

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

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04/18/2020 03:32 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Jane Shelton	Please re-open our state. If you choose not to do this, the cure for Covid-19 is going to be much worse than the virus. In North Carolina alone, for every Covid-19 death, 30,000 people have lost their jobs. Poverty causes death as well.
04/18/2020 03:49 PM	Health Care Working Group	Elizabeth Darmo	Governor Cooper, please keep up the good work. GOP representatives, please unite rather than divide. Some of you are using this public health crisis for political ends. If there was ever a time to put country and state over party, this is it.
04/18/2020 04:04 PM	Health Care Working Group	Ms. Megan Foster	Hi, I am Megan Foster and I am a Dental Hygienist. I am scared, for many reasons that I will share with you and I hope you can help with. I am of course out of work right now but I have friends who are terrified right now because in Texas because they are going to have to go back to work without proper PPE.. and/or are taking it from people who will need it to save lives. I am trying to prevent that from happening here in North Carolina. I understand the importance and the fear behind wanting to get back to work I really do feel for the dentist who might lose everything if he can't get back to work but I am not willing to risk my life or the life of a loved one for that business. I am 49 years old and a life long asthmatic who also has type 2 diabetes. I am clearly in the demographic that this virus would not be kind to if I got it. As a hygienist I can not social distance from my patients and of course they will not have a mask on at all. Almost everything I do causes aerosols which allows the virus to float in the air for 3 hours AFTER the patient has left. Now keep in mind I work in a pediatric office where most of my patient population will not show symptoms AND this is important.. WE WORK IN AN OPEN BAY. I do not know if you have been to a pediatric dental office but the cleanings are done in a large room with 6 or more dental chairs next to each other all treating different patients from different families with their family members all there with the child all at the same time. So envision 6 chairs going at one time every 30 min. a new patient comes to that chair. In 3 hours you have 36 different patient's aerosols floating around just from those patients not to mention usually they will have at least one parent with them and often a younger sibling playing in this same room. I know that the CDC just did a study in Boston on a homeless shelter where they tested the entire population and a crazy number of them showed no signs but were in fact contagious and sick at that moment. So HOW can I safely work even on the adult population? The current recommendation is face shield and surgical mask. but I do not understand how that will protect me from aerosols???The answer is it can not. There are not enough N95 masks to go around and I am uncomfortable taking supplies from people who are saving lives to do elective dentistry. I am also TERRIFIED that if the government says we can open back up and knowing that Hygienists are literally the NUMBER ONE MOST DANGEROUS JOB/most likely to have it transmitted to us during this (i have data to back this up but don't know how to get it to you) what will happen to any possible financial support? If you say it is ok to go back to work but I do not have proper PPE and refuse to risk my life for cleaning teeth then do I lose all my rights to unemployment?? HOW are we making sure the dentists are doing the right things? I work for one who follows ALL the OSHA rules(but the current rules say its fine to have face shield and surgical mask but we all know you can still smell perfume through those because of all the gaps that would be the aerosols we are dying from) but the dentist I work for on Fridays is not as financially well off and cuts corners with things like level one masks and

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			asked us to use the same one all day (suppose to change after every patient at a least) no scrub jacket provided or laundry on site. So I know he will not be providing better PPE now or at least I am very wary of him doing so and therefore very very worried about returning to work there. I KNOW I am not alone with this concern or that my Friday Dentist's behavior is rare at all, unfortunately his behavior is much more common than the dentist that does all the right things. We do not have a way to report our bosses without them knowing it and we can't live without working and the dental field is very tight community and hygienists are OFTEN(read that as almost always) "black balled" for calling out a dentist to Osha for not providing the correct PPE and can never work again.. AND that was before all the requirements went up and they had a month of only emergency production. Please Please help me by making some mandates (NOT RECOMMENDATIONS- people like my Friday dentist just ignore those and say they are comfortable risking it and are making a judgement call - but they are risking MY life(and all the patients lives) not just theirs).. Is there an antibody test or some type of quick response test that we could literally test all people coming in the door prior to working on them?? Please come up with something PRIOR to putting us out there to die!! AND PLEASE update the recommendation for dentistry on PPE - surgical mask and face shield will not keep out aerosols.THIS UPDATE IS IMPERATIVE SOONER THAN LATER. I want us to all get back to work quickly and I know there are TONS of jobs and stores that could open safely today BUT ELECTIVE DENTISTRY IS NOT READY BY A LONG SHOT PLEASE HELP ME NOT DIE! I am a single mom who has done everything alone - no child support - no weekends or Wednesdays off - 100% me the whole time the only income is mine. My children only have me no other family please don't take me away for a cleaning... I am sorry I am going on so long I am just very scared and want you to hear my heart begging you not to make me choose eating/rent or dying...help me. And finally thank you for listening to me and giving my voice a place because in my profession I do not have a say in things I am at the whim of the Dentist and need an advocate. Thank you for all you time I can not imagine how busy you are right now! Thank you!! Megan
04/18/2020 04:08 PM	Health Care Working Group	Jan Mayo	Expand Medicaid! A majority of North Carolinians support this and it is critically needed in the middle of a pandemic.
04/18/2020 04:13 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Jan Mayo	North Carolina should switch to mail ballots to ensure that people are able to vote without risking their health to do so.
04/18/2020 04:18 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Jan Mayo	Find a way to support the unemployed while they shelter in place. The sooner everybody stays home, the sooner this pandemic will be over. Also, consider providing financial incentives and appropriate protections to essential workers so they will continue to work.
04/18/2020 04:23 PM	Education Working Group	Mrs. Mande LaCroix	I am the director of a childcare center in Cabarrus County. COVID 19 has caused us to furlough 75% of our teachers. This year our childcare center celebrates 50 years of serving our community. To continue our legacy of serving the community we need immediate financial assistance to support our teachers.
04/18/2020 04:28 PM	Health Care Working Group	Dr Deborah Anders	The way unemployment is structured, our employees have to either totally be laid off or expect to payback money to unemployment. I have a few employees that need to work 2

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			<p>days/week so we can see emergency patients. They are only working half their hours but they are disqualified for benefits if they make over \$70. This is about 3-4 hours for most dentists employees. It seems unemployment should pick up the decrease rather than forcing our employees to make the decision not to work at all.</p> <p>Also I am concerned about the 8 week payback period. Obviously if we get the loan while our employees are have to be classified as laid off just to get unemployment, we will not have our normal level of payroll. It shouldn't count until 1-2 weeks after the stay at home suggestion is lifted. Or as others have said, have a choice which 8 weeks you want to count.</p>
04/18/2020 04:32 PM	Health Care Working Group	Mrs. Mande LaCroix	<p>I am the director of a childcare center in Cabarrus County. Currently, my teachers are putting themselves at risk while they care for the children of essential workers.</p> <p>For some of my teachers, if they caught COVID 19 they wouldn't be able to afford medical treatment due to being uninsured.</p> <p>Many early childhood educators can not afford health insurance.</p> <p>We need medicaid expansion to provide for essential workers, especially those taking care of our future.</p>
04/18/2020 04:36 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Reopen NC Felicia Rasch	We request you advocate the reopening of NC by May 1st 2020.
04/18/2020 04:39 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Reopen NC Paul Rasch	Please open our economy up by May 1st. Our economy needs it
04/18/2020 04:42 PM	Health Care Working Group	Ms. Christine Bessias	I urge the committee to tread with great caution and follow the data-based advice of public health authorities when planning the next phase of social distancing to deal with COVID-19. Widespread, quick, accurate testing and extensive contact tracing resources must be in place before we allow an increase in circulation. The worst thing for the economy would be to re-open, see cases spike, and plunge into turmoil.
04/18/2020 04:44 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mrs Janet McDougal	<p>It is time to get back to work. No tracking of NC citizens and no mandatory testing or vaccines.</p> <p>Never again close down the state.</p>
04/18/2020 04:50 PM	Health Care Working Group	Donna Kaye	Now is the time to expand Medicaid. If this pandemic has shown us anything, is that the disparities in health care are real. COVID-19 may lead to complications for years to come. We need to ensure that our citizens who are our "essential employees" are treated as essential when it comes to Medicaid expansion. This will also bring needed resources to our state rural hospitals. This is a "no brainer."
04/18/2020 04:54 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mrs Mary Ann Stibbe	<p>Every citizen of voting age should have the right to vote.</p> <p>Mail in registration should be available to all eligible citizens with postage paid by the state.</p> <p>All registered voters should have the right to vote by mail with postage paid by the state.</p> <p>Amend the voting criteria to allow for emergencies such as natural disasters, national</p>

