

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

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04/19/2020 03:06 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Reopen NC Robin Corn	Reopen NC with people wearing mask if needed. Businesses are closing. People are losing homes. Unemployment is swamped and behind so far people are on the way going bankrupt before they get here. I work in hospitality They have opened less than a year so I am out of luck. Stimulus checks helped pay mortgage and buy groceries I am now worrying about next week. Reopen NC
04/19/2020 03:15 PM	Economic Support Working Group	April Seifert	<p>As a taxpayer of the state of North Carolina it has become quite clear that the working class, and economy, of our state are suffering in numbers far beyond those of Covid-19. Businesses have began to announce they will not reopen once the economy does, whenever that may be. We wait with baited breath, for some clear answers on a timeline to begin the process of our state's reopening, to which Governor Cooper provides ABSOLUTELY nothing! Just another roadblock, a stall tactic, a holdout and for what? This has started to feel less like a concern for public safety and more like a salvage of his public image. We are not New York City, we are not Michigan, we are North Carolina. We have the ability to think for ourselves and make good choices for our businesses, our families and our own personal health and well being. As a voter who decides which elected officials will continue to speak on my behalf, I demand my voice be heard! Let our people go! Stop holding us hostage any longer. November is not much further away and this will not be forgotten about come that time. It is time you step in and stop our Governor from continuing his tyranny and ruining our great state.</p> <p>~ April Seifert</p>
04/19/2020 03:26 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Diane White	Please continue to keep the residents of NC well informed, secure adequate testing supplies & procedures, then gradually begin opening our state as the science of this disease dictates. Thank you.
04/19/2020 03:30 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mr Sam Eneman	<p>Please advance policies that will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Fund safe and fair elections, including sanitary polling places.</li> <li>- Prepare for more, and ensure broader access to, absentee voting by mail.</li> <li>- Address the real threat of a poll worker shortage.</li> </ul> <p>In states like Wisconsin, we're seeing how the failure to respond to these challenges can undermine an election and disenfranchise voters. North Carolina can be different— together we can protect ourselves and our votes this fall.</p>
04/19/2020 03:35 PM	Education Working Group	Meredith Owens	Reopen NC
04/19/2020 03:48 PM	Health Care Working Group	CRNA Audrey Francis	House committee members, please consider beginning the reopening stages of North Carolina right away. As a healthcare provider in North Carolina (not in a major city) I find myself as well as most other nurses, doctors, therapists, and medical team members, pretty much out of a job. We are facing reduced hours -so much so that we are being told to file for unemployment. The hospital and medical centers have practically shut down— with barely 15% of our previous operational force continuing. As an “essential” employee I

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			find it hard to believe that anyone else can survive economically with continuance of the extreme measures we have implemented. Let's use the encouraging numbers of the revised projection models (original and revised already include social distancing) as proof of reasoning that our worst fears of contagion and deaths are not realized, but rather that we will be able to overcome this virus without healthcare or economic devastation of our state.
04/19/2020 04:21 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Janhavi Musalay	Please do not lift the stay at home order prematurely. My daughter although sick with every symptom was denied testing, we have quarantined ourselves however we must have access to tests before everything is opened back up again. Please save lives, economy can recover!
04/19/2020 04:21 PM	Health Care Working Group	Mr Michael Pedneau	Please expand Medicaid. Many working people make just a little over the current Medicaid max for their family size and often don't seek care due to lack of insurance.
04/19/2020 04:24 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Anna lautzenheiser	Thank you for helping to keep NC safe!! Don't let ignorance bully you and keep you from doing what is right for all North Carolinians!!
04/19/2020 04:25 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Margo Klahn	Please reopen NC ASAP! Small businesses won't survive. The stats on the virus do not justify the economic harm Millions are suffering. With thousands of nurses being laid off, clearly the health care system is not overrun.
04/19/2020 04:32 PM	Health Care Working Group	Dr. Joan Walsh	Please expand Medicaid to provide healthcare coverage to the uninsured, and people who have lost coverage due to losing their jobs in the CoVid crisis.
04/19/2020 04:34 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Dr. Joan Walsh	As a state, we must provide paid sick days, family leave, and full unemployment benefits for all workers, including "gig workers," as well as support for vulnerable small businesses.
04/19/2020 04:36 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Dr. Joan Walsh	Citizens of North Carolina must be able to exercise their right to vote without risking their health or their lives. Voting can be made more accessible to all voters, by making voting by mail more accessible, increasing public promotion of the absentee vote-by-mail option, and ensuring free return mail postage on absentee ballots. Please pass these measures well before the November elections.
04/19/2020 04:48 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ruth Dzau	Any future plan to reopen NC must be based on knowledgeable medical advice and scientific evidence that includes testing for all, tracing and data driven information
04/19/2020 04:51 PM	Health Care Working Group	Ruth Dzau	Expand medicaid. Everyone's good health is vital for the health of NC
04/19/2020 04:54 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Dr. Jacqueline Dzau	It is important that we follow scientific and evidence-based information to guide decisions about when and how to resume normal economic, social, education, etc practices and services during this pandemic. The effects on morbidity and mortality also come with a large economic burden in addition to potential lives lost to coronavirus. Related to this is the need to provide appropriate medical services to those at greatest need and risk, specifically by expanding Medicaid in NC. Again, advanced and prophylactic planning will reduce costs of urgent/emergent care, minimize individual bankruptcies, and help health care systems from being overwhelmed medically and financially.

Thank you for requesting, acknowledging, and acting responsibly with the feedback

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			provided by your constituents.
04/19/2020 05:09 PM	Health Care Working Group	Ms Nancy Bernstein	Dear legislators, I worked in healthcare until I retired just over 3 years ago. I understand the needs of our healthcare system, particularly when the demand for care is high. Please expand Medicaid so that all North Carolinians can receive the care they need at this time, and also to insure that the population as a whole is able to stay as healthy as possible in this extraordinary time. Thank you.
04/19/2020 05:13 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Ms Nancy Bernstein	Dear legislators. Please insure that our 2020 elections are safe and open to all by providing, right now, for the option of mail in votes. I am a precinct vice chair and our members are concerned about how we will vote in the fall. We need to be proactive to set in motion the voting by mail option. Thank you.
04/19/2020 05:18 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms Nancy Bernstein	Dear legislators. As much as we all would like to reopen our state, I beg you to follow the guidelines set by the scientists and medical professionals. We should not open until we have sufficient testing, so that we will not incur the terrible outcome of increased positive diagnoses and deaths. Please think of this as if you own family members were on the front line. If we can get the testing, then we can follow the guidelines that have been set out by the scientists advising our administrative leadership. Thank you.
04/19/2020 05:20 PM	Health Care Working Group	Dr Amie Koch	Please protect us health care workers. Do not reopen NC early than it is absolutely safe. We appreciate Governor Cooper and his leadership.
04/19/2020 05:24 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Kris Russell	Reopen NC! Current numbers do NOT justify closing the state. Reopen now!
04/19/2020 05:31 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Joe Garcia	It is sheer folly to wreck the entire economy for a disease that 98% of people will recover from. More people are suffering from the stress of being unable to feed, shelter and clothe their families. This shut down is wrong on all fronts. Reopen NC now!
04/19/2020 05:36 PM	Health Care Working Group	Mrs. Eleanor Brosius	Please expand Medicaid. NC needs more medical coverage, more money from federal funds, and jobs.
04/19/2020 05:37 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Cory Noonan	I want NC economy open for Business now! The numbers and stats for covid-19 from our state and the cdc do not in any way indicate threat of illness necessary of the response in the economic shut down. The public needs to re-open now!
04/19/2020 05:51 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Sue Coleman	We need to open North Carolina and provide support to the small businesses which are the heart of the United States. Based on what limited information is provided to the public about the virus, we need to focus on regional opening of the economy because the numbers do not support closure. My husband who has over 23 years in public health at both state and federal level including infectious disease control and epidemiology does not understand the stand that Governor Cooper has taken. My husband wonders if Gov Cooper is acting out of ignorance of sciences and statistics, as he is a lawyer and not a a scientist.
04/19/2020 05:55 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Sara Rhew	Reopen NC Now!!! Who has calculated the pain and suffering from increase in addictions, suicides, domestic violence, vs the original numbers of Covid cases we were told? Glad it's an election year!
04/19/2020 06:00 PM	Continuity of State	Ruth Dzau	Vote by Mail process MUST be started NOW in order to be fully operational well BEFORE

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	Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group		the November 2020 election. Every NC ballot sent out must have stamped returned envelope. Elections have to be free, fair and safe. No one should risk their health to vote
04/19/2020 06:00 PM	Health Care Working Group	Joyce Farmer	Open NC. We can use common sense. We can be safe.
04/19/2020 06:01 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mrs. Cynthia Cass	In accordance with President Trump's team recommendations, NC should plan to follow the phased approach to reopen beginning May 1.
04/19/2020 06:03 PM	Health Care Working Group	Lynne Ward	REOPEN NC! The numbers have been skewed from the beginning. There is ZERO reason to be shut down!
04/19/2020 06:03 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	mr louis doumas	sssss
04/19/2020 06:06 PM	Health Care Working Group	Rev Larry Farmer	I want to go back to church
04/19/2020 06:07 PM	Health Care Working Group	Robert Dillard	Please join the majority of other states by expanding Medicaid in NC to bring federal funds allowing NC to expand medical coverage to North Carolinians in need of this coverage.
04/19/2020 06:09 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Amber Lutz	Reopen our state.
04/19/2020 06:09 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Open up the state K Me	Open up
04/19/2020 06:10 PM	Economic Support Working Group	beth	please consider extending stay at home orders for as long as possible. as a business owner whose business has shut down because of the coronavirus, i support stay at home orders and hope they can stay in place as long as the need suggests. i fully understand that businesses will fail and people are in need but we need to strive to save lives and support our fellow citizens through social support programs. we must use our freedom wisely and play the long game. in this way we can continue to provide basics to all and keep our healthcare system afloat for all who need it. thank you for your consideration
04/19/2020 06:13 PM	Health Care Working Group	Dr Jeannette Stein	I, a primary care physician, support Medicaid expansion in North Carolina. Medicaid would allow over 500,000 North Carolina residents to get health coverage. This seems vitally important to the adequate provision of health care in North Carolina.
04/19/2020 06:16 PM	Health Care Working Group	Mr Al W	Please open North Carolina for business. Poverty and economic harm is causing more harm than good sensible measures that can preventing and slow the transmission of this virus.
04/19/2020 06:16 PM	Health Care Working Group	Constance Welch	Expanding Medicaid will bring us Federal funding that will conserve State funding.

