all of you and restore the republic. You are all criminals.
04/17/2020 01:26 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Joseph Combs	Democrats should stop playing games with our lives, jobs, families, and businesses and #ReOpenNC. Do do otherwise is to play a political game that would be devastating for the Democrats.  <a href="https://townhall.com/columnists/toddstarnes/2020/04/17/democrats-will-keep-the-states-closed-to-tank-the-economy-and-take-down-trump-n2567117?1712&amp;fbclid=IwAR2OWm7ak2_K570MRuJvnmOs1deehEIXH8X5ybMtA0RPzfrIFnLDbidnJZM">https://townhall.com/columnists/toddstarnes/2020/04/17/democrats-will-keep-the-states-closed-to-tank-the-economy-and-take-down-trump-n2567117?1712&amp;fbclid=IwAR2OWm7ak2_K570MRuJvnmOs1deehEIXH8X5ybMtA0RPzfrIFnLDbidnJZM</a>
04/17/2020 01:29 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Katherine Williford	Please consider reopening NC with some restrictions as soon as possible! The public is taking safety measures to limit the spread of disease, and will continue to do so when businesses open back up. The economic impact will be severe as is, but will become even worse the longer we remain shut down. Lives and livelihoods are on the line if we keep NC shut down.
04/17/2020 01:30 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working	COVID-19 Response Ray Richardson	Thank you Governor Cooper for leading us forward in a responsible manner despite pressure from some to do otherwise. Although young (50), I am in a high risk group due to asthma so am especially grateful for the measures you've taken. Keep up the great work! You're making NC proud!

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04/17/2020 01:32 PM	Health Care Working Group	Max Fulginiti	<p>Mr. Cooper - please work to reopen NC's economy. It is quite achievable to start to return to normal work/life while practicing mitigation.</p> <p>NC is in great shape against the virus thankfully, but 10s of thousands of N. Carolinians will continue to lose their jobs each week we 'stay at home'.</p> <p>Thank you for your hard work during this unprecedented time. Let's do this!</p>
04/17/2020 01:34 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Suzanne Johnson	We need to OPEN UP THIS STATE SOON for business. I am a small business owner and we have lost 80% of the money we would have made all year by being forced to close during these weeks because of state and local stay at home mandates. The ramifications to our state and its citizens by forcing businesses to essentially stop all or most activity for months go far beyond any damage that will be caused by the spread of the COVID-19 virus. We need to open up businesses in this state by the end of this month, let the businesses mitigate individually to make their workplaces and public spaces safe and let each individual citizen use their own judgement as to when they feel safe to enter back into a public environment. If someone is at risk, they can still choose to stay home, but it is unconstitutional to force every single person who lives in the state to stay at home when it is just not necessary.
04/17/2020 01:38 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Ms. Barbara Lodge	What criteria will be used for the reopening of our state and will the reopening be on a county by county basis or the state as a whole?
04/17/2020 01:40 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Amanda Atoigue	This lockdown is destroying small business... The economic impact of this continued lock down will be devastating to the state and will take years to recover... Please open up this state...
04/17/2020 01:40 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr. Kevin Somers	The numbers of sick versus tests given in conjunction with equipment stockpiles indicate the state is committing economic suicide!!!! Lets get it reopened starting with retail and wholesale food. Postal employees, first responders and utility workers.
04/17/2020 01:41 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Amanda Atoigue	This lockdown is destroying small business... The economic impact of this continued lock down will be devastating to the state and will take years to recover... Please open up this state...
04/17/2020 01:45 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mrs Janet McDougal	We are responsible for our own health. We are given the liberty by God and the constitution to work, worship, stay home when we are sick, and even practice social distancing. It is time to open up and never close NC again.
04/17/2020 01:58 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Amanda Atoigue	This lockdown is destroying small business... The economic impact of this continued lock down will be devastating to the state and will take years to recover... Please open up this state...
04/17/2020 02:02 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency		Please take appropriate steps now to ensure anyone who wants can vote by mail in the upcoming election. Lets learn from the mistakes in Wisconsin and follow the suggestion