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04/18/2020 05:00 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Donna Kaye	We need to support voting by mail and make it easier to vote absentee. We CAN NOT let what happened in Wisconsin happen here. Needing to shut down so many polling sites because poll workers did not feel safe to do their jobs is a travesty and an outrage. Research shows that voting by mail does not favor one party over the other. I understand the need to ensure that voting by mail is handled according to protocols that will safeguard the integrity of the process. Luckily, many other states have plenty of experience like Colorado. At the very least, postage should be paid for those who vote absentee and we need to rethink the two witnesses if we are on lock down and people like me live alone.
04/18/2020 05:07 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Donna Kaye	Our Unemployment Insurance (UI) program is out of date and needs to be revamped. Economic slow downs that could come from another COVID-19 outbreak need to be taken seriously. We need to have our UI on par with other states, which means raising the misery cap of \$350 per week and instead base it on the average weekly wage and having it run the standard 26 weeks if needed. In addition, we need to have business support paid sick leave (or have that part of UI) because when people come to work sick, it puts the whole business and even industry at risk. If we learn anything from this pandemic, is the importance of people staying home when they are sick and not infecting others. Paid sick leave is needed to save businesses.
04/18/2020 05:09 PM	Education Working Group	Susan Henking	I strongly suggest deciding soon to continue the stay at home until at least July 1. Colleges and universities need help moving forward for the fall and not knowing what is happening for the next few months hampers decision making.
04/18/2020 06:10 PM	Health Care Working Group	Paul Gainey	Dear Governor Cooper and support team, PLEASE do NOT re-open our economy until the medical science says it's prudent to do so! I hope you are able to listen to them, please!? I know you are feeling immense pressure to get everyone back to work; the economy WILL return, it always does! Our most precious resource is the North Carolina citizen, and we need protecting right now. The Stay-at-home order is working! Please keep it going till it's medically safe and don't cave in to pressure to cancel the stay-at-home orders too early. Please!
04/18/2020 06:23 PM	Economic Support Working Group	stanley winslow	With reasonable restrictions we need to open up the workforce in the very near future.
04/18/2020 06:30 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mr Jean Paul Brown	GET NC OPEN NOW!
04/18/2020 06:47 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Susan Loscalzo	Keep stay at home in place MUCH longer! Allow vote by mail in November.
04/18/2020 07:00 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Jennifer Bowling	Hello, thank you for asking for our input. I own a small business in Charlotte. We were told weeks ago that there was help coming for small business. I have worked hard to retain as many employees as possible, this keeping them off the unemployment role. Now

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			I understand that the funds designated for small business are out of money and Washington Is playing politics with refunding these programs. Have you all thought of the impact that many small business going under will have on the state economy? Unemployment, crime, draw on resources just to name a few will overwhelm our state. Why not step on and offer some help to us now instead of waiting until we go under. We have abided by the shutdown order, we had faith that the money was coming to get us through this time and now we are left with no resources whatsoever to weather this shutdown. Help your small business!!!!
04/18/2020 08:50 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms. Cristina Rivera Chapman	<p>Please continue the stay at home orders to protect all North Carolinians. Please protect the economy by understanding that the health of our people is crucial to our prosperity and continue to follow the advice of medical and scientific experts to keep all of our communities safe.</p> <p>Please consider the appropriate expansion of services in order for all North Carolinians to practice the recommended safety protocols. This pandemic is an opportunity for strategic, courageous expansive leadership to shine. We are counting on you.</p> <p>Thank you!</p>
04/18/2020 08:52 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Yaron Itsikzon	It is time to open NC. Governor Cooper, as a Democrat, I can't imagine voting for you if you get an issue that is so clear wrong. Even SC is opening! Open it by Friday, or I and my church friends will not be voting for you! We cannot make it clearer!
04/18/2020 09:12 PM	Health Care Working Group	Dr Richard Scoville	There is a science-based way forward. Do not yield to demagoguery.
04/18/2020 09:17 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms Gina Balcombe	Please let us go back to work. We are healthy people who need to work. #reopennc
04/18/2020 09:19 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Keith Britt	Please stop making this political and get NC back to work.
04/18/2020 09:28 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Drew Gem	Reopen NC. Goal of the shutdown was to prep medical workers and hospitals for potential treatment of virus. We've slowed the initially hit this virus could've had. Time to reopen the economy or we'll be at a risk of ruining people's lives well beyond the impacts COVID19 is having.
04/18/2020 09:52 PM	Education Working Group	Teresa Sigmon	Please do not open the State back up prematurely. I know people are hurting economically but they are alive. Let's direct all the funds we can to help those in need and stay at home and shut down until it is safe to get things going again
04/18/2020 09:58 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Diane Scott	Re open North Carolina economy immediately. Be transparent with all data. End the attempts to frighten the public by failing to provide data pertaining to age of hospitalized, age of deceased, comorbidity , etc. you are ruining NC economy.
04/18/2020 10:08 PM	Health Care Working Group	Mr John Mclean	It is time we open the state before we can't reopen the state. It is bad enough that we closed at all, but keeping healthy people locked down without due process is a violation of the constitution I served to protect.
04/18/2020 10:15 PM	Economic Support Working Group	amy	please Reopen NC we are going to loose our homes if this countunues

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04/18/2020 10:17 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Jenny Walters	First of all, I want to thank you so much for all you have done to help prevent the spread of COVID-19. Shutting down and enforcing stay-at-home orders are essential and I know these decisions were not made lightly. As you are well aware, there are people who are advocating for us to re-open the state, with an argument that it is hurting the economy. Please, please, please do NOT re-open the state until the medical professionals and scientists recommend that it is safe to do so. I am not ready to risk my life or the lives of those I love because some people can't handle being at home. Perhaps there is a way for the Economic Support Working Group to help these people out financially until such a time as we can re-open. Nurses, doctors, grocery store workers, etc. are not risking their lives day in and day out so that we can re-open before we're ready.
04/18/2020 10:20 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mr Jordan Holt	Open business and stop already with the social distancing.
04/18/2020 10:23 PM	Health Care Working Group	M E Tyler	Please keep isolation, social distancing, and critical business only open until all of our medical staff have PPEs, masks, face shields, & gowns in sufficient quantities for personal protection and to avoid cross contamination between different patients as well as between medical staff. Covid-19 test kits must be widely available along with a functioning system of tracking all vectors. When will masks and hand sanitizer be available for everyone?? We must have the tools to measure and control this deadly virus before you permit close quartered work or close quartered stores.
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04/18/2020 10:25 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Smart relpen Tom Nolan	Please reopen the state. Do it in regions if you need to, and follow the reasonable guidelines of the taskforce. If the revised ihde model is right, we will have 500 deaths by Aug 4... We have 6000 deaths per month in NC... This is not worth 30% unemployment. I know laid off people and they are struggling. Please allow us to work, while social distancing! Trust us. NC people are smart...open please
04/18/2020 10:26 PM	Health Care Working Group	Nan Johns	I am concerned that legislators in NC may be considering mandating a corona virus vaccine. I want you to know that I will vehemently oppose this. Mandating Vaccines is dangerous territory, especially in this time of so many unknown factors and untested results. This infringes on our rights.
04/18/2020 10:32 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms. Stephanie Rivers	Please do not reopen NC until all the facts are in. We just don't know yet, how deadly Covid19 really is. Thank you.
04/18/2020 10:38 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency	Brandy Gamboa	Please reopen NC. I've been on immunosuppressants going on 5 years & this whole lockdown is ludicrous & uncivil. I'm tired of people saying it needs to be done to help

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	Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group		those who are immunocompromised. It needs to end.
04/18/2020 10:45 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Angela Thornton	It is time to open NC back up! It's proven to be far less deadly than thought. We have rights and keeping unlocked up is like the jews were.
			Thank you
04/18/2020 10:49 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr. Matthew Riddle	Hello, Like millions of others I am very concerned over the economic and Constitutional direction our great state is heading in. The damage done thus far to families and local business is devastating. It is my sincere wish that we reopen our state immediately. Thank you for your time. -Matt Riddle.
04/18/2020 10:50 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Janet Hill	<p>We need to end the governor's unconstitutional orders as soon as possible and get healthy North Carolinians back to work! Many people are suffering great hardships from the shutdown and the data do not support the extreme measures that have been taken. Governor Cooper has over reached his authority and is infringing on our constitutional rights.</p> <p>I believe it would be wise to grant county governments the authority to reopen in a manner that they determine to be safe and effective. Obviously there are differences across our state and a 'one size fits all' approach is not the best choice. Counties with lower population densities and fewer cases of Covid 19 should be handled differently than more heavily populated counties with more cases of the virus. In this way counties could be opened as soon as the county leaders deem it safe to do so.</p> <p>I would also like to take this opportunity to say that I do not in ANY way support mandatory vaccines or any other mandatory medical treatment. We should be free to choose medical treatments for ourselves and for our children .</p>
04/18/2020 10:51 PM	Economic Support Working Group	James Freeman	REOPEN NC, NOW. This house arrest is bankrupting us, and our small businesses. And a lot of us still do not qualify for unemployment because y'all are too dang stingy. We need to get back to work, yesterday. There's not enough sick people to justify this, in any way, shape or form!
04/18/2020 10:51 PM	Education Working Group	Mrs. Rosiliana Wilder	It is high time that North Carolina be opened for business. Our state cannot afford to have small businesses shuttered. We need to get back to work. We are destroying our economy. Protect the vulnerable and open North Carolina for business again! Anyone who has an "essential worker!"
04/18/2020 11:26 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Lori P	It's time to reopen NC NOW! Don't even wait until May 1st. People who have medical issues or are fearful for other reasons can and should stay at home. If these people STAY INSIDE their homes I'm not causing them any harm by leaving my home! I literally cannot infect someone who is under a self-quarantine. Quarantines are for the sick and vulnerable--not the entire society. The goal posts keep moving on the predicted death toll for this virus and it's all starting to look like a total fraud. I saw Dr. Birx state on national TV that IF WE DO EVERYTHING PERFECTLY we are looking at between 100,000 to 200,000 deaths. Thankfully nowhere near this many people have died. The next set of projections was around 80,000 people dying. Thankfully this hasn't happened either. At some point