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04/19/2020 06:17 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Amanda Burnette	OPEN NC! We are suffering and my business is underwater. 30,375 jobs are lost in NC for every virus death. There are 424 people in the hospital in the whole state. During a bad flu season, the hospital my husband works at had that many in just his hospital. Don't believe the hype. The numbers are wrong and have been from the start!!!! Help us!
04/19/2020 06:18 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Re open NC Vicki Layton	I think this is so unconstitutional! Media blown, untrue numbers, and local government pushing their weight around! I own a home at the coast. I know how media exaggerates the hurricanes stats 2 wks out when they're is no way they can predict anything. I don't even listen .The same way I'm not listening to all this crap
04/19/2020 06:19 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Susan Case	Please start reopening NC! Closed small businesses across NC cannot take being closed this long! It will take years to recover from this! Treat Raleigh & Charlotte different from rest of state where there are lower Covid cases. Our constitutional rights have been affected too long.
04/19/2020 06:23 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mrs Tammy Clanton	Reopen N.C.!!! Small business need to open. People need paychecks. We have brains allow us to use them to protect ourselves. Land of the Free!
04/19/2020 06:23 PM	Health Care Working Group	Ms Leona Whichard	Expand Medicaid now. After years of excuses, this is what we have come to. We have a lot more uninsured people than we need to have. NC Legislators could have expanded Medicaid years ago. NC citizens have had to pick up the bill with more expensive health insurance premiums. Not to mention our tax dollars going to states that did expand Medicaid.
04/19/2020 06:23 PM	Health Care Working Group	Robert Myers	It is time to Reopen NC. The state is putting politics over economics. Almost no deaths and less than one tenth of a perfect infection rate. Open immediately or we will just go to SC for what we need and want to do.
04/19/2020 06:23 PM	Health Care Working Group	Orthopaedic Surgeon Fello Greg Motley	IF "Further Harm" can occur in orthopaedics such as pain, inability to sleep, loss of function, mechanical symptoms, fear of falling, or potential worse result due to delay, then the Patient & Surgeon should make the best decision for the patients Orthopaedic problem respecting protection in a Sterile environment. Most orthopedic patients are having Orthopaedic surgery because they have one of the above symptoms or signs.
04/19/2020 06:24 PM	Health Care Working Group	Dr Susan Orovitz	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 06:25 PM	Economic Support Working Group	DR Susan Orovitz	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 06:27 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Dr Susan Orovitz	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 06:55 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Angela Sarvis	We need N.C. reopened. Please do not extend past April 29, 2020. We have done our part and we know more about this virus than we did in January, February and March! Every job is essential because it hurts every member of a family when a job is lost. Children need

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			normalcy of school and social services that have been absent for already too long! Please reopen N.C.!
04/19/2020 07:00 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Robyn Buck	Please open NC up for small businesses. Let the sick and elder and those at risk quarantine themselves. NC numbers are not warranting the restrictions placed on its citizens.
04/19/2020 07:07 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Linda Bunyan	NC businesses need to reopen. All business is essential.
04/19/2020 07:14 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Me Jamje Allen	We demand the state be reopened for commerce and children be sent back to schools. There is no reason for you to be denying our constitutional rights over a cold virus that is not a threat. We the people demand that you open our state and stop this nonsense.
04/19/2020 07:16 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Dawn Carroll	Re-open NC! This has gone on long enough and you have done quite enough damage to our economy, our businesses, our families, and our children.
04/19/2020 07:22 PM	Health Care Working Group	Mr. Bill Hines	Expand Medicaid now.
04/19/2020 07:23 PM	Education Working Group	Ms Amber Beckler	Please continue the stay at home order through May 30th .  Thank you, Amber and John Beckler
04/19/2020 07:28 PM	Health Care Working Group	Ms. Deborah Roth	I strongly support Medicaid expansion. This will not only improve the health status of 500,000 North Carolinians, it will have significant economic benefits for our state. Medicaid expansion is urgently needed and is long overdue.
04/19/2020 07:38 PM	Health Care Working Group	Mrs Janet Turyn	These are the of people that will enable NC to reopen safely, and they must be protected financially and physically. There should be no discussion, it should happen and the legislature should support any legislation to mkae it happen
04/19/2020 07:55 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Susan Baillargeon	No to Mail only voting. It's the only way Cooper can guarantee a win in November
04/19/2020 08:07 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Ms. Deborah Roth	I strongly support making voting by mail more accessible; increasing public promotion of the absentee vote-by-mail option; and ensuring free return mail postage on absentee ballots. Every eligible voter in North Carolina should be able to safely and securely cast a ballot without having to jeopardize their health by going to the polls in person. In light of the COVID-19 situation, this should be a bipartisan issue. All elected officials should support measures to ensure the health of their constituents when voting. Since five states in the nation already conduct ALL elections entirely by mail, North Carolina should at least be able to increase the accessibility of vote by mail options in the face of a pandemic.
04/19/2020 08:09 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Dr. Irene Skowronek	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.



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04/19/2020 08:10 PM	Health Care Working Group	Dr. Irene Skowronek	Please expand Medicaid. Improved healthcare for all during this time of COVID 19 really means improved health for all North Carolinians.
04/19/2020 08:11 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Dr. Irene Skowronek	North Carolina needs vote by mail to be instituted now, in time for the November election. Our democracy and free and fair elections are at stake; we should not have to risk our lives to vote in the United States of America.
04/19/2020 08:40 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr. Mickey Webb	This travesty of our constitutional rights has gone on long enough. The founding fathers never intended our government become a tyranny that picks economic winners and losers. This administration's wanton disregard for our rights and the constitution will not be forgotten in November. Be assured that a free people will never tolerate a power hungry, tyranny as a governor.
04/19/2020 08:58 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Tammy Heuring	Reopen the state fully. Where's the pandemic? It's way past the 15 days to slow.
04/19/2020 08:59 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr. Thomas Toby	As a retired firefighter with 26 years experience in emergency medicine and the husband of a former molecular biologist and published scientific author on cellular manipulation who worked for both Duke University and UNC Chapel Hill, I am telling you that the stay at home lock down on this state is over reaching, unnecessary, and killing small business in this state. I am currently self employed in the transportation sector and considered "essential" but due to the stay at home orders our business has been cut to less than a third of normal and my wife's business has been shut for over a month. Even after submitting on the first day for the payroll protection program we have yet to hear anything. I have had to layoff 5 employees and my other employees are caught between not making their normal pay and making too much to qualify for partial unemployment. END THE SHUT DOWN IMMEDIATELY!!
04/19/2020 09:01 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms. Julie Mooney	Please reopen only when the scientists and public health experts say we can and should. Not before. Thank you!
04/19/2020 09:02 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Meredythe Holmes	Somehow too many business leaders forget that we need healthy people to work in their businesses and to buy their products. We must not open the State before the scientists and healthcare leaders say that it is safe to do so. We need all North Carolina citizens to be safe and healthy for us to have a healthy functioning economy.
04/19/2020 09:10 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Dr David Martin	You're models have been inaccurate, misleading and damaging. It's time to change course and open the economy and society. Your decisions are causing untold hurt and loss.
04/19/2020 09:10 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Jill Prunty	We need to reopen nc. People need to take care of themselves not the government.
04/19/2020 09:11 PM	Health Care Working Group	Dr. margaret arbuckle	The General Assembly has an excellent opportunity to care for our citizens by selecting to expand Medicaid NOW. this is critically important and necessary made more so by the pandemic situation we are in. Too many people do not have access to health care and are suffering physically and economically. You have the opportunity to correct this. Please do.
04/19/2020 09:13 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Dr Abir mandal	Roy cooper is a lying tyrant. Here is my calculation. It takes 10 days for someone to recover. 10 days ago, we had 4005 cases total. By now, those cases must have recovered or died. We have 164 deaths total. So I estimate, out of the 6000 cases that idiot claims,

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			4005-164= 3841 cases must have recovered. Therefore we only probably have 2258 active cases in the whole state! Roy Cooper is using fake case numbers to undermine our economy and trying to steal our elections by enacting mail in ballots, without the harvesting of which he cannot win. Open our economy and let us bloody work! We have a population of 11 million. 2500 cases and 172 deaths are not even a blip on our overall deaths for other reasons..
04/19/2020 09:20 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mr Billy Bevan	Reopen NC
04/19/2020 09:22 PM	Health Care Working Group	Ronald Binkley	Open up NC. All businesses, schools, parks, churches....
04/19/2020 09:22 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Cathy Krizner	I am the owner of a small business in Wilmington. Between March 17th, when you demanded I shut down, and March 31st, I lost \$50,000. I cut my staff in half; and had to throw away food that rotted before we could sell it. We are all losing both cash and patience with this insanity. I realize that these are tough decisions, but we have had no outbreaks nor cases reported and have been down for 4 weeks. We need to get back to normal, or as close to normal as is possible. Unless you can be honest and give me one good reason why, I can find 10 reasons not to vote for you.
04/19/2020 09:23 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Ms. Sonna Loewenthal	It will take time to prepare for a vote by mail elections, so I hope the State is beginning to do that. We cannot make potential voters choose between their health and their civic duty!!
04/19/2020 09:23 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Lissa Frey	Please reopen our economy. Small business owners and independent contractors are at risk of losing everything.
04/19/2020 09:24 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr. Joey Priest	Open the state now.
04/19/2020 09:32 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Rhonda Mullin	Use medical advice and scientific evidence to make a plan to reopen NC; do not respond to loud voices of shadow groups (such as ReopenNC) making unscientific demands which will only increase death and suffering for all North Carolinians.
04/19/2020 09:37 PM	Health Care Working Group	Dr. Belinda Novik	Expanding Medicaid is an obvious win for the state. With health care needs now forefront due to COVID19, the gaps in our system are painfully obvious. Medicaid expansion is long overdue. I've worked in clinics and seen how access to health care, especially for the poor, improves productivity, community, and family. We are already late to the game. Now more than ever, it's important for all everyone to set our state back on the path to health.
04/19/2020 09:40 PM	Health Care Working Group	Mr. John Phillips	I applaud you for setting up a committee to address the COVID-19 pandemic. As I understand it you will have the following four working groups within the committee. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Health Care,</li> <li>• Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections, &amp; Public Safety),</li> <li>• Economic Support, and</li> <li>• Education.</li> </ul>