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	Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group		from both their Democrat and Republican groups to support vote by mail.
04/17/2020 02:07 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Ms Meghan Melo	Please adhere to science and keep the stay at home in place. We remain unprepared for adequate testing. I support an extended stay at home order.
04/17/2020 02:10 PM	Education Working Group	Ms. Margie Holmes Wilder	It is too soon to open the economy up due to too many uncertainties and vulnerable citizens. Life matters more than dollars. What good is dollars with increased threats of loss of life.
04/17/2020 02:13 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Business owner Mark Denning	Economy is Terrible along coast. We all depend on this season to survive. Better not take it away from us !
04/17/2020 02:23 PM	Economic Support Working Group		Re-Open NC! Our schools, restaurants and recreation areas need to be open. Our taxes pay for the schools and recreation areas and we are still required to pay taxes. You are robbing our children of a normal education and sports. We are not afraid of the virus because we trust in the Lord and we know how to be responsible for our own well being.
04/17/2020 02:24 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mrs Janet Chvatal	I don't know where ReopenNC gets their information but they're obviously not listening to medical experts, who all warn that reopening too soon and abruptly will cause a second surge in cases. They are bullies and our bullying you the legislators as well as the governor.
04/17/2020 02:34 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms Laurie Fox	Governor Cooper has followed the recommendations of physicians, epidemiologists and scientists in taking measures to mitigate the spread of COVID19. It has been successful, decreasing both morbidity and mortality in our state. He should continue to do so, regardless of pressure from groups funded by unknown sources pushing to "ReopenNC." Widespread death and suffering will not be a boon to our economy. Reopening NC would mean a spike in cases, as well as increased risk for health care workers and others on the front lines, as well as all other North Carolinians. Dying from COVID19 is an excruciating and lonely. Why would anyone wish an increase in this? A well considered, organized and medically sound strategy going forward would be just what the doctor ordered.
04/17/2020 02:35 PM	Health Care Working Group	Ms Laurie Fox	The NCGA must expand Medicaid immediately. COVID19 is a risk to all North Carolinians. By withholding health insurance from 600,000 of our citizens, the NCGA endangers all of our lives. Without access to health care, risk of C19 infection increases, those infected can in turn infect others. If our health care system is overwhelmed by C19 patients, all will suffer, including those having heart attacks, strokes or other emergencies, if the ICUs are filled with C19 patients. It is shortsighted and ignorant, not to mention inhumane, to withhold health care from more than half a million citizens of this state.
04/17/2020 02:35 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Ms Laurie Fox	North Carolina needs vote by mail, now, to ensure free, fair and safe elections come November. Citizens in our democracy should not have to risk our lives to cast votes in the most consequential election of our lifetime. There will almost certainly still be a great risk of COVID19 in the fall; without a vaccine, treatment, adequate testing for active infection or serologic testing, safety of citizens to vote cannot be assured. The NCBE should move immediately to make this happen.



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04/17/2020 02:36 PM	Health Care Working Group	Holden Richards	More important than ever that we continue to flatten the curve so we can save lives and reopen sooner.
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04/17/2020 02:36 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Jonathan Smith	Reopen NC please! ASAP!
04/17/2020 02:37 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Trashmin Big Igloo	The voices of the people will be hurt on may first. We will no longer stand for the tyranny being imposed upon us. All shelter in place orders should be voluntary and are not enforceable by law enforcement.
04/17/2020 02:40 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Franklin Cooper	Let us go back to work. We are going to lose everything. At 57 years old I will not be able to find a job. I have never been on public assistance and never want to be.  Lift the restrictions. Protect the vulnerable.  131 deaths does not justify ruining millions of lives.
04/17/2020 02:42 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Carolyn McAllaster	Please do not rush to "re-open" North Carolina before we have adequate testing and public health workers in place to contain the inevitable outbreaks that will occur once restrictions are loosened. The virus is not going to go away just because we will it to be so. Thank you.
04/17/2020 02:43 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. margaret somer	NC should use the best evidence from the medical and scientific communities to determine when and how to reopen our public life in order that we do not suffer a rebound effect of the virus. Please do not be swayed by people who care more for economics than they care for lives.
04/17/2020 02:47 PM	Health Care Working Group	Mrs. margaret somer	NC NEEDS to expand medicare. it is shameful that we care so badly for our fellow citizens. A society that allows the weak and poor to suffer when we have the means to help is sinful.
04/17/2020 02:50 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Rachelle Myers	I support reopening the State. Our economy is devastated and people need their jobs to survive. Keep social distancing guidelines in place and reopen