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			we need to ask: Are the models wrong? It appears they are very wrong and we are paying a very high price in terms of the economy, mental health, lost education and really too many things to list here. And last but not least, using this virus as an excuse for mail in voting should not be allowed to stand.
04/18/2020 11:27 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Nathan Hartman	You must get this State back up and running. You must allow private businesses to reopen. Beginning May 1st you must open businesses in stages, restaurants in a 50% occupancy status and have everything 100% open by mid May. Use some common sense, but get this economy back up and going.
04/18/2020 11:38 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Keep NC Closed Helene Mason	Please keep NC closed until after that virus peaks. Too many idiots are trying to force the state to reopen too soon.
04/18/2020 11:40 PM	Economic Support Working Group	LeAnne Mahaffey	Please reopen North Carolina
04/18/2020 11:43 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Open NC Tom Merwath	Why are big corporations doing business as usual while small businesses are shuttered? reopen NC for all small local businesses before the ONLY business is Walmart in towns across NC!! This is outrageous.
04/18/2020 11:48 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Tiffany LeRoux	We need our state opened up again for the sake of our economy. Those who are at higher risk can stay home while younger people go back to work now that our health care system has avoided being overrun. There are far more undetected cases of this disease than people realize, which makes the death rate much lower. The economic consequences increase every week that this continues.
04/18/2020 11:51 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Ivy Houghtaling	Please reopen NC! Our lives depend on it.
04/18/2020 11:52 PM	Health Care Working Group	Dr. Micheal Palmer	I support Medicaid expansion to provide healthcare coverage to the previously uninsured as well as those who have lost coverage as a result of losing their jobs in the Covid crisis.
04/18/2020 11:55 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Gloria Anderson	#ReopenNC We will remember this come Election Day!!
04/18/2020 11:57 PM	Health Care Working Group	Dr. Micheal Palmer	I support Medicaid expansion to provide healthcare coverage to the previously uninsured as well as those who have lost coverage as a result of losing their jobs in the Covid crisis.
04/18/2020 11:59 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Dr. Micheal Palmer	I support allowing citizens of North Carolina to exercise their right to vote without risking their health or their lives, and making voting more accessible to all voters, by: ? making voting by mail more accessible; ? increasing public promotion of absentee vote-by-mail option; and ? ensuring free return mail postage on absentee ballots.
04/19/2020 12:01 AM	Health Care Working	Dr. Micheal Palmer	I support providing paid sick days, family leave, and full unemployment benefits for all

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	Group		impacted workers, including “gig workers”, as well as support for vulnerable small businesses.
04/19/2020 12:02 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mr Chris Hancock	Please end the restrictions of Governor Roy Cooper immediately. It is destroying our state. Governor Roy Cooper is leading us down a path that will make our state worst than anything seen during the Great Depression of 1929-1930. Small businesses, churches, etc, need to immediately reopen. All of them can put in practices of social distances, etc., and continue to operate at the same time without being forced to close. If Walmart can have 200 to 250 people inside at a time then any business or church should be able to freely operate in the same manner. This is discrimination at the highest level coming from the Governor of North Carolina. Very shameful and the people will take action in November to remove Governor Cooper from office for destroying NC! Reopen North Carolina. Do not allow Governor Cooper to have the authority to change our elections to mail in ballots which would result in widespread voter fraud. Elections should only be done in person.
04/19/2020 12:02 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Dr. Micheal Palmer	I support providing paid sick days, family leave, and full unemployment benefits for all impacted workers, including “gig workers”, as well as support for vulnerable small businesses.
04/19/2020 12:04 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Geoff Palmer	<p>We must reopen our state. We must allow our NC citizens to get back to work, back to caring for their communities, and back to providing for their families and for each other.</p> <p>The people of North Carolina can handle this adversity as responsible, intelligent citizens. Those who are low-risk can appropriately begin to transition to safe, open environments. Those who are at-risk can remain in quarantine.</p> <p>We can do this intelligently, with due diligence, and together.</p> <p>It is time to reopen North Carolina.</p>
04/19/2020 12:32 AM	Economic Support Working Group	MS BRENDA BOSSE	RE OPEN NC NOW!!!!
04/19/2020 02:20 AM	Health Care Working Group	Mr. Paul Hinkle	I urge the NC Legislature to take decisive action to improve the health & security of our states most vulnerable citizens: Vote to expand Medicaid.
04/19/2020 02:46 AM	Economic Support Working Group		Open the state!!
04/19/2020 03:37 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mrs. Laraine Creech	Please reopen NC!! Our small businesses are in desperate need, and families who have lost their jobs need a way to make money! We can't live like this.
04/19/2020 03:52 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Patty Anders	Please do not open things yet until we have more testing and we can be sure death rate does not go higher.
04/19/2020 04:34 AM	Health Care Working Group	Joy Deitle	Open NC now with no restrictions. Governor Cooper has done great harm with his unconstitutional edicts. He has harmed more than the virus ever would have. W
04/19/2020 06:27 AM	Economic Support	Beauty shop Mary	Mr. COOPER I feel its will be safe to open up the beauty shops. Let the hairdresser wear a

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	Working Group	Bryant	mask. Only one client at a time.. no one in the waiting area..must disinfect after each client
04/19/2020 06:39 AM	Health Care Working Group	Right to work & Assemble Krys Williams	Please realize we have done our part by following guidelines. But enough is enough. My children and my husband have earned the right to work, to be educated, to congregate TO LIVE! Please open this state back up to school as usual ,earn a living as usual, worship as usually. If we see a challenge or strain start to result. Then react and out measures in place. But why not come out a hero and try it
04/19/2020 06:40 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Business Owner Maria Field	I'm a small business owner of an auto service franchise in Asheville. We employ 18 workers, including my husband and myself. All my employees' spouses have lost their jobs due to Covid19 restrictions. My employees are the sole breadwinners now. Because of the shut down and no SBA nor PPP loans coming through, we've had to use our retirement savings to sustain our employees' salaries, along with other expenses, because of the lack of cash flow. We cannot hang in there much longer. Every day on shutdown equals a day nearer that my business is getting to bankruptcy and 18 families left without sustenance. My employees look worried and are anxious about this imminent outcome, if the shutdown continues in our state. My county has only had 1 reported death due to the virus and this was an elderly man with preexisting conditions. I feel that the means don't justify the ends of this shutdown, especially because our county's risk is insignificant compared to the total population. Other surrounding counties have the same or no reported deaths. We respectfully request that the economy be open swiftly to keep people from going hungry and losing everything. The State of NC will not be able to sustain such an enormous amount of its people's daily needs. Given the low numbers of infections and deaths in our state, it's time to open the economy, without delay. We can take care of ourselves and will look out for the less fortunate during this time. Sincerely, Maria Field
04/19/2020 07:00 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Lance Brown	Please reopen our State asap. Because of the industry I work, we were laid off. My wife works at Novant Health and her hours were reduced from 40 to 20 per week. Shes been unable to get UI after over 2 weeks of her application. We are hurting.
04/19/2020 07:03 AM	Health Care Working Group	GLORIA BOONE	PLEASE REOPEN NC! Small businesses are sinking fast! The meat of this state and country are small businesses.
04/19/2020 07:04 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Robert Johnson	Time to reopen the state! Your wrong-headed policies are killing people. I need to see my doctor now and not sometime in the future!
04/19/2020 07:06 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Reopening of NC Lisa Mcneill	I am a small business owner with a special needs son. I PAY for private insurance. The shut down is destroying me financially. It's time to REOPEN NC!!
04/19/2020 07:07 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr James Johnson	There's no reason beauty salons can't reopen with everyone wearing masks and gloves. They already have to meet state guidelines on sanitary conditions so they have a built-in advantage against spreading the virus. In Cumberland County we have had 3 deaths from this virus and don't forget, we have the entire population of Ft.Bragg here. 10 times that number of people die every day from natural causes in this county. It just makes no sense to keep these businesses closed.
04/19/2020 07:08 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Kimberly Schimmel	It is past time for the state and the counties/cities to stop trampling people's God-given rights to decide how best to care for their own families, exercising their rights to practice religion, petition and protest, and make an honest living. The state has no right to declare