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			<p>Today I want to comment the Health Care working group. With the situation we are now in with the COVID-19 pandemic many of North Carolinians are faced with losing their jobs. When you lose your job, you also lose your health benefits, if any, that were provided by your employer. Sure, you may have Cobra but that is only available at very high rates. I would guess that many of these people live pay check to pay check which means they have very little cash reserves, if any. So, most of them will be pushed down and out of the middle class. For those who are not in the middle class they will become poor or even pushed into poverty.</p> <p>So, what will the Republican lead legislature do? Will you help by providing health benefits and salary replacement benefits to sustain these people until they get a comparable job or will you give them a short-term token fix and leave them to wither on the vine and die. One thing is for sure you can expand Medicaid and this will go a long way of providing some financial stability and mental relief to those who really need it. In addition, it will bring medical coverage to those who need it most and it will bring federal funds and jobs to NC. I remember my grandfather told me something that I still remember to this day. He said the knowing the right thing to do is easy but doing the right thing can sometimes be hard. So do the right thing and expand Medicaid. It is not that hard.</p>
04/19/2020 09:45 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Dr. Belinda Novik	<p>I work as a poll greeter during elections and for the last several elections and have gained some perspective on what voters need and what they lack. Voting by Mail is successful in states and countries where it occurs. I believe the citizens of NC would be much better served to have this easier, more accessible, and less pressured way to vote. Our state has it's share of natural disasters including hurricanes, tornados, flooding, and fire. Now we also have a pandemic to cope with. Citizens of NC need Mail in Voting now more than ever. As a poll greeter, I would find it impossible to work under the current pandemic conditions, nor should any of our citizens be asked to work at the polls under these circumstances when there is a safer, convenient, and sensible alternative with mail in voting.</p>
04/19/2020 09:53 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms Irena Como	<p>It is very important that our elected officials follow the recommendations of experts in deciding when it is time to reopen the state for business. If decisions are made rashly while infections are still on the rise, there will be avoidable suffering and death, which will further hurt the economy. Please heed the recommendations of public health experts, not politics.</p>
04/19/2020 10:02 PM	Health Care Working Group	Amy Godfrey	<p>Please keep NC stay at home orders in place for as long as is necessary to keep our state safe. I know there is a lot of pressure to reopen early, but opening too soon will cause much more harm than one prolonged order. We, my family, community are relying on you to do what is right for the long term health and safety of the community, not short term gains.</p>
04/19/2020 10:04 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Amy Godfrey	<p>We need vote by mail for every citizen in North Carolina before the next election. We can not expect each of us to have to choose between our constitutional right to vote and our personal safety. Our democracy and our health with be safer with mail-in voting.</p>
04/19/2020 10:05 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections &	Mr. Kevin Daniels	<p>Please consult Doctors and other healthcare professionals before lifting any restrictions. You are not the subject matter experts. Deferring to others, who know more than you do, is a sign of proper leadership.</p>

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	Public Safety) Working Group		
04/19/2020 10:06 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr. Ronald Angel	<p>Today, I was "social-distancing" behind a Nurse at ALDI, in Greensboro, NC. She spoke of her own ours being cut due to COVID-19. Three MAJOR retailers have announced they are filing for Bankruptcy. I have 3 personal friends that are not able to re-open their businesses, NC policy and the failures of SBA loans made them quickly nonviable, granted two of the three were like me. Who reviewed their actual financial position vs. the gamble of a loan? My own scenario was different, I am a Realtor. When Guilford County chose to not allow for showings in absence of a contract, I told my buyers, hey...the risk of making an offer on an unseen property is not worth either my License or your dollar. If you want to proceed I'm more than happy to refer you to another Realtor in my company, who will ask for you to sign an agreement that protects both our firm and the broker, from the liability of selling something that does not offer you additional time to discover the material facts, sellers DO NOT need to disclose in NC.</p> <p>Recent data from nations all over the world, utilizing "Antibody" studies vs. "Models". Now tell a uniform story. Covid-19 is less deadly than the common flu. Less, deadly no matter how the propagandist choose to present it. Being Influenza, has the benefit of herd immunity along with a vaccine that was only 27 percent effective in the most recent flu season. If I personally relied on the alleged "experts" for my own health concerns, I'd be either dead or in a wheel chair by now. Yet I did my own research, questioned what they had available, benefited from material in the National Medical Library none of those physicians had ever read. I ask for our State officials, to review expert information, yet trust in God and their own intelligence to pursue choices of Wisdom. Medical experts and most politicians do not readily possess Wisdom.</p>
04/19/2020 10:06 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group		#ReopenNC
04/19/2020 10:25 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Glenna Toney	<p>Please get NC open ASAP.</p> <p>The Citizens of NC are hurting. We need to go back to work.</p> <p>The cure can't be worse than than virus.</p> <p>We can protect the vulnerable and keep our people at work.</p> <p>Please strive for both!</p>
04/19/2020 10:37 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mr Jim Smith	It is critical that preparations for conducting an election in November without or limited in-person voting be done. This may include sending every voter a post card with return postage paid post card attached with which they can request an absentee ballot and providing postage paid return envelopes with absentee ballots.

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04/19/2020 10:39 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr. Jim Smith	We must support the people unable to earn a living during the pandemic stay at home period by increasing our payments and length of payment for unemployment insurance, and reducing the barriers to coverage for gig workers and self employed people.
04/19/2020 10:39 PM	Health Care Working Group	Sarah Moore	I am for medical freedom and do not agree with vaccine mandates.
04/19/2020 10:41 PM	Health Care Working Group	Nathan Moore	I am not for vaccine mandates
04/19/2020 10:41 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Gigi Wynne	North Carolina needs to be reopened. People are losing their livelihood. People are being denied their rights.
04/19/2020 10:46 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Re-open North Carolina! Tonia Tolbert	We cannot afford this economic loss particularly over a virus that we've been lied to about. Reopen North Carolina!
04/19/2020 10:50 PM	Education Working Group	Mrs. Heather Howell	It is time for the state to stop acting like it controls our rights. These are God-given and our Constitution protects us from any government trying to infringe upon them. The shelter in place order violates our rights to gather to petition redress of our grievances and our religious rights to assemble. The state has no right to deem the work of thousand upon thousands to be "nonessential". Rather than look at shelter in place orders and extending them, why not protect life and livelihoods?! Since the data shows we have flattened the curve, have no shortage of beds, entire hospital systems working at 40-50%, it is time to reopen! To not do so speaks volumes about the desire to continue to exert power without respect to the oath sworn to uphold our Constitution and the citizens' rights.
04/19/2020 10:51 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mrs Terry Alston	This needs to happen!  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.  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.)  4. Assume the costs for mailing in an absentee ballot.
04/19/2020 10:58 PM	Economic Support Working Group		REOPEN NC!!!!!!
04/19/2020 11:01 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections &	Michelle Krizner	Businesses need to be allowed to work. This shut down is killing the economy and bankrupting businesses and families.

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	Public Safety) Working Group		
04/19/2020 11:24 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Deborah Horne	I reside in Sampson county- I own a business / graphic design that thrives solely on advertising needs of my clients- no one is open and certainly are not advertising ! Please begin reopening the our great state ASAP
04/20/2020 12:02 AM	Economic Support Working Group	OPEN NC NOW Cheryl Powell	Open NC now! You are killing our economy and indirectly our people as a result!
04/20/2020 12:05 AM	Health Care Working Group	Mr and Mrs David Little	We believe that NC needs to listen to the scientists, medical doctors and researches about this virus. Groups like Reopen NC, while we certainly understand work, do not have the expertise to make decisions affecting lives of ALL citizens of North Carolina. Opening too fast or too soon will lead to a second wave as bad or worse than the first.
04/20/2020 12:10 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Marlene Barney	Suggestion: Legalize marijuana - at least for medical purposes - to help fund expenses caused by the coronavirus pandemic, as well as education, infrastructure, and other programs. Billions of dollars that we should be taxing, and also controlling the strength, age of legal use, etc., just like we do with alcohol. Also, just like alcohol prohibition, as long as it's illegal, marijuana is controlled and profited on by cartels and criminal elements.
04/20/2020 12:10 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mr and Mrs David Little	The continuity of State Operations needs to be based on non-partisan data that is objective and serves the health and welfare of citizens of NC. NC Emergency Services are here for any emergencies affecting Lives of North Carolinians.
04/20/2020 12:14 AM	Health Care Working Group	Mrs Pamela Little	NC needs to expand Medicaid to protect the health and lives of more North Carolina citizens. Our health care workers and hospitals are working hard to care for all people. Expanded Medicaid will help to finance such care.
04/20/2020 12:23 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mrs Pamela Little	NC needs to be working right now so that citizens can vote by mail in November. Such a system works in other states. In a time like this when poll workers and voters lives can be threatened by Covid 19 while exercising their constitutional rights, it is essential that NC show foresight and consideration by providing ballots all by mail.
04/20/2020 12:24 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms Dorothy Freidt	Re open NC
04/20/2020 12:25 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms. Lisa Linn Allen	It will be so much harder to recover economically if we ease restrictions too early and have a resurgence of infections. The stay at home order is working, we can't stop now.
04/20/2020 12:28 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mr David Little Sr	State operations, especially elections, can be best facilitated by voting by mail in the November elections. No voter or worker needs to worry about becoming ill because of circumstances of the pandemic in trying to cast votes for either party.
04/20/2020 12:35 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr David Little Sr	We should only listen to medical and scientific evidence about reopening NC. Fringe groups like ReOpenNC should not dictate policy on such issues. Not only are the Lives of North Carolinians on the line but so is the overwhelming of our NC health care system of public and private hospitals. Such shortsightedness will only hurt NC health and economy in the long term. Prudent business leaders will agree.