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04/19/2020 07:13 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Daniel Dunn	Re open Nc immediately
04/19/2020 07:18 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Jean Hurwitz	Please use scientific and informed health care data to decide about reopening NC economy. Do not be influenced by fringe groups who base their decisions on politics and emotions. Too much is at stake. The current situation has flattened our curve and best protected NC citizens and healthcare workers. It is working! People who don't want to abide by social distancing should wear a wrist band stating that they agree not to go to an ER if they get sick. Anyone with a family member who is frontline healthcare will understand the psychological trauma and danger of that work.
04/19/2020 07:20 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Stephen Cole	I appreciate the concerns about economic impact of stay-home orders. But the economic and human impact of widespread disease would be devastating. Stay-home orders are working. Please do not lift them now.
04/19/2020 07:25 AM	Health Care Working Group	Mrs Jean Hurwitz	Please expand Medicaid. This contagious illness impacts us all, and everyone's good health is connected. Everyone needs access to healthcare to protect each other. Preventative care keeps healthcare costs down.
04/19/2020 07:28 AM	Education Working Group		Reopen NC! Let us go back to work and live in freedom. Let those most at risk or afraid to stay home longer if they choose. The cure shouldn't be worse than the disease!
04/19/2020 07:29 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Reopening Gary Giersdorf	I can't keep as a contractor in Southwest North Carolina I'm generally considered an essential worker for maintenance and upkeep of rental properties, however the restrictions upon leaving certain cities by curfew hours, and other cities that have outright blocked entry without living there has dropped my work by 90%. Very proud further problems with jobs that desperately need repairs such as roof leaks and related things where the customer lives on the property I can't even go to. I encourage the state to find ways to roll back some of the restrictions so that this beautiful state can get back to work.
04/19/2020 07:31 AM	Health Care Working Group	Mrs Bronwyn VanDerwerker	Our state is being ravaged by the unconstitutional decisions by Gov Cooper based on exaggerated models of Covid19. The numbers in our state do not warrant a complete economic destruction of NC! Open up our state ASAP, please!! You are killing our small businesses and families are struggling to put food on the table!!
04/19/2020 07:32 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mrs Jean Hurwitz	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. Many of our polling station workers are older retirees; they should not be put at risk, either. If we don't have vote by mail, we may not have enough polling booths open.
04/19/2020 07:40 AM	Economic Support	Mr Sterling	We need no economic support. I need my business to reopen and our customers need

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	Working Group	VanDerwerker	<p>their business to open.</p> <p>Stop the draconian management of the freedoms of America so we can produce and serve others for the benefit of all.</p> <p>Stop restrictions on religious assemblies. You know this is wrong constitutionally and therefore legally.</p> <p>Get back to work for the benefit of those who pay you to serve. Pay the price of productivity and shun politics,...</p> <p>Open North Carolina now!</p>
04/19/2020 07:51 AM	Health Care Working Group	Mrs. Kathleen Ferrell	<p>Destroying peoples lives and livelihoods does not make people safe! This should never have been done. The response to this "plandemic" was against all common sense. Reopen NC now!!</p>
04/19/2020 07:53 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr James Johnson	<p>Stop moving the goalposts and reopen NC. First it was; "We have to bend the curve". Now it has moved to; "testing people who show COVID-19 symptoms, as well as testing people who came in contact with them through tracing, are key factors to deciding when to relax restrictions". Do you know how long that study will take??? A VERY LONG time to amass that data-set. People are losing there jobs permanently and being ejected out of their houses because the Governor has said "You're not essential, you can't work". Who is he to decide what worker is essential. Seems to me that EVERY worker is essential to their well being and NC's economy. This is insanity. Enough is enough. Reopen NC.</p>
04/19/2020 08:02 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Rebecca Addison	<p>Our economy cannot sustain a continued shutdown based on faulty modeling. Other State Legislatures have had the courage to overrule the Governor when they realized the edicts being handed down were arbitrary and largely unconstitutional. You know North Carolina deserves and needs your immediate attention to get back to work. Have courage, and fulfill the oath you took when you were installed into office. We will stand behind you.</p>
04/19/2020 08:06 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Ms Kimberley Hardy	<p>We as citizens have done our part and lowered the curve so plans could be put in place, production of supplies handled and lowering a high peak where more deaths would of occurred. It is now time to #ReopenNC according to the new guidelines. NC can go into phase one now.</p>
04/19/2020 08:07 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr James Johnson	<p>It is time to stop treating the citizens of NC like children. We are intelligent enough to wash our hands and stay 6 feet away from the next person, Also, the decision on what constitutes an "essential" business is completely arbitrary. How did the Governor determine which businesses are "essential" and which businesses are not? What is meant by "essential"? "Essential" to who? Aren't ALL businesses in NC essential? Enough is enough. It is time to get the citizens of NC back to work.</p>
04/19/2020 08:08 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms. Karen Chase	<p>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.</p>
04/19/2020 08:10 AM	Continuity of State	PAUL SPRATT	<p>GET THE DAMM STATE OPEN FOR BUSINESS. QUIT THE DAMM POLITICS. WHAT IS</p>

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	Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group		WRONG WITH YOU PEOPLE...
04/19/2020 08:14 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Ms Marie-Denise Donnelly	I would like to see my legislators: 1. amend voting rules 2. encourage online voter registration 3.allow voting by mail for all and 4.assume any additional costs. Thank you and keep well and distant.
04/19/2020 08:17 AM	Health Care Working Group	Mrs. Vivian Manduca-Marquez	Allow the sick, the elders, the immunocompromised to stay hole! Allow those who are not included i. The above categories, to go out to work and help the economy get back on its feet!
04/19/2020 08:18 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr James Johnson	Our family MUST to get back to work or we will lose everything we have worked for over the past 62 years. I am disabled and my wife is a self employed beautician. We can't wait for help that, so far, has not come from either the state or the Federal government. By the time it does arrive (if we even qualify for it), it will be too late. It's not like we live beyond our means. I drive a 1999 truck (paid for) and my wife drives a 2004 Mercury (also paid for) and we live in a 45 yr old double-wide trailer. Our bills consist of the normal: food, utility, electric, cable, phone and internet. That's it! If we can't work, we can't pay our bills. We are running out of time before we will be without food, electricity, phone, or access to the internet. Please let us get back to work! Our bills will not wait.
04/19/2020 08:19 AM	Education Working Group	Mrs Deb Weaver Weaver	Inalienable rights= God given rights Overreach = man taking those rights Compliance= behaving according to state and local laws and lawful temporary guidelines during a crisis (ie: social distancing, groups of less than 10). Non-compliance= ignoring those instructions Freedom of religion= to pray, worship, and study as each sees fit Freedom to assemble= to gather for worship, protest, and work Freedom of speech= not only to speak one's mind, but to be heard Civil disobedience= actions to address injustice, corruption, and tyranny God's Law= supersedes man's law, and must always take precedence over man's law Government= "of the people, by the people, and for the people" Patriotic=belief in the veracity and timelessness of upholding the Constitution of the United States of America, and one's state Freedom= equal justice under the law Elections= free and open voting by U.S. citizens, to Approve of or remove gov't officials, depending on the elected's true or untrue representation of their constituents Basic tenants of our freedom= the inalienable right to "Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness" and "that all men are created equal" Civil hierarchy: elected officials work for the people!
04/19/2020 08:20 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Melissa Phillips	HOW DOES THE NC GENERAL ASSEMBLY FEEL THEY ARE MEASURING UP? As a small business owner it is imperative to reopen the economy so people can work. We need to resume normalcy.

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04/19/2020 08:21 AM	Health Care Working Group	We only want to open once Jessica Sandford	If we open too soon, we stand the chance of needing to shut down again. We need a plan for widespread testing and containment, PPE supplies stockpiled and a strategy for antibody testing/assessment. Please use science for the love of God.
04/19/2020 08:22 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Stephen Smith	Please reopen North Carolina. It is time.
04/19/2020 08:31 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Please keep us safe! Dolly Reaves	<p>There are many pushing to Reopen the state but for our elderly, cancer survivors, children with compromised immune systems, they are terrified of the threat of the virus spreading even more.</p> <p>Please keep us safe and not allow extremists white supremacy groups to kill off innocent people because they are bored.</p> <p>Here are questions I would ponder before reopening:</p> <p>Say we do reopen, can folks who don't want to risk their lives choose to continue staying home? Does it seem fair that a minority of folks who want to work should get their way and risk the majority of folks who want to continue quarantine measures?</p> <p>If they do lift measures, can folks freely continue working from home or collect unemployment if they feel unsafe about returning to work?</p> <p>People are claiming about having the right to work but what about the right to live? Will people be shamed for not wanting to catch an illness and potentially die?</p> <p>Thank you for your time, Dolly Reaves</p>
04/19/2020 08:33 AM	Economic Support Working Group	REOPEN NC Summer Holman	You HAVE to reopen NC! People are depressed and it is only going to get worse! You will NEVER have all the PPE you "think" you need! Reopen NC, your reelection depends on it.
04/19/2020 08:35 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Ben White	NC citizens can not continue to be shut down... our constitutional rights are being pushed too far... it is each individual persons responsibility to protect themselves as they see fit... it is not right to quarantine healthy citizens!!! The statistics used in this outbreak are flawed... please open us back up... I'm sure you do not want to be a one and done governor!!!! Freedom is at stake!!!! Don't continue to follow the wrong data... let's go back to work!!!
04/19/2020 08:38 AM	Health Care Working Group	REOPEN NC Melanie Williams	Here is my comment left just now: It is past time for the state and the counties/cities to stop trampling people's God-given rights to decide how best to care for their own families, exercising their rights to practice religion, petition and protest, and make an honest living. The state has no right to declare large numbers of people "nonessential" and to destroy livelihoods with the stroke of a pen. People have been deprived of liberty and property without due process of law, on the basis of insufficient/absent data. People have been deprived of timely medical care for non-covid conditions. Graduate students have been shut out of their labs. The dying have been deprived of pastoral care. Families once on their way out of debt or into a healthy retirement have been needlessly ruined by state action, not by a virus. Stop the madness and return to limited, constitutional government immediately, with allowances for those who are medically fragile to be protected if they choose to continue isolation.

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04/19/2020 08:46 AM	Health Care Working Group	Tasha Coley	Dear Governor Cooper, We need to get our state back up and running before we all are sick from lack of basic human essentials, such as food, shelter, and water. You're overstepping your reach on our Constitutional Rights and "We The People" of NC demand them back. #ReOpenNC
04/19/2020 08:47 AM	Education Working Group	Kevin Osborne	The education I am involved in can be done safely and we need to get the State back open now!
04/19/2020 08:48 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Kim Naff	Something more needs to be done to support local businesses that are currently not able to generate money but must continue to pay their bills. Obviously the national program for that didn't do much for actual small businesses. We don't need to reopen NC so they can get back to making money (it's way too soon), but we need to make sure their businesses will be able to reopen in the future without too much hardship.
04/19/2020 08:48 AM	Health Care Working Group	CNA Emily Austin	Reopen North Carolina!
04/19/2020 08:50 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Melanie Cobos	Reopen NC - the governor's original goals have been met - to flatten the curve and prevent saturation of the healthcare system. There is mounting evidence that the mortality rate is in fact significantly lower than originally thought. Finally we need to prevent a catastrophic second wave - the shutdowns are slowing if not preventing the development of herd immunity. This is all based in statistical fact and science. It is time to Open NC in the stages recommended by the Coronavirus taskforce - people's livelihoods and mental health and the NC economy depend on it.
04/19/2020 08:51 AM	Health Care Working Group	Mrs Melanie Cobos	Reopen NC - the governor's original goals have been met - to flatten the curve and prevent saturation of the healthcare system. There is mounting evidence that the mortality rate is in fact significantly lower than originally predicted. Finally we need to prevent a catastrophic second wave - the shutdowns are slowing if not preventing the development of herd immunity. This is all based in statistical fact and science. It is time to Open NC in the stages recommended by the Coronavirus taskforce - people's livelihoods and mental health depend on it
04/19/2020 08:53 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Michael O'Hare	Open NY now. Govt is supposed to protect our liberties, not remove them. Try reading the Constitution and Bill of Rights. We are not voting for Roy or any other democrat in the state ever.
04/19/2020 08:53 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms Rosalyn Marhatta	We should not open the state until we have enough tests and done sufficient tracing to stop the spread of this disease. We must listen to the doctors first and for most. We have already had tens of thousands of unnecessary deaths. It's time to value people's lives over profits.
04/19/2020 08:55 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Todd Crenshaw	The state needs to lift the restrictions immediately, as the consequences of economic hardship far outweigh any virus.
04/19/2020 08:56 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms Janet strom	While social distancing and its economic impact is very difficult for all of us, it is important to continue these protocols to protect our essential employees and the rest of our citizens who are counting on them.
04/19/2020 08:57 AM	Economic Support Working Group	reopen NC wallace barnes	It is time to restart our economy by sending healthy people back to work! Reopen stores, send people to work, keep the vulnerable at home. it is time!
04/19/2020 08:59 AM	Economic Support	Rose Patryce Britton	Please stay strong in protecting our state in the best understood ways. This viral threat

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	Working Group		will not be defeated without continued efforts to stay home and not have gatherings of many unmasked people.
04/19/2020 09:01 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Craig Beard	Please reopen NC immediately. Enough is enough!
04/19/2020 09:02 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Re-open NC Carola Pagán	We need to re-open NC for business as soon as possible. Us small business owners have taken a bad hit. Let's begin with Phase 1 and begin easing our state back to work. Those not in agreement can continue to stay home.
04/19/2020 09:05 AM	Health Care Working Group	Reverend Jay Kennett	Please do not rush to reopen, listen to the health care professionals, continue to keep our healthcare workers and indeed all of us safe. Let's not reopen just as we are starting to flatten the curve. Saving lives should be the only priority at this time.
04/19/2020 09:14 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr James Johnson	Why can't beauty salons reopen with the requirement of wearing masks and gloves? These businesses already adhere to strict sanitation standards required by the State of NC. Being a one-on-one situation, they have an infinitely cleaner environment than do the big box stores or even the grocery stores where people walk around freely without masks and are all over top of each other. Shutting down beauty salons doesn't make sense. Reopen the salons so the self employed beauticians can get back to work. FYI- did you know that they are required to continue to pay booth rent even though they are not working? How long do you think they can pay rent with no money coming in? It won't be long before they lose everything.
04/19/2020 09:14 AM	Education Working Group	Stephanie Brown	<p>We need stronger Internet and broadband THROUGHOUT North Carolina. K-12 and college students in rural areas cannot do their homework. See https://www.wunc.org/post/lack-broadband-internet-obstacle-rural-students</p> <p>Please repeal SESSION LAW 2011-84 HOUSE BILL 129 AN ACT TO PROTECT JOBS AND INVESTMENT BY REGULATING LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMPETITION WITH PRIVATE BUSINESS. This "limits the ability of local municipal governments to set up their own high-speed internet service. The law spared cable companies from having to compete with municipal systems that could deliver the same high-speed internet access at a lower price." https://www.newsobserver.com/latest-news/article210366074.html</p> <p>Internet should be treated as a public utility and should be available to ALL in North Carolina.</p> <p>thank you.</p>
04/19/2020 09:18 AM	Health Care Working Group	Stephanie Brown	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.
04/19/2020 09:18 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency)	Stephanie Brown	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

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	Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group		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.
04/19/2020 09:20 AM	Health Care Working Group	Stephanie Brown	<p>If Vote by Mail is ok for the president, it should be ok for North Carolinians.</p> <p>We need more tests. We need more PPEs. When we have confidence that these are widely available, then we can start reopening the state. Until then, we all should stay home.</p> <p>Governor Cooper has followed the recommendations of physicians, epidemiologists and scientists in taking measures to mitigate the spread of COVID19. He should continue to do so. 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.</p>
04/19/2020 09:24 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Open NC Nikki Bullock	Open NC now!
04/19/2020 09:26 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms. Sarah Henderson	I demand NC allow small businesses to reopen. With proper precautions, there should be no reason to continue to harm NC's economy. Allow restaurants to have staggered seating, stores can limit the number of patrons served at any one time, larger stores should have one-way aisles to limit a customer's proximity to others. Allow our citizens to be creative in serving others. Allow our citizens to get back to work.
04/19/2020 09:28 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Debra Garner	Reinstate our rights by reopening our state. Listen to the people and their needs based on their geographical locations. Stop playing politics and pushing an agenda. Common sense tells you if a person has a compromised immune system or are elderly they can by choice stay home. But a perfectly healthy person should be able to work, shop play...by choice. Although the intelligence of a slight majority was not displayed in electing Gov. Cooper, we are intelligent enough to make our own choices. By reopening, both sides in this equation (stayhome and reopen) will have a choice but by remaining closed one side's freedoms are being withheld.
04/19/2020 09:28 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Reopen NC Tina C	We need to REOPEN NC! We have done a great job staying home and fighting this virus however this will be our new normal and we cannot stay shut down forever. If we are afraid now, we will be afraid and cautious for the next 12-24 months until a cure is discovered. There will be more death, suicide, drug use and depression if we do not open our lives back up. Thank you for the consideration.
04/19/2020 09:31 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mrs. Nancy Celli	<p>Please consider these suggestion regarding COVID-19 recommendations:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Amend voting rules to give the NC Board of Elections flexibility to respond to emergencies such as: pandemics, natural disasters, armed conflict, etc. 2. Make absentee voting easier by making ballots easier to obtain, and open to everyone eligible to vote. An on-line portal should be available to apply for an absentee ballot. Two witnesses during social distancing is unsafe and unrealistic especially for single, older people.

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			<p>3. Make voter registration available on line. (You can now register to vote or update your voter registration address or party affiliation on line via the NC Division of Motor Vehicles if you are a DMV customer.)</p> <p>4. Assume the costs for mailing in an absentee ballot.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>
04/19/2020 09:34 AM	Economic Support Working Group		Please keep Stay at Home in effect until the danger is past. Without people, there is no economy! Help us stay alive.
04/19/2020 09:35 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms Linda Swain	Reg flu has killed more than covid this year this is with people having gotten the flu vaccine. We need to reopen our economy and put people back to work before we suffer financial losses we can't recover from
04/19/2020 09:38 AM	Health Care Working Group	Mrs Tonya Doucette	REOPEN this STATE!!!! Are you kidding me been working the entire time and that too is s load on your over woreked people! Time for Everyone to get back to work, open places for workers to go to keep functioning!!!! This is ridiculous. You are killing our community and our freedoms and our businesses!
04/19/2020 09:43 AM	Education Working Group	Stay Safe Amanda Gordon	My husband is in law enforcement and I'm a teacher. We have not stopped working during this time, but we have been able to work virtually or with the office closed to the public. If the stay-at-home order is removed, our lives will be on the line. Also my mom, godparents, and great uncle/aunt are elderly and with compromised immune systems. Opening up too soon will be harmful to them. Right now we need to stay safe and keep doing what we are doing to fight the virus so it ends and doesn't get out of control. Of course these are hard times, but people who are protesting that things open are doing it out of irrational fear and cabin fever.
04/19/2020 09:44 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Icon Carl Carter	I will lose my business if this continues
04/19/2020 09:44 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Ms Deborah Hollingsworth	Please affirm the shelter-in-place order, increase of hiring state workers to remotely process unemployment claims, and please provide essential state employees with hazard pay.
04/19/2020 09:45 AM	Health Care Working Group	Mrs Jacki Epperson	Please continue to support Governor Cooper. His directives regarding the covid19 pandemic are working in NC. In a few more weeks, we should be recovering and hopefully be ready to ease back into normal life. But it isn't time now. Please help save lives. God bless you. I hope you are all well and stay that way.
04/19/2020 09:47 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mrs. Diane Parnell	I believe this NC shut down is unconstitutional and unnecessary! Please Re-Open NC immediately!!
04/19/2020 09:48 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Andrew Ayers	The state of North Carolina needs to reopen normal activity without conditions immediately. The math is in, this is the flu. Are we going to shut down a state of 10 million people every winter?