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04/20/2020 12:40 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Jamie Claveloux	While I understand that the virus is still concerning I believe we have handled it well in our state and come May 1 we will be at a good place to start gradually reopening our state. Our citizens cannot continue to survive and feed their families as well as maintain their businesses with the current restrictions. It is understandable to still have some social distancing recommendations in place and reopen things in a planned manner, but the time to do so is here. Please support the wishes and needs of your NC citizens and let them start getting back to work to support their families and try and save their livelihoods.
04/20/2020 12:54 AM	Education Working Group	Mrs Pamela Little	As a retired educator and counselor, I appreciate how NC closed colleges and public schools to protect lives. A dormitory on any campus is like a Petri dish should even one person bring in the Covid 19 virus. Lives would definitely be compromised and lost in such close situations. I think NC really needs to consider whether to open for fall semester and give science a chance to find solutions. Young people today are comfortable with computer/distance learning and can manage as can college teachers. As for K-12 public schools, there is definitely no safe reason to open schools for the remainder of this school year. It will not be safe for anyone. Think about an adult teacher each day facing 20+ children all coming in from different homes. It is a catastrophe waiting to happen. Forget testing this year. Not even ACT or The College Board are testing until at least September. Teachers can pretest in the fall to find any deficiencies. I have grandchildren who while missing the socialization are doing quite well working with their teachers in 10th, 4th and 2nd grades through online and paper assignments. Their teachers have truly risen to the challenge! I am also proud how communities all over NC have come together to feed children who need nutrition from school. In times such as these, the State is at its best protecting the lives of students and all those in our precious learning institutions.
04/20/2020 12:54 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	C Beasley	Please keep the stay at home order in place until at least the curve is flattened, for the good of our essentials personnel, our children , the elderly and people like myself with underlying health conditions.  I don't want to lose anyone because people are more concerned about the economy than the health and safety of others.
04/20/2020 01:58 AM	Education Working Group	Ms Connie Raper	Our state North Carolina needs Medicaid for our residents.
04/20/2020 02:54 AM	Health Care Working Group	Ken Dozier	The dangers of COVID-19 have been overhyped, and the models were not even close to being accurate. It's time to reopen North Carolina. Let those who are fearful quarantine themselves, but don't hold everyone hostage for a virus that is only moderately worse than the flu.
04/20/2020 03:50 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Reopen NC Glenn Sigmon	Its past time to reopen NC. We need to get back to work.
04/20/2020 05:25 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mrs Renee Marston	ReOpen New Hanover County immediately and fully. There was never a reason for a shutdown. People need to earn an income. Hair Salons, restaurants, and businesses large and small need to reopen.  Thank you!!
04/20/2020 06:56 AM	Economic Support	Mark Gott	We MUST open the state of NC back up to economic activity. A study done by the World

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	Working Group		<p>Economic Forum after the GREAT recession documented that a 1% increase in unemployment leads to a .9% increase in suicides and a 3% increase in opioid addiction. We're seeing a MUCH higher rate of unemployment than 1% so you do the math.</p> <p>Also, now that SC is re-opening and we know many from Charlotte will drive across State lines to shop, a lockdown in NC is pointless. Completely pointless.</p>
04/20/2020 07:15 AM	Health Care Working Group	Noelle Singleton	<p>I very strongly urge you to support:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>+ Sufficient PPE for all health care workers</li> <li>+ Staying the course with Gov. Cooper's stay at home order</li> <li>+ Medicaid expansion in NC</li> <li>+ Fixing Unemployment claims processing access or issues</li> <li>+ Supporting all first responders</li> <li>+ Pushing to end the rationing of COVID-19 tests</li> </ul>
04/20/2020 07:18 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr. Brad Townsend	<p>According to the 14th amendment to the US Constitution. no state (or governor) shall make or enforce any way which shall abridge the privilege of the citizens of the United States. It is a privilege for people to go out and make a living to support their families but have been restricted from doing so by a tyrant in governor's office who has overstepped his boundaries. Something needs to be done immediately and I thought elected officials were supposed to serve the needs of the people. There are folks out here that don't want a handout, just to go back to work. The ball is in your court....</p>
04/20/2020 07:21 AM	Health Care Working Group	Marcia Ensminger	<p>As a healthcare provider and medical practice owner, I see how this is affecting small healthcare practices and small hospitals. They are in jeopardy of completely shutting down because census is so low. Their shutdown would further impact the overall health of NC. Please lift restrictions so they may resume surgeries and procedures! Extending the shutdown is not only harming the economy but harming the health of our society much more than a virus ever could!</p>
04/20/2020 07:31 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Ms. Bobbi Mullins	<p>I strongly stand with Gov. Cooper's recommendations for social distancing and would hate to see our state government cave to the politicized groups that are protesting to open everything up. I understand the desire to get back to work and the desperate feelings of those who are suffering financially. It's important for everyone to show empathy and to help our neighbors. The government and non-profits are also actively helping people in this interim period, and these resources need to be well-communicated. It's up to citizens to respect others by following stay-at-home and social distancing orders. I support the slow opening of businesses at the right time based on the best science available, along with the widespread testing of individuals.</p>
04/20/2020 07:33 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mr Jordan Watkins	<p>I am very concerned about the way many politicians are using a crisis to restrict freedoms! For example why would you close the beaches of NC to local residents? One of the best things we can do for our immune health and mental health is enjoy the outdoors yet the beaches and parks are closed. I think the public facilities at these locations should be closed and as long as everyone practices distancing guidelines things should be fine. This is an example of many things I see here in our state and much more in other states of politicians abusing power and taking away freedom! I won't stand for this and by no means will I be quiet about this either. We must protect our country from COVID19 and the freedoms that make America and North Carolina great!</p>



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04/20/2020 07:38 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Kathryn Schuman	Mr Governor, the health of our economy depends on you! Please reopen NC.
04/20/2020 07:42 AM	Education Working Group	4132371945 Stephanie Brown	<p>We need broadband throughout the state.</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." <a href="https://www.newsobserver.com/latest-news/article210366074.html">https://www.newsobserver.com/latest-news/article210366074.html</a></p> <p>Internet should be treated as a public utility and should be available to ALL in North Carolina.</p>
04/20/2020 07:42 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Crystin Brewer	<p>Businesses must be allowed to reopen on or before May 1st without facing punitive measures. Our government does not have the resources to fully compensate each business for its losses due to the forced closures and therefore the actions taken by the state to shut down American businesses is unconstitutional and immoral. Our great country was not founded on tyranny and forcing thousands of people to sacrifice their livelihood without hearing their petitions is exactly what I would call tyranny. We are not subjects of our elected officials. The people are the ones that hold the power and the people demand their right to go back to work.</p> <p>Free American citizens should under no circumstance be threatened with legal action if they do not forfeit their livelihood at the command of a government official. There are other ways to encourage businesses to close their doors that would not disgrace our constitution. For example, businesses could have been offered an incentive to close.</p> <p>It is time to end this unconstitutional power play and restore the rights of the American people. The number of reported deaths in North Carolina does not and never did warrant such a drastic sacrifice. The effects of Governor Cooper's executive order will far outlast the effects of this virus</p> <p>Most of you will never know what it's like to lose everything. Most of you will never have to experience what it's like to lose your home and wonder where you will sleep that night. You will never know what it's like to be hungry or the shame and fear of being evicted from your home. You will never have to take a cold shower or warm up soup over a candle because you couldn't afford your electric bill. I could go on but I hope you get the point. I have lived in extreme poverty for most of my life and I would never wish it upon anyone and neither would you if you knew the suffering it brings. Thousands of people will lose everything if this state does not reopen the economy.</p> <p>Millions of people have continued to go out into public during this time. The stores have been busier than ever. The parks are more packed than I have ever seen them. Yet, we have not witnessed widespread COVID-19 cases in our state. If the virus is as dangerous as it has been projected to be, it should be widespread by now. The millions of people that</p>

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			<p>continue to go into public places packed with other people should be swapping the virus amongst one another and hospitals should be overrun. We aren't seeing this happen: A. Because the virus is not as contagious/dangerous as originally projected or B. The common sense precautions taken by businesses that have been allowed to operate along with the social distancing etiquette practiced by customers is sufficient and effective. In this case, it is clear that the need to keep businesses closed is unnecessary and (if I dare say) cruel. It puts more people in danger and will inflict mental, physical and emotional pain on thousands of people.</p> <p>Businesses should be allowed to reopen given that they agree to abide by the social distancing standards that have proven to be effective in thwarting the spread of the coronavirus. I also believe setting a curfew or limiting businesses hours along with decreasing the number of occupancy by a reasonable percentage would be a fair and proactive step.</p> <p>People want to do the right thing and given the chance I believe you would find that the citizens of North Carolina are competent and willing to do what needs to be done to protect themselves, their loved ones and their fellow Americans but not by forcing them to sacrifice their livelihood and their family's wellbeing.</p> <p>I hope that you all consider the principals that our country was founded on when making decisions that affect the citizens of your state. The people deserve the chance to do the right thing without being threatened with punitive measures. The people deserve the right to safely operate their businesses so that they can provide for their family. The people deserve the right to go back to work; They have sacrificed enough.</p> <p>I trust you will do the right thing.</p>
04/20/2020 07:43 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mary Martinez	Allow voting by email!
04/20/2020 07:43 AM	Health Care Working Group	Mary Martinez	Expand Medicaid!
04/20/2020 07:44 AM	Health Care Working Group	Stephanie Brown	<p>More testing. More PPEs. More broadband (telemedicine will not work in rural counties without it).</p> <p>Testing to know when a person is no longer contagious.</p> <p>We must have progress on all of these items before we can open the state.</p>
04/20/2020 07:44 AM	Health Care Working Group	Mrs Karen Phillips	<p>I want to see NC reopened. I have friends who are in need of operations or a biopsy and they can't get them.</p> <p>I want to attend church. I want to see the economy get better. We had enough problems under Obama with a bad economy, and if you keep NC cl used, we may go into a depression.</p>

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04/20/2020 07:46 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Georgia Strickland	Please reopen N.C. now. If our state does not reopen soon then we may not be able to recover economically and the results will be devastating.
04/20/2020 07:47 AM	Education Working Group	Mr. Peter Herrmann	We need to open up NC now before it is too late. The numbers are trending down, now is the time.
04/20/2020 07:51 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Stephanie Brown	Please work towards enabling vote by mail. This includes protecting the United States Postal Service.
04/20/2020 07:52 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Amy Wester	Please Reopen this Great State on or before May 1! People have got to get back to work. Catastrophic economic damage grows by the day and we will carry it forward long after COVID hysteria fades.
04/20/2020 07:54 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Megan Reese	Please reopen things. We are adults who are able to follow precautions. I can't stand watching my neighbors losing jobs and businesses that make my community whole start to shutter. There are many more of us who are healthy and want to slowly move forward to get our wonderful state working again before it's not so wonderful any longer.
04/20/2020 07:55 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Paige Horne	Re-Open NC. You're killing small businesses daily.
04/20/2020 07:58 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Omar Edwards	This is all a bunch of crock! The CDC are telling the hospitals to claim any and all deaths as the cause of death is COVID-19. This is ridiculous! Notice that all democrat governed states and cities/towns are the ones that are closing up everything and prolonging this process and for only the reason is to make it look like Trump's fault and to make him look bad. Come on people wake up and be real with yourselves! Wake up NC! Cooper is playing along with the rest of the democrats doing the same thing. We may have to put up with all of this until November but when November comes let's vote him out with the rest of the democrats that are playing along with this idiotic hoax! Out with any and all democrats that stand for this mess!
04/20/2020 07:59 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Karen Newman	Please re open NC, the numbers are not justifying this action of keeping the state on lock down, you are destroying everyone for the sake of the few. Let those with underlying issues stay home and allow the rest of us back out.
04/20/2020 08:01 AM	Health Care Working Group	Roxanne Wiebe	It is time to reopen North Carolina. We are losing businesses and their owners' life savings, tax revenues, and people can't feed their families when they aren't employed. Allow those who are at risk or afraid, choose to stay home, self-quarantining. Allow those who want...and need...to work, do so. We're adults. We're American citizens. The right to assemble, practice our faith, work, and move about are constitutional rights that cannot be abridged for any reason, ever.
04/20/2020 08:05 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mrs Linda Jackson	Release the restrictions for social distancing in NC. Encourage the public to be wise as they are out and about but get NC back up and running ASAP.

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04/20/2020 08:06 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr. Steven Sander	<p>The purpose of the lockdown was to flatten the curve and prevent hospitals from being overwhelmed. We have successfully done that.</p> <p>Remaining shutdown is only killing our economy and had NOTHING to do with saving lives. We don't have a vaccine and won't get one for quite some time.</p> <p>Our unemployment system is a joke. I've been unemployed for 5 weeks now and still have not received any benefits. I know I'm not alone. The virus is taking people close to the end of their lives. Extreme poverty will start taking young and healthy.</p> <p>Stop killing our economy, and let us get back to work. Anybody that's high risk can self quarantine.</p>
04/20/2020 08:06 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Reopen nc!! Kirby Lee	<p>Dear NC general assembly.</p> <p>Reopening nc would be very important for my family. We own a tent and party rental. Even though we cant have events or gatherings right away, we would still be able to schedule and plan for the future. My mom hasn't gotten unemployment and applied march 7th. Shes done everything shes could. If we stay shut down another month we could lose everything. We havent income for almost 2 months .</p> <p>Please reopen nc so we can restore livelihoods.</p>
04/20/2020 08:06 AM	Health Care Working Group	Susan Murry	REOPEN NC NOW!!!!!! We can reopen and still remain safe!
04/20/2020 08:10 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mail in ballots Lou OShea	Please prepare to allow paper mail-in ballots. We the people need a safe way to exercise our right to vote. Mail-in ballots are a safe option.
04/20/2020 08:11 AM	Health Care Working Group	James Tindall	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.
04/20/2020 08:12 AM	Economic Support Working Group	James Tindall	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.
04/20/2020 08:13 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Matthew Belcher	I hope this reaches you well in this very challenging time. First and foremost thank you for your service to our state and your leadership in this challenging time, I believe the conversations you must have are not easy and I appreciate your leadership in pressing forward. Businesses in North Carolina can open while still allowing social distancing. Gyms, retailers, and restaurants can manage proper distant protocols with out of order signs and various other measures. The primary point is that the risk no longer outweighs the cost. Initially we did not know enough about the illness and we reacted with the upmost caution. Now we are smarter to the impact on public health and the risk is no longer high enough to pay the economic cost.
04/20/2020 08:15 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working	James Tindall	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.

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04/20/2020 08:19 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mary Revilla	The long-term impacts of our economic response to COVID19 will be massive. People are not getting medical treatments they need due to fear or not having the electronic means to communicate with their healthcare providers. Many small businesses will not be able to reopen or may choose not to reopen because they can't take another economic hit if a 2nd wave of the virus occurs. Living in fear is impacting the mental and emotional health of thousands in our state, which will have monumental impacts on our citizens coming out of this shutdown as quickly as needed to get our economy working again. A good economy is a needed health benefit for all citizens.
04/20/2020 08:20 AM	Health Care Working Group	Dr Diane Allen	Medicaid expansion would be good for our citizens, especially now.
04/20/2020 08:21 AM	Economic Support Working Group		Re open NC
04/20/2020 08:27 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Ms Suzanne Tenenbaum	Please make it easier to vote by mail. Make special provisions during a pandemic!!
04/20/2020 08:27 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mrs Pam Crowson	<p>I am requesting that Governor Roy Cooper reopen NC . With a population of 10.5 million people, we (at this time) have a total of 6493 cases, 172 deaths, and 465 hospitalizations. Of these 6493 cases, many have recovered, however, the number of recoveries are not being reported. Is this intentional? I specifically know Stokes County is reporting 10 cases, but 9 have recovered, 1 active case. Surry County has 11 cases but is reporting in error 17. The Surry County Health Department sent a message of this mistake but it still has not corrected this number despite the error being reported several days ago. Of these 11 cases, many have recovered but are not being reported. If this shut down continues, there will be more people starving, homeless, dying of needed medical care, and unemployed than have died from this virus. You know this is true. We have come to the point that the cure is costing more than this virus. My son is an RN. He worked one shift in the ER at Northern Hospital and was sent home because there were no patients. I just passed this ER last night and there were hardly any cars in the parking lot. This parking lot use to be so full, you had to park across the street to get in. Northern has reported that people NEEDING medical care with stroke or heart attack symptoms are either NOT coming in or DELAYING medical care because they are so scared of contracting this virus. How many have died from heart attacks or strokes because they felt they could not come near a hospital??? In all honesty, if this virus has not spread at the Lowes Hardware stores during this "shut down", it will not spread!! Lowes Hardware has been so packed with people, there is no way to social distance. Also, we do NOT want mandated vaccines. It has been stated "my body my choice" concerning the murder of innocent babies... The same can be true for me "my body my choice" and no to vaccines.</p> <p>I also want to discuss this push for "mail in ballots".... I do NOT support mail-in ballots. I will walk 10 miles in a hazmat suit to come to the polls in November and show PROPER VOTER ID to prove I AM a USA citizen and have the legal right to vote. Everyone knows the democrats are pushing this to open the door for more voter fraud. WE VOTE NO TO MAIL IN BALLOTS. Spread the election polls out over a few days to allow people to social</p>

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			<p>distance if needed ( IF we are even dealing with this come November!) WE THE PEOPLE do not want mail in ballots! The following is copied/pasted from someone else but holds a lot of truths:</p> <p>"If you want to stay home, stay home.</p> <p>If you want to wear a mask, wear a mask.</p> <p>If you want to avoid large crowds, avoid large crowds.</p> <p>I am not required to descend into poverty for you.</p> <p>I am not required to abstain from human contact for you.</p> <p>I am not required to shop alone, without my kids, for you.</p> <p>I refuse to participate in "quarantine life" until there's an unsafe, untested vaccine released in eighteen months.</p> <p>I refuse to receive said vaccine to make others feel more safe.</p> <p>I won't set myself--or my children--on fire to keep you warm.</p> <p>If you're convinced the vaccine is safe and effective, you can get it yourself.</p> <p>Some of you are allowing fear and policies devoid of scientifically accurate data to destroy America and ruin your life.</p> <p>I can't control your self-destructive behaviors, but we all have a say in America.</p> <p>We need to tell legislators that we demand options.</p> <p>We have a constitutional right to take risks. Life is full of bacteria and viruses--many of which spread before symptoms manifest and after they subside.</p> <p>We have a right to receive OR refuse vaccines.</p> <p>The data was inaccurate at best; purposely overblown to justify government overreach at worst.</p> <p>Stop allowing the government to destroy:</p> <p>The Food Supply</p> <p>Small Businesses</p> <p>Medical Autonomy</p>