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			Lowes is packed. Walmart is packed. Target is packed. Why can I go there to be surrounded with people but I can't patronize a local coffee shop or use a park completely alone? The rules are doing nothing more than inciting fear, and picking winners or losers in business. That's not the role of government. Step off and let us live.
04/19/2020 09:52 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Reopen NC Ashlie Holt	Reopen N.C.!!!!
04/19/2020 09:54 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Miss Dawn-Marie Vasco	It is in the best interests of the people of the state of North Carolina to open it up for business. You have no data that supports this closure. More people died from flu per your records.
04/19/2020 10:07 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group		Time to lift the "stay-at-home" restriction, especially for low-risk workers. Also, time to open the education system! This broad-brush stay-home policy has been a complete disaster for North Carolina. #ReopenNC
04/19/2020 10:08 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Reopen NC Laurie Dunn	We need to reopen NC. As well as not allow mail in ballots. I personally would like the economy to thrive not be shut down. I also want to be able to personally vote in person.
04/19/2020 10:09 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Jana Bradley	We have a small business and are struggling mightily, but I hope you'll keep the stay at home order in place. I'd rather stay home and keep my family and neighbors safe than have a terrible second surge. Please use common sense and don't listen to the nutbags wanting to traipse around.
04/19/2020 10:10 AM	Health Care Working Group	Mrs. Carolyn Adcock	Please re-open North Carolina!
04/19/2020 10:11 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Susan Alonso	Reopen NC You did a great job shutting down when you did but it's time to start re-opening. Our economy needs you to step up and be a leader now
04/19/2020 10:32 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Small Businesses James Salamon	Please reopen small businesses ASAP. People are hurting.
04/19/2020 10:33 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	1-56-183-01-8J=07763 MICHAEL COPELAND	No changes. Voting by mail will encourage even more voter fraud. As a documented victim of voter fraud I oppose any attempt to vote by US mail.
04/19/2020 10:35 AM	Economic Support Working Group	April Robbins	Governor Cooper and Members of the NC Legislature, I am writing to say that I feel it is time to re-open the state of NC. I believe that based upon the nationwide data and the numbers posted on the NCDHHS website that we are more than ready for a phased-in reopening of our state. Thanks to the citizens of NC who have complied with the stay at home order our COVID-19 numbers show great improvement. We have not seen a large influx of patients in our hospitals and emergency rooms that would threaten to overrun our quality of care, and we have effectively "flattened the curve". If there is still an unmet need for additional testing, tracing, PPE, ventilators and other needed supplies, please take advantage of the offer for help from our

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			<p>president, Donald Trump. He loves this country and the people of this county and has offered his help. Pick up the phone and make the call. Please do not let partisan politics play a role in your decision making and undermine the progress our state has made.</p> <p>I believe that the great people and employers in this state are ready to get back to work and would be willing to accommodate provisions that might be recommended for re-opening our businesses. Our economy, business owners and citizens have taken a very hard hit and we need to get back to the prosperity we enjoyed only a few short months ago. The impacts of this shutdown are far more reaching than many realize. It has affected our low-income workers, blue collar workers, farmers, teachers, day care workers, small and large business owners, manufacturing facilities, medical and professional offices. The unemployment numbers speak for themselves. The State of NC cannot afford another prolonged drain on our unemployment funds that we saw during our most recent recession.</p> <p>Another great need would be opening our day cares and pre-schools so that our citizens CAN go back to work. It has been proven that children are much less vulnerable to contracting COVID-19 and would not be at risk in a day care/school setting. Although you think it is a viable solution to "work from home", it is literally impossible to get work done during regular business hours with small children begging for your attention. During this crisis some day cares/pre-schools have remained open to accommodate our healthcare workers who have children. I have yet to hear of one negative outcome of having these facilities open. I would also recommend that our elementary and junior high children return to school as well. With the overwhelming need to provide these children with food throughout this crisis, I fail to understand how you could not see the need to provide for these children by re-opening our schools. Thank goodness for our school cafeteria workers and school staff who have made food distribution to these children a top priority.</p> <p>I believe that the citizens of NC are good, reasonable, law-abiding and responsible people that can be trusted to take the necessary precautions needed as we get back to our regular, everyday (and sometimes even boring) lives. We can, and will, take whatever precautions are necessary if for no other reason than to protect our way of life and those dearest to us. We understand the need for protecting those most vulnerable and I, personally, have checked on my parents every day to make sure they are safe and healthy. You put your trust in us to do what was asked (stay at home, wash your hands often, maintain 6 feet of separation, wearing face masks, not touching your face) and we complied. Therefore, I know that you can trust the citizens of this great state to be responsible and act accordingly as you take the steps necessary to #RE-OPEN NC.</p> <p>Thank you for your time. April Robbins – Proud NC Native – Born and raised!</p>
04/19/2020 10:36 AM	Health Care Working Group	Ulla Dittmar	Please continue to enforce 'Stay at home policies' until adequate testing is procured. People are pushing for early opening of the economy without understanding the implications
04/19/2020 10:37 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency	BJ Ryan	Please be very cautious about relaxing stay at home orders! So far NC has done a good job of requiring social distancing, we shouldn't rush to reopen, allow crowds to congregate

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	Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group		and potentially cause a worse situation than what we already have. Pay attention to the science, use common sense. Also elections should be prepared for mail-in voting.
04/19/2020 10:51 AM	Health Care Working Group		Our son, with mental health and back issues, is in need of Medicaid expansion. He has gone to the ER a couple of times with no insurance. He now feels hopeless due to bills and collections. We his retired parents are trying to assist but we are struggling.
04/19/2020 11:02 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Jack Taylor	Open up this state for widespread business! Unintended consequences of prolonging opening are very real and far exceed that of your stated goal for closure. We will remember in November.
04/19/2020 11:02 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Christina Pelech	<p>I am attaching here the email I sent to Governor Cooper on Friday.</p> <p>Dear Governor Cooper,</p> <p>I am a hairstylist & I own a salon in Durham where four other stylists are self-employed. I opened my business to give the five of us a chance to make a good living & have a secure future. Right now, I am afraid.</p> <p>I am afraid that you will not extend the stay-at-home order, forcing us to make a tough decision about whether to return to work when it feels unsafe to do so. Should we choose not to reopen – to protect our health & that of our families – we risk losing our clients to salons who chose otherwise.</p> <p>I am afraid that we might not make it with no help. Because we are self-employed we can't yet even apply for unemployment. I have been using my savings to pay the rent & utilities on the salon building. One of my coworkers is expecting a baby in July – she has already used up all the money she had saved to get her through her maternity leave. Another coworker lives with her fiancé; he is also a hairstylist, so they both are out of work with no pay. Only one of us so far has received federal stimulus money & that – inexplicably – was less than expected. I have applied for grants but have received none. All SBA loan funds are gone, much of it to businesses that aren't very small at all.</p> <p>I am afraid. It shouldn't be this hard. None of this should be as hard as it is.</p> <p>I am writing to ask you to think about small businesses, including very small businesses like mine. I am writing to ask you to think about those of us who cannot do their jobs without very close physical contact with their customers. We are struggling & we are scared.</p> <p>Sincerely, Christina Pelech Fuss & Bother Salon Durham, NC</p>
04/19/2020 11:10 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections &	Please extend quarantine Lucas Taylor	<p>Please extend the stay at home order past May.</p> <p>I own and work at a hair salon and we are in a very busy environment that plus us in constant very close proximity to a large number of clients every day. This not only puts us</p>

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	Public Safety) Working Group		at higher risk of transmission, but our clients as well. It is not safe for us to have to do this and so I beg you to extend the quarantine. Thank you
04/19/2020 11:12 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Dr. Bernadette Page	I 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. 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.
04/19/2020 11:22 AM	Education Working Group	Dr Mindy Oshrain	We need stronger Internet and broadband THROUGHOUT North Carolina. K-12 and college students in rural areas cannot do their homework. See https://www.wunc.org/post/lack-broadband-internet-obstacle-rural-students Please repeal SESSION LAW 2011-84 HOUSE BILL 129 AN ACT TO PROTECT JOBS AND INVESTMENT BY REGULATING LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMPETITION WITH PRIVATE BUSINESS. This "limits the ability of local municipal governments to set up their own high-speed internet service. The law spared cable companies from having to compete with municipal systems that could deliver the same high-speed internet access at a lower price." https://www.newsobserver.com/latest-news/article210366074.html Internet should be treated as a public utility and should be available to ALL in North Carolina.
04/19/2020 11:31 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Dr Dauphine Sisk-Wambles	Hello, I'm writing today as a concerned Moore County North Carolina voter. I am a small business owner and I have been deeply affected by the shut down. I have tried to understand the precautions that started this shut down but as the data continues to come out I can see that we are not serving any of the members of our lovely state by continuing this shutdown. My business and employees rely on summer programs for half of our annual income. If we can reopen by April 29th, there is a chance I can still serve my community and employ my staff over the summer. I am a registered independent voter and will use the actions taken in the next weeks to influence how I vote in November. As our representative what are you doing to get NC back to work? We need to reopen NC now! Sincerely, Dauphine Sisk-Wambles Moore County and Southern Pines North Carolina Resident
04/19/2020 11:37 AM	Health Care Working Group	Dr Megan Pasookhush	Small businesses can not sustain! Please open NC to save the economy
04/19/2020 11:37 AM	Health Care Working Group	Ms. Deborah Schafer	please keep stay at home regulations in place and ORDER OUR BEACHES CLOSED!
04/19/2020 11:43 AM	Education Working	Ms Laurie Fox	I urge you to repeal SESSION LAW 2011-84 HOUSE BILL 129 AN ACT TO PROTECT JOBS

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	Group		AND INVESTMENT BY REGULATING LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMPETITION WITH PRIVATE BUSINESS. This limits the ability of local municipal governments to set up their own high-speed internet service. The law spared cable companies from having to compete with municipal systems that could deliver the same high-speed internet access at a lower price.
04/19/2020 11:47 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Reopen our State Restore Thomas Cox	Our rights are being violated.We as a state and country need to get back to work.We have a constitutional right to work and go to church to leave our homes.This state order is violating our constitutional rights.Remove this shutdown immediately
04/19/2020 11:49 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Kimberly Leasure	<p>Time to open N.C. back up! The economic toll on small business and hourly workers is simply unfathomable. NONE of the models have been proven true and N.C., in particular, has experienced far less infections and deaths than any of the now discredited predictions.</p> <p>Equally troubling is Cooper's lack of preparation for this pandemic and his continued insistence upon looking to the federal government to 'save' us. Is this not HIS job? What has he been doing for the last four years?</p> <p>Governor Cooper owns this disaster.</p>
04/19/2020 11:53 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mr Joel Morley	Politicians must get out of the way and allow medical professionals who speak from actual knowledge and experience to open NC for business again. We must return ASAP but must put safety first. Proper PPE and common sense actions are required and if politicians want to get involved, pass an emergency law mandating severe financial penalties for being in public without a good reason and for not wearing appropriate PPE. I suggest a minimum of \$500 per incident, no exceptions except first responders while performing their jobs. Fines for politicians breaking the new law should be at least \$2,000 per incident . My cell is 919 349 3620 should you wish additional comment.
04/19/2020 11:55 AM	Health Care Working Group	Dr Mark Farris	Let's get back to work before you wreck the NC economy.
04/19/2020 11:59 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Re Open NC Donna Parker	Please Re-open NC by the end of April. Businesses need to re-open soon or there will be a domino effect of grave economic consequences in our state. We can balance the risk by safety protocols for all citizens, shelter in place for high risk citizens, such as over 65, auto-immune deficiencies, or other 2ndary health issues that place them at high risk. We must get moving, even if it is at a controlled pace.
04/19/2020 12:00 PM	Health Care Working Group	Mrs. Jvanete Skiba	Let me start by thanking each of you for the hard work you put in for the citizens of this state. Your work responding to this pandemic is appreciated. COVID-19 has shed an even brighter light on the dark spaces that lack of accessible health care creates. Hard working North Carolinians that are facing being newly unemployed and uninsured due to this crisis should not be abandoned to the darkness of the growing health coverage gap that weakens our workforce, economy, and ultimately our families. Medicaid expansion must happen in order to not only keep families afloat now, but also give them real traction in the long run. Though the COVID-19 crisis response is of the utmost importance now, Medicaid Expansion in the long term will help the state's vulnerable citizens be able to take care of their families needs by helping eliminate the coverage gap and get them back to work.

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04/19/2020 12:03 PM	Health Care Working Group	Angela Rigsbee	NC CAN be reopened safely! My husband is a healthcare worker. He agrees!
04/19/2020 12:05 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Frank Ansede	It is high time to reopen North Carolina. For every infected COVID-19 Case, there are over 100 people unemployed. Clearly the response has been overreaction vs healthy precaution. The NC Economy is the engine for problems like this to be solved. When you disable that engine, we become Venezuela. Don't be the group that presides over this great State to become Venezuela.
04/19/2020 12:08 PM	Health Care Working Group	Dr Frederick Timmerman	Is there so little trust in North Carolinians that the state/governor takes away our rights? A famous American who led Americans to victory in Europe once stated. "Tell people what to do and not how to do it and they will surprise you with their ingenuity!" When you think about it, one can only wish we had elected officials who think like that! Reopen North Carolina and let's get back to work now!!! Let us decide how to do what needs to be done.
04/19/2020 12:17 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Stay Home Amy Genberg	Please stay home. I'm in the Healthcare system. I see and hear the other side. Stay home so my family.. your family stays safe and healthy. The Coronavirus is no joke. Please.. STAY HOME.
04/19/2020 12:19 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr. Jeff McCann	It is time to ReOpen North Carolina. Social distancing can be practiced. People need to go to work. It is unreasonable to extend the current shut-down beyond April 29. There are many adjustments that can be made in order for businesses, churches, restaurants to re-open. We need a balanced approach.
04/19/2020 12:21 PM	Economic Support Working Group	President Debra Barkett	Please let small businesses reopen with the same safe guidelines that the big Box stores are using. More lives are being damaged by the locked down than by the virus.
04/19/2020 12:24 PM	Economic Support Working Group	John Poshepny	It's time to reopen North Carolina and let people start working again.
04/19/2020 12:24 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Stephanie Black	Reopen NC. Small business is getting hammered. How many jobs can NC afford to lose? How will the tax shortfall be paid? You will have to massively cut the budget in order to make things work. I can suggest cutting government salaries for every month NC has been out of work.
04/19/2020 12:26 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Marie Sherr	I own a small pilates studio in Durham. There is really no way to enforce social distancing in my line of work. Please do not lift the stay at home order. Putting small business owners in a position to decide to reopen and put themselves and customers in harms way is very scary. Not just for our health but potentially financially. If someone contracts Covid 19 at my business am I vulnerable to a lawsuit? Has this been a topic of exploration yet? It is simply unsafe for folks to be going back to work when the peak hasn't even hit. We need support from our local government right now. We don't need a government putting us in danger.
04/19/2020 12:27 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Pam Teator	Reopen N.C.!!!!
04/19/2020 12:29 PM	Health Care Working Group	Pamela Durden	I support the White House's reopening strategy! I hope you will reopen North Carolina as

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04/19/2020 12:32 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Ms Deborah Abel	Thank you for the protections you have put in place. Still waiting for unemployment to kick in, but at least I'm still alive to wait for it. Please look at safe ways for our election to take place in November. It must happen!!
04/19/2020 12:32 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Sherri Lane	We need to Open Back up. Flatten the Curve was designed to not put pressure on the hospitals. We are past that point! Now, you want to change the agenda to get mass testing done when that is not necessary. You are ruining lives to meet your own agenda!
04/19/2020 12:36 PM	Education Working Group	Ms Deborah Abel	Thank you for the decisions you have made to keep our students and staff safe. Please consider choosing to continue remote learning for the rest of the year. Making that decision and announcing it soon will allow everyone a sense of stability and allow them a chance to plan long range. This applies to all facets of our communities. The unknown is unsettling and this is one way to decrease some of that uneasiness. Thank you.
04/19/2020 12:40 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms Cheyanne Walker	RE OPEN NC on May 1st your killing the great economy we have people, North Carolina is a state where people WORK and gets things done. It is no surprise the unemployment office can't handle this right now. Let us do what we do best which is operate and prosper!!! Your killing the majority over the threat to a few.
04/19/2020 12:44 PM	Health Care Working Group	Ms. Martha Hauptman	I appreciate the difficulties experienced by some in our state but believe we should listen to our scientists and other experts and fortunately we have many in our state. They are giving good reasons for continuing our stay at home and social distancing behaviors ; we must listen to the voices of reason or we'll have a recurrence of Covid 19 Please do not open up NC until testing improves and illness subsides.
04/19/2020 12:46 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Re opening is dangerous. Anne Jarvis	Please do not reopen our state until testing and science tells us its ok. Do not give in to Republican greed and hate.
04/19/2020 12:47 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Julie Singer	We need to continue to stay home. It is not safe yet to open everything back up.
04/19/2020 12:47 PM	Economic Support Working Group	C Sullivan	REOPEN NC. you are in violation of the Constitution of the United States of America. I want to work. I need to work. You are contributing to the collapse of our economy and way of life. Maybe that's what some of you want. I want our economy opened back up. For every 1% increase in unemployment there is a 2% increase in the suicide rate. You're killing more people extending the shut down. We are land of the Free. Reopen the economy
04/19/2020 12:49 PM	Health Care Working Group	mike windsor	The lockdown needs to end. Citizens need to assume some responsibility and use masks, gloves, wipes or frequent hand washing. BUT this lockdown is killing small businesses and destroying jobs. The government can not continue to pile on debt by printing money and mailing checks to unemployed individuals. We are flirting with a depression.