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			<p>Access to Healthcare</p> <p>Religious Gatherings</p> <p>Privacy Rights</p> <p>Fellowship</p> <p>When the "new normal" is filled with starvation, depression, suicide, child abuse, domestic violence, imprisonment, governmental spying, and pure DESPERATION, the virus is going to look preferable to the world you helped facilitate.</p>
04/20/2020 08:29 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Elizabeth Rowan	With all due respect, it is time to REOPEN NC. The Covid 19 cases are under control and the economy is crumbling. So it is time to let people get back to work.
04/20/2020 08:30 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Sarah Moore	NC needs to be reopened by May 1st at the latest.
04/20/2020 08:31 AM	Education Working Group	Jamie Van Houten	Please re-open NC now!
04/20/2020 08:34 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Richard Anderson	<p>It is time to allow small businesses to open. If Big Box stores are allowed to be opened to the General Public, then why is it that smaller businesses can't be opened when they can implement and follow the same guidelines set by the CDC?</p> <p>We are adults and can decide for ourselves if we want to to take the risks of going out in Public and it's time the NC General Assembly realizes that you work for your constituents and Not the governor! Additionally it is also time to reopen the State Parks as this can currently be done with the "EXISTING" Guidelines in Place.</p>
04/20/2020 08:35 AM	Economic Support Working Group	John Poshepny	It is time to start the process of reopening the North Carolina economy.
04/20/2020 08:35 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Ms. Christine Zimmermann	<p>What happened in the Wisconsin primary was shameful (on the part of government officials) and heroic (on the part of everyday citizens who stood in hours-long lines to vote, despite possibly jeopardizing their health in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic).</p> <p>It is the right of every citizen to vote - and North Carolina government officials should take action to ensure that voting is accessible. In this uncertain time of pandemic and with a very active hurricane season predicted, I urge you to do the following so that all citizens who wish to vote can safely do so in all future elections:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Amend voting rules to give the NC Board of Elections flexibility to respond to emergencies such as: pandemics, natural disasters, armed conflict, etc.</li> <li>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.</li> </ol>

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04/20/2020 08:40 AM	Economic Support Working Group	REOPEN NC Josiah Given	NC needs to open NO LATER than the beginning of May.
04/20/2020 08:45 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Christine Remmert	Small business is the economic backbone of our state and country. Reopen North Carolina and let people go back to work and reopen their businesses to provide for their families.
04/20/2020 08:47 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Patricia Parker	Reopen NC and our economy please. We need to live and work!!!
04/20/2020 08:48 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms. Cynthia Brown	OPEN NORTH CAROLINA NOW.
04/20/2020 08:48 AM	Health Care Working Group	Mrs Holly Cooper	Reopen businesses please ASAP ... before massive people end up in poverty.
04/20/2020 08:48 AM	Health Care Working Group	Mr Donald Kallgren	Respect science and medical recommendations for social distancing, COVID-19 testing requirements, and public safety in making any decisions to reopen NC. Placing people's lives at risk for economic gain is not in the public interest.
04/20/2020 08:49 AM	Health Care Working Group	Lindsay D	Please let businesses reopen. We are losing our livelihood and destroying our economy. Hospital census is low, healthcare workers are being furloughed, now is the time to get back to work! Let's put our resources to protect the vulnerable in other ways because if we let this go on we won't be able to afford to protect anyone.
04/20/2020 08:49 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr. Donald Kallgren	Respect science and medical recommendations for social distancing, COVID-19 testing requirements, and public safety in making any decisions to reopen NC. Placing people's lives at risk for economic gain is not in the public interest.
04/20/2020 08:50 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mr. Donald Kallgren	Respect science and medical recommendations for social distancing, COVID-19 testing requirements, and public safety in making any decisions to reopen NC. Placing people's lives at risk for economic gain is not in the public interest.
04/20/2020 08:51 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr. Donald Kallgren	Respect science and medical recommendations for social distancing, COVID-19 testing requirements, and public safety in making any decisions to reopen NC. Placing people's lives at risk for economic gain is not in the public interest.
04/20/2020 08:51 AM	Economic Support	Mrs Crystal Friant	It's time to reopen North Carolina. While we were one of the first states to shutdown and

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04/20/2020 08:53 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Open now!! Will Hicks	Open NOW— not by May 1st. The vulnerable should stay home by choice, not the healthy!
04/20/2020 08:53 AM	Health Care Working Group	Mr Glenn Cooper	Other than at risk groups that are already isolated, the numbers of infected citizens in NC does not warrant full lockdown. I read about a studied that has finished that proves that the virus dies in sunlight in 1-3 hours, depending on how much direct sunlight. Full sunlight like an open field or playground does not support the virus. Trails in filtered sunlight are also relatively virus free. Just don't a tree after someone has just sneezed on it. Restaurants with outdoor seating in the sun are safe as long as people are not actively coughing or sneezing. Open NC starting now with mild restrictions.
04/20/2020 08:53 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Amy Norris	Open NC
04/20/2020 08:54 AM	Health Care Working Group	Stay at home! Connor Gill	Continue the stay at home procedures until a vaccine is created. In the mean time we need rent freezes, food boxes, income, and volunteers.
04/20/2020 08:55 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mary DeCarlo	Our residents' livelihoods are at stake. The citizens of NC want to go back to work and live free!
04/20/2020 08:56 AM	Health Care Working Group	Ms Mandy Ableidinger	NC should reopen when public health experts and epidemiologists tell us that we can reopen and still keep the curve flat, and not before. The reopening should be gradual and careful and based on science. Mandy Cohen is doing a great job organizing this effort and we applaud Gov Cooper's leadership.
04/20/2020 08:56 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Michael Clark	We need to RE-OPEN NORTH CAROLINA!  0.06% of our state has been infected. This does not justify a total shutdown that is DESTROYING OUR STATE AND LOCAL ECONOMY.  A bad economy = bad public health.  WE NEED TO RE-OPEN THIS STATE!
04/20/2020 08:58 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Karen Bertrand	Re-open NC
04/20/2020 09:05 AM	Health Care Working Group	Angela Robertson	Please reopen NC before May 1. We are "First in Freedom." Not fear.
04/20/2020 09:09 AM	Continuity of State	Mrs Mary Lou Steere	I not open this state yet!!

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04/20/2020 09:17 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mrs Andrea Walshak	Reopen NC NOW! The people of this great state are smart. No law should restrict personal or religious freedom. Those who are at risk, compromised or afraid should suffer no penalty for self-quarantine. But let those who need to work or open a business do so! For every 1 covid-19 death 30,000 are unemployed. Families cannot survive. Businesses cannot survive. We must reopen commerce and restore freedoms ASAP.
04/20/2020 09:21 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Fran Spinola	Flattening the curve was put in place to insure our hospitals would not be overrun. That goal has been accomplished. It's time to let law abiding citizens get back to work. We've never had a flu emergency shut down our state. Why are you allowing fear to dictate your actions? Good and safe health practices can coexist with an open market in NC. Think of the domestic abuse and mental illness flourishing by depriving citizens the right to earn a living. Testing, tracing, and tracking trends, desired by the Governor, will take massive amounts of time to complete. The economy needs to be open while those actions are pursued. You must not allow the Governor to continue with no clear path to reopen the state May 1. Stand up!
04/20/2020 09:22 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr. ALBERTO G SOLANA ALBERTO SOLANA	We have first amendment rights for freedom of assembly and we have rights for life, liberty and pursuing happiness-meaning we have a right to GO TO WORK OR RUN A BUSINESS AND TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR OUR FINANCIAL AND HEALTH WELL BEING. This shut down is unconstitutional and dictatorial. REOPEN NC.
04/20/2020 09:25 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mrs Tacora Allen	its to early to open please extend until atleast June 15
04/20/2020 09:25 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Milton Wright	We need to get this economy opened back up. This is all a bunch of fear mongering to keep folks from going out. Our constitutional rights are being trampled right now.
04/20/2020 09:30 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Elizabeth Hobson	Please reopen NC. We cannot totally stop the death cause by this virus but we can stop the economic ruin. I know life is valuable and irreplaceable, but death is an unfortunate part of life. I am glad we shut down our lives to give us time to slow down the virus and not overwhelm our hospitals and to buy time to help find treatments. Now that that is accomplished, please reopen NC so we don't have further damage caused by the economic disaster that will surely follow if we stay closed much longer.
04/20/2020 09:31 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Barbara Johnson	Please, please Reopen NC on April 28th. The pain of our communities is causing financial desperation, mental illness, medical crisis and economic collapse. Free us to live and recover. Thiseveho want to stay home may do so. Allow the rest of us our God given rights to ho about our business.
04/20/2020 09:55 AM	Health Care Working Group	Kathryn Garcia	How do we solve this problem. The needs of our citizens is great. For years wages have not kept up with inflation. Large corporations have put small businesses out f business and people have been struggling to make ends meet. With inequality at an all time high, what can working people do? We need to find our humanity, our caring for one another and