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04/19/2020 12:49 PM	Health Care Working Group	Martha Whitney	I support Medicaid expansion to provide healthcare coverage to the previously uninsured as well as those who have lost coverage as a result of losing their jobs in the Covid crisis.
04/19/2020 12:50 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Martha Whitney	I support providing paid sick days, family leave, and full unemployment benefits for all impacted workers, including "gig workers," as well as support for vulnerable small businesses.
04/19/2020 12:52 PM	Health Care Working Group	Opening up NC Annette Baxley	I don't understand the previous box asking for me to name, "group". I am in the healthcare field, but, I want to see all businesses open.
04/19/2020 12:52 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mr Michael McRorie	We do not need to make any changes to our election laws. We should proceed with what is in place. Although I agree with voter ID 100%, I do not feel anything needs changed due to the pandemic. Including any emergency powers granted to the governor or general assembly!
04/19/2020 12:53 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Martha Whitney	I support allowing citizens of North Carolina to exercise their right to vote without risking their health or their lives, and making voting more accessible to all voters, by: - making voting by mail more accessible; - increasing public promotion of absentee vote-by-mail option; and - ensuring free return mail postage on absentee ballots.-extending early voting -expanding drive by voting
04/19/2020 12:53 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Ms Elena Carleo	Please DO NOT reopen NC! We're not ready yet. There are still too many issues that need to be addressed before we can safely take that step. We haven't even hit our peak yet. Human lives are not expendable! Not the elderly, not the kids, not the weak or sick. They do not deserve to die. I understand businesses are struggling, but no one should have to die for them!
04/19/2020 01:00 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Stephanie Lormand	I feel for the small business owners and other folks who aren't collecting income at this time. It sucks. The NCGA has enjoyed the collection of increased personal income taxes for years. It's time to give that money back to its citizens so that staying home is an easier concept for some folks.
04/19/2020 01:01 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Reopen NC	By keeping NC we are putting more lives at risk than a virus ever will. What will people do when they can no longer pay their power or water bills? What about food? Is forcing people to starve to death preferable to suffering from a disease with a lower mortality rate than automobile accidents?
04/19/2020 01:03 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Julie Waddle	Please do not reopen the state before we have the basics needed to keep people safe. 1) You won't get the economic resurgence people expect - a lot of people will still be scared and staying home. Those people, the highly educated disposable income crowd who can wfh, will stop trusting the state govt, and won't believe you when it actually does become safe. 2) The people who do go out will not read past the headline, 'state reopens', and will completely ignore the restrictions. See: FL, and people on the beach playing volleyball and hanging out without masks. Worst of all worlds: increased risk, increased death, without economic recovery. This is

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			what happened in 1918 with cities that opened too soon; we know know that their economic recover lagged behind more stringent cities due to increased fear and mortality. Please learn from our history, don't repeat it.
04/19/2020 01:06 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	First in Freedom Bill Ingraham	We are called the state first in freedom, its even on our license plates. This shut down for covid 19 is getting out of control. We the people of North Carolina have the rights given to us by the state constitution and the same time the Constitution of the United States. The protesters that were arrested in Raleigh have that right and should not be charged. Lets reopen the State we as North Carolinians can make it work
04/19/2020 01:20 PM	Economic Support Working Group		Slow transition is the best way to go back to business. If we don't support the slow transition, we are supporting the left to kill the economy and using this situation as another 'collusion' 'impeachment' tool to remove Trump. Tell go and we will make MAGA Thank you for the opportunity to share what I think
04/19/2020 01:24 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Casey Long	We have all been learning how to social distance, wear masks, keep limited people in stores. Now it's time to let small businesses open and do the same.
04/19/2020 01:36 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ashley Ward	Please keep stay at home orders in place until the end of May. We only want to re-open once. If we re-open too early, we run the risk of a resurgence of the virus, and the need for a second shut-down. My family owns a small business. I understand the hardship on our communities. We need to find other ways to support our communities without putting them at further risk. I would be in favor of using surplus dollars (or any other means) to support local businesses in NC for an extended period. Leadership sometimes requires making difficult choices for the greater good.
04/19/2020 01:41 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Re: endangering my life Rachel Johnson	I'm a hairdresser. I am in extremely close proximity to people's faces. We're not talking about a quick cut necessarily; some chemical services can last upwards of 4 hours. During this time, other clients are all around us- sharing a shampoo bowl and seating area. If I were to become infected, I could easily turn our neighborhood salon into a hub of infectious disease. How many clients could I infect before I myself had symptoms, if I ever even developed symptoms? How many clients could I take before I was infected? A stint in the hospital would cost me far, far more than a stint in isolation at home. As a person who buys my own insurance, my coverage is expensive and still garbage. By opening the state sooner than we know beyond a shadow of a doubt is safe, you're asking me to choose between my safety and my paycheck. I already take this risk every flu season, anyway. This is different. It isn't the flu. It's extremely serious and can be deadly. Will I be likely to die if I contract Coronavirus? No. Will I default on my mortgage and bills if I'm hospitalized for weeks and leave with crippling medical debt? There's a good chance that the answer is yes. Please don't be an asshat. Save me and others in my position from facing that difficult choice. Thank you, Rachel Johnson
04/19/2020 01:44 PM	Health Care Working Group	Mrs. Margaret King	Now more than ever, with COVID-19 taking its deadliest toll among the poor among us, we need to expand Medicaid in NC to bring our state in line with the majority of other U.S. states.
04/19/2020 01:45 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections &	Harriet Solomon	We must EXPAND voting to make sure all eligible citizens are registered and can vote by mail. If we can do almost fraud-free absentee voting (except for GOP instigated fraud in NC District 9), then we can do vote-by-mail in all elections now and forever. Early voting

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	Public Safety) Working Group		and regular absentee voting could still be made available for those who need it. One never knows when another utterly corrupt batch of officials will be in power. And it would help the US Postal Service, too!
04/19/2020 01:50 PM	Education Working Group	Harriet Solomon	Providing a free and equal education to all is required by our Constitution in NC. This is an imperative that all public officials should favor. An educated population makes good citizens in a democracy. Expand broadband so in this time of crisis all kids have equal access to learning materials to use at home. Unequal internet produces unequal education, which violates the nC Constitution.
04/19/2020 01:52 PM	Health Care Working Group	Ms Mandy Cina	Do not put profits ahead of people's lives. Please follow the advice of the scientific and medical communities when considering how and when to lift the stay at home orders.
04/19/2020 01:55 PM	Health Care Working Group	Harriet Solomon	It goes without saying that we should fund and support and strengthen, not only equal access to health care, but that this Covid-19 crisis demands it from our legislature. PLEASE EXPAND MEDICAID immediately. This is and has been urgent in NC. Get it done.
04/19/2020 01:58 PM	Health Care Working Group	Dr. Jane S. Gabin	It would be a huge mistake to "open" NC too early. We would make our neighbors be more "open" to infection. It would be a dangerous and foolhardy move!
04/19/2020 01:59 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Judy Gladden	Let's get back to work! Also, no changes to the election process unless you can implement Voter ID as the Citizens voted to do.
04/19/2020 02:05 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mr Grover Hall	Since the Staying home & Social Distancing is working in NC because we are ahead of the curve, Why are we opening the state up on May 1st?
04/19/2020 02:15 PM	Health Care Working Group	Gwendolyn Kelsey	Please do not relax and open up N.C. until we have antibody testing and every resident has access to masks. There needs to be education as many people do not understand the consequences. TV with all the political moves has been confusing for many-mixed messages. I am a RN and see people out in rural counties with no masks and not social distancing Please err on the side of caution. Also concerned about the amount of visitors here in WNC ASHEVILLE. Thus also needs to be addressed to protect residents. Thank you
04/19/2020 02:20 PM	Health Care Working Group	Marsha Luhrs	I urge you to expand Medicaid NOW since so many more people are hurting. It was needed before and it is needed even more now.
04/19/2020 02:28 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Ms. Michaela Davidai	NC State's governor is responsible, wise, and reliable. His actions are the right ones under these difficult circumstances. Easing restrictions should be based on logical decisions, and only after serious considerations of the situation, based on medical advice. Rushing into opening public places will result in my cases and higher rate of death.
04/19/2020 02:32 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Bea Ocean	DO NOT REOPEN NC! Where are the millions of tests promised by the Feds? We have to know where it is & slow the spread of this virus. Do not listen to the ignorant idiots that think this is a farce.
04/19/2020 02:33 PM	Health Care Working	Mrs Bonnie Latham	Do not be swayed by short-term economic difficulties. So many before us have made dire

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04/19/2020 02:34 PM	Education Working Group	Keep NC Safe Sara Bryan	As a high-risk state-employed educator (char-meck schools), I am very hopeful that our legislators will continue to make the right decision in keeping NC schools closed until we have wide-spread and easily available testing for covid-19 and it's antibodies.
			I am thankful you keep our families safe in these tumultuous and dangerous times.
04/19/2020 02:49 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Scott Stanton	The lives destroyed by keeping NC on lockdown is worse than the lives lost due to COVID-19. Open NC for business and allow people to work and make a living wage again.
04/19/2020 02:55 PM	Education Working Group	Ms. Kelly Barnard	Please do not send our students, teachers, and support staff back into our overcrowded schools until it is completely safe to do so. Do not sacrifice their health and lives for the sake of normalcy.