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04/20/2020 09:59 AM	Health Care Working Group	MS Megan Foster	<p>balance the scales. MEDICAID EXPANSION HELPS US MOVE IN THAT DIRECTION. Please do the work for the larger good.</p> <p>I am a 49 year old life long asthmatic who is also a Dental hygienist and I am terrified. Over the weekend I received an email from my boss saying that level 3 mask plus face shield was an acceptable replacement for an N95 mask and it is not. I will try and attach the screen shot of the ADA saying leve 3 is a MODERATE RISK , Aerosols are the main problem in being a dental hygienist that's why we are literally number one most dangerous with this disease! Even above the respiratory therapist. Because I am producing aerosols 6 inches away from my face eight hours a day five days a week. I do work in a pediatric office for 4 out of those five days people think that would be safer. It is not safer for two reasons one I have to polish every pediatric patient unlike the adult population. I also do Cavitron about half of the pediatric population so there are lots and lots of aerosols even though it's a pediatric population. A lot of people think that if you don't use the Cavitron then you're not producing Aerosols which is not true. We are producing aerosols with the air water syringe and especially with the prophy angle/polishing in the younger population that has to happen on all of the teeth because the plaque is different. Second most children are asymptomatic, so even more than normal you have to treat everyone like they have it. As you know the rule in healthcare is universal precautions, which is equal to treating everyone like they have all the diseases so you don't get any of them because so many you can't tell if they have or not. So I'm assuming we absolutely need to treat the COVID-19 the same way, with universal precautions, assuming everyone has it especially since so many are asymptomatic. The level III mass do not Block out the aerosols. As I'm sure you've experienced if someone comes in wearing perfume you can smell it through your mask. The ADA is feeling the pressure to allow dentists to go back to work therefore they have put out some recommendations that say that there is a low risk for contracting COVID-19 with an N 95 mask but a MODERATE risk with a level III mask and shield. They are stating that this is OK. I do not feel that a moderate risk of getting something that can kill me or someone else is reasonable for an elective procedure. I of course understand that many people have had to go in with the level III masks to help patients at a hospital setting and they are very brave. They are not 6 inches away from Aerosols and everything in someone's mouth eight hours a day. And I'm not trying to save someone's life I'm trying to clean their teeth. I am begging you to please make it a mandate please Make it a mandate not a recommendation that they(the dentists to give to workers) have the proper PPE which are N95 masks and shields before they allow allow elective dentistry to continue. My boss has already emailed me that N95 masks are impossible to find therefore we will be going with the level III/face shield which is not OK to give a moderate risk of getting this disease for an elective procedure! Especially considering if we wait another month, maybe not even that long those masks will be available! It is unbelievable To me that I am going to have to choose between my livelihood (and I am the only income in this family it's just me) and possibly dying! it's not OK for an elective procedure!! I'm not saving anyone's life and we can wait a month. Please don't make the choice for me it's just not OK to take my life away for someone else to make money when they've already got a grant/loan to cover them financially for the time period we would be waiting safely!! I have tried attaching the links (One showing the OSHA recommendations that ADA is not recommending, one that shows how many people are asymptomatic and these are adults! One that shows how much more dental field is at risk, and one that is the actual</p>

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			<p>screenshot of how much Dental field is at risk - I have not been able to add the one that shows the ADA saying level 3 are moderate risk but I was able to send that to Kristen Baker) and such for you all to share. And let me say lots of things can open safely and lots of people can totally go back to their jobs safely at this point but I am just not one of those people and unfortunately I do not own my own business and in North Carolina I get no say and how dental hygiene is done. I have to go by what my boss says. If I lived in Colorado or Texas I could have my own practice as a hygienist but I cannot do that in North Carolina so please do not risk my life for an ELECTIVE cleaning OR other elective dental procedure Thank you!</p> <p>And again I really do understand The dentist point of view that they don't want to lose everything They have worked for, but the flip side is I don't want to literally lose my life and not be here for my children I know what it's like to not have a mother and I do not want my children to experience that!!</p> <p>Thank you so much for Everything!!! Megan Foster</p> <p><a href="https://www.visualcapitalist.com/the-front-line-visualizing-the-occupations-with-the-highest-covid-19-risk/">https://www.visualcapitalist.com/the-front-line-visualizing-the-occupations-with-the-highest-covid-19-risk/</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.osha.gov/Publications/OSHA3990.pdf">https://www.osha.gov/Publications/OSHA3990.pdf</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.perioimplantadvisory.com/periodontics/oral-medicine-anesthetics-and-oral-systemic-connection/article/14173521/covid19-and-the-problem-with-dental-aerosols">https://www.perioimplantadvisory.com/periodontics/oral-medicine-anesthetics-and-oral-systemic-connection/article/14173521/covid19-and-the-problem-with-dental-aerosols</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.boston25news.com/news/cdc-reviewing-stunning-universal-testing-results-boston-homeless-shelter/Z253TFBO6RG4HCUAARBO4YW064/">https://www.boston25news.com/news/cdc-reviewing-stunning-universal-testing-results-boston-homeless-shelter/Z253TFBO6RG4HCUAARBO4YW064/</a></p>
04/20/2020 10:00 AM	Health Care Working Group	Vickie Beauchamp	We MUST get our State back to work. The Governor continues to stifle the economy based on safety while businesses and people are struggling to financially survive. We need to take a strong look at the constitutionality of his overreaching mandates under the emergency declarations!
04/20/2020 10:01 AM	Health Care Working Group	Get back to business! Tim Hemphill	Time to get back to business! Soft open all business with appropriate distancing. Compromised can stay home!!!
04/20/2020 10:04 AM	Education Working Group	Kathy Lancaster	Please get our economy back going again!! My husband and I are seniors, 68 and 70. We believe in personal responsibility, in taking precautions, and in doing what we can to build up our immune systems. 2 of our children are in the Raleigh area, both families out of work due to this shutdown. Unemployment and poverty will cause more problems than this virus!!! Please open things up so they can go back to work and give their families some sense of well-being. Keeping things shut down is NOT the right thing to do!!!
04/20/2020 10:08 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Dr. Selaine Nidel	DO NOT REOPEN NC. Use medical and scientific evidence plus a coordinated plan to reopen. An overwhelmed health system and unscientific demands increases higher death counts and impacts all communities and citizens of North Carolina.
04/20/2020 10:13 AM	Health Care Working Group	Dr. SELAINE NIEDEL	Please, expand Medicaid especially during this COVID 19 epidemic. Health care for one improves the health of the many North Carolinians.



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04/20/2020 10:14 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mr David Campbell	To protect the inclusiveness of our elections, I urge vote by mail, as many other states allow. This protects democracy AND has minimal risk of fraud.
04/20/2020 10:19 AM	Health Care Working Group	Mr. Eric King	I feel that trying to "re-open" the economy would be disastrous and short-sighted at this point. We still have too many new cases per day, and people are not taking this thing seriously enough as it is. If we want to re-open, we need to actually enforce social distancing. Stores have been packed, noone is standing far enough apart, and i'd say less than 1/3rd of the people i see out and about wear any sort of mask. People need to be required to wear masks or some sort of cover for the nose and mouth if they're not in their vehicle or in their home. I am aware of the economic impact this virus is having on people, but lives are more important than money. Focus on enforcing guidelines and precautions. Mandate masks. The faster we do that, the faster we can safely re-open the economy. If we do not do this, and open up too prematurely, we'll be right back to where we started in a matter of months. Perhaps we'll be even worse off. Furthermore, schools should remain closed, and they should spend the summer break to increase efforts for distance learning. If there is a resurgence in the fall like experts predict, outbreaks in schools would be disastrous. Many schools and classrooms are not big enough for students to distance, nor will children adhere to distancing or wear masks, and classrooms are too enclosed.
04/20/2020 10:24 AM	Economic Support Working Group	ReOpen NC Laura Gerard	Please open NC! The economic devastation will be worse than the health risk!
04/20/2020 10:24 AM	Education Working Group	Dr. SELAINE NIEDEL	The right to vote, our democracy and free-fair elections are at stake and should be available to all North Carolinians. It should NOT be made optional because we cannot get to the voting locations in person. A vote by MAIL needs to be instituted and made operational before November 2020 in order to enable all the opportunity to vote. Please, vote to fund this important legislation, to develop ballots with stamped return envelopes to mail to all voters in the state of North Carolina.
04/20/2020 10:25 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Open up Teresa Kelly	I think we should reopen. Keep those at risk in quarantine and excused from their jobs. Quarantining everyone is killing small businesses and even large ones. Im feeling like our rights are starting to be infringed on. In war there are casualties. Freedom isn't free. This is a different type of war. It's heartbreaking, scary and it sucks but I would rather die than have my children's freedom taken from them.
04/20/2020 10:32 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mrs. Lisa Johnson	<p>To whom it may concern,</p> <p>I am writing out of concern for my family and friends of our beautiful state. I am a wife and mother of 2 children, a small business owner, and resident of Wake County. Both the health and the well-being of my fellow Americans are as important to me as are their individual freedoms.</p> <p>The good news is, the original goal of flattening the curve in order to prevent strain on our community resources and health care system has been successful. It is time to take a common sense approach to return our sense of liberty and safety back to our community by empowering us to make educated decisions and enabling us to make good choices that are easily implemented at the community level. Small changes will restore some</p>

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04/20/2020 10:36 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms. Kristin Hyle	I think it would be irresponsible of Governor Cooper to ease restrictions before it is recommended by doctors and scientists who will have a better idea when it is safe. If businesses and services reopen too early, the effect on the state economy of a resurgence of the virus leading to an additional and extended closure of the state will be worse than the initial closure.
04/20/2020 10:38 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Open NC Now William Jackson	NC needs to be opened for business now. Stop using this inflated crisis to stifle our economy. This is nothing but government overreach and an infringement on our constitutional rights as free citizens living in a free market society. It's all bogus and you know it. Your numbers don't add up to keep this state in lockdown. Open up NC.
04/20/2020 10:39 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Open NC Business Brad Shackelford	The facts / numbers of coronavirus do not necessitate closing business. This event is of such low impact that even Roy Cooper did not feel it necessary to call the General Assembly to session. The model being used for infection projections uses grossly over

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04/20/2020 10:44 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Jessica Hult	<p>I am writing today as owner/operator of an Eastern NC business, deemed essential, open since 1984. We, our family and our onsite employees, agreed to self-isolate for 30 days due to Covid-19. We did NOT agree to turning North Carolina into a tyrannical police state where self-isolation is repeatedly referred to as a more sinister "lockdown". 30 days is complete, since our governor began closing businesses across North Carolina and deciding which businesses are essential or otherwise. My own Carteret County has suffered 2 Covid-19 related deaths since the self-isolation period began. While those 2 deaths are tragic and heartbreaking- they are hardly enough to warrant a continuation of self-isolation. Small businesses across the country are being hit extremely hard, including my own.</p> <p>My business is boarding and training dogs. No one is traveling; therefore, we have no boarding clients. Our training is a hands-on activity. No one is training. We have no money coming in at all. We reluctantly applied for the EDIL and the PPP loans..... all we've heard are crickets. We have kept our 3 onsite employees employed and paid during these past 30 days. We have kept the 8 dogs abandoned with us fed and clean. We have been able to do this by draining our life savings. My husband is almost 60, I am almost 50. We cannot do this any longer- you will find our faces in the bread lines soon. I speak for hundreds, if not thousands, of business owners stuck in similar situations as we currently find ourselves.</p> <p>We do NOT want any government help; we NEED for our state and our nation to get back to work.</p> <p>Every single one of us understands we are going to have to alter how we do business. Every single one of us understands there is now a new "normal". We are not criminals. We are not infants in need of nanny government. We understand the risks. We are committed to doing business in a safe manner that lessens the risk for those around us. Please- those who are truly immunocompromised should really stay home, those who are truly terrified should also stay home. Those who are asking for the shutdown to continue have really no understanding of what they are asking....or if they do understand, they are completely unaware of exactly how dangerous this economic situation will become. Our great Republic is the Land of the Free and Home of the Brave; not land of the lockdown and home of the fearful.</p> <p>Reopen Carteret County now. Reopen NC now.</p>

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			<p>Sincerely, Jessica Hult</p> <p>Owner/operator K9 NC Training, Inc dba Hadnot Creek Kennel 300 Hadnot Farm Rd, Swansboro NC 28584 C 252-342-0591 W 252-393-25855</p> <p>2 Timothy 1:7 For God did not give us a spirit of fear; but a Spirit of Power, and of Love, and a Sound Mind.</p>
04/20/2020 10:44 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr. Francis Israel	Please reopen North Carolina businesses
04/20/2020 10:51 AM	Health Care Working Group	Dr Jonathan Moss	Open the work force. Vulnerable people stay home. If my group can't get back to a full office schedule by the middle of May the we will have to declare bankruptcy. NC will be losing great doctors!
04/20/2020 10:52 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms Jenny Echols	We need to REOPEN N.C.! As a small business owner my income is ESSENTIAL to my family's care.
04/20/2020 10:57 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Tom Sapp	<p>We, in N.C., need to allow for the almost sure possibility of more voters voting using absentee ballots, It is imperative that the rules are amended in order to allow our N.C. Board of Elections the flexibility to respond to this pandemic. This will allow for protection of both workers and voters alike, by expanding the use of absentee ballots. This can be done without the risk of widespread fraud. Absentee ballots should be made easier for voters to obtain, and also to return. postage paid, to their county Board of Elections. It is very simple to look at the number of ballots that were not accepted and determine that the process has become one in which voters are not being considered when these rules were made after the debacle in the 9th District House race in 2018. It should also be noted that our laws as pertains to elections are being upheld by this State Board of Elections, as a former state party chair awaits sentencing for election fraud, with more conspirators in the pipeline at present.</p> <p>The state has a responsibility to all citizens to not recreate what happened recently in Wisconsin, here in N.C. Our current Director of the Board of Elections should be given the tools necessary to make necessary changes as our State Board of elections sees fit. To deny these changes will effectively make voting a life and death operation for tens of thousands of N.C. voters from Manteo to Murphy, no matter their political views.</p> <p>Tom Sapp Chair Brunswick County Democratic Party</p>
04/20/2020 10:59 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Containment First Peter van Dorsten	Use medical advice and scientific evidence to make a plan to reopen NC; do not respond to loud, frustrated voices making unscientific demands which will only increase death and suffering for all North Carolinians. We can learn from those who have done this correctly: test, track, quarantine. Without this discipline we will just prolong the negative impact.

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04/20/2020 11:03 AM	Health Care Working Group	Expand Medicaid Peter van Dorsten	Please expand Medicaid. Improved healthcare for all during this time of COVID 19 really means improved health for all North Carolinians. This pandemic demonstrates that how we provide care for those with limited means affects us all.
04/20/2020 11:06 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Christi Stitzer	We must #reopenNC by May 1, 2020. The restriction of movement of healthy people is unconstitutional. The economy can not withstand this closure any longer. We are all essential to the economy.
04/20/2020 11:06 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Expand vote by mail Peter van Dorsten	North Carolina needs vote by mail to be instituted now, in time for the November election. Our democracy and free and fair elections are at stake; we should not have to risk our lives to vote in the United States of America. Voting is a foundational right and should not be abridged.
04/20/2020 11:08 AM	Health Care Working Group	Mr. Ralph Besser	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.
04/20/2020 11:10 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mr. Ralph Besser	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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o making voting by mail more accessible;</li> <li>o increasing public promotion of absentee vote-by-mail option</li> <li>o ensuring free return mail postage on absentee ballots</li> <li>o expanding early voting</li> <li>o providing drive-by voting sites</li> </ul>
04/20/2020 11:12 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr. Ralph Besser	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.
04/20/2020 11:14 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Marla Alley	REOPEN NC NOW
04/20/2020 11:14 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Ms Rebecca Fox	Please institute permanent, no-excuse voting by mail ASAP!
04/20/2020 11:14 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Tamara Lee	Reopen NC. And allow public comment to be public comment - not just one of the four category restrictions.
04/20/2020 11:15 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mr. John Zemon	Please address the issue of North Carolina State Inspections for vehicles as it relates to the current COVID-19 situation. I am certified to perform safety and OBD-II inspections for the state to help keep North Carolina vehicles safe and registered. Right now classes for renewal are not being offered (safety requires re-certification every 2 years) so many inspectors including myself have expired and are no longer eligible to perform state inspections. My job and my livelihood depend on business generated from doing state inspections. Usually these classes are offered through the NCDMV on community college campuses but with colleges being closed and online classes not an option (this information according to everyone I've called at the DMV and schools) I do not see a solution to the problem. Furthermore you are losing approximately of 5% of your state inspectors to this problem every month without offering extensions for the people of



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			<p>North Carolina who need inspections to register their cars. I have spoken to Glenda Wainwright who is the inspection unit program supervisor in Raleigh and she has stated the DMV is unable to offer a solution until the general assembly meets and discusses this. I am asking that a waiver of 1 year be given to inspectors who are about to expire or have expired. This will help the inspectors continue to serve to drivers of North Carolina as well as avoid overflowing the already limited classes (assuming they resume) for the next 12 months. This problem increases with each passing month and is going to cause major problems for drivers of the state if not addressed quickly. Thank you for your time and understanding. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.</p> <p>Sincerely, John Gregory Zemon (440) 666-0350 APartAbove@gmail.com</p>
04/20/2020 11:18 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Susan Johnson	<p>3. Continuity of State Operations Working Group: North Carolina and the entire Country 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. Voting is a right of every citizen in this country and in every state. We must make sure everyone has the opportunity to vote without risking their life. Again – a ballot with stamped returned envelope must be mailed to every North Carolinian in time for the November election. Please do what is right for all North Carolinians..</p>
04/20/2020 11:20 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mrs. Lydia Healy	<p>I am a 20 year resident of NC and 70 years of age. I am a retired teacher and am a registered Republican. I and my husband, who is 79 years old, have been following self quarantining since being required to do so by the Governor. We have only left our home to purchase food, medications and any other necessary supplies. I am voicing our displeasure in the possible easing of self distancing. We must listen to the scientists and not our irrational president. Opening up our state would only increase the number of those infected and set us back. The current federal government has abdicated its authority to govern and protect its citizens. The president has abdicated all authority to each state, which is beyond unimaginable, while stating "he is the final authority". We fully understand the economic impact created by social distancing and realize at some point restrictions may be lifted. This lifting should only take place in a very small way, if and only if the federal government provides us with the appropriate number of tests. Please keep us safe. We urge you to keep social distancing the priority of the state of NC. Our state must be ruled by the laws of science and not some unruly mob and a president who encourages this abhorrent political actions.</p>
04/20/2020 11:21 AM	Economic Support Working Group	WHitney Hawkins	<p>REOPEN NC Families and small businesses can create safe protocols as easy or easier than large companies like Walmart and Grocery stores! Time for a path forward. Dare county is following the direction of our state leaders and we need YOU to lead us to an opening!</p>
04/20/2020 11:21 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Ray Gottsleben	<p>We MUST open NC now! The original purpose for the quarantine was to keep the health care system from being overrun. Mission accomplished. In fact, hospitals and providers are desperate for business and all other closed businesses must be allowed to begin</p>

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04/20/2020 11:21 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Erin Lantz	Please reopen the STATE. "Quarantine is when you restrict the movement of the sick, tyranny is when you restrict the movement of healthy people".
04/20/2020 11:29 AM	Economic Support Working Group	B A Taylor	<p>OK ENOUGH. You are suppose to be the duly elected leaders for this state and have NO IDEA what you even dealing with. Does anyone there research information to understand a subject. Now you ask for 2 week confinement, then another 2 weeks. NOW you want to add to this with weeks more for a cold virus.Who are you hurting?? Who is going hungry, can't work, can't pay their mortgage and who can not get a education? Where is your logic? Where is your integrity? Where is your love of your fellow residents of this state? POPULATION OF NC 10.43 Million</p> <p>STATE WIDE 6.493 cases confirmed and 172 Death. NOW you have Wake County Cases 592 and 4 Deaths. AGAIN research the numbers. <a href="https://www.ncdhhs.gov/divisions/public-health/covid19/covid-19-nc-case-count">https://www.ncdhhs.gov/divisions/public-health/covid19/covid-19-nc-case-count</a></p> <p>Unemployment Claims 636,894 with only 211,672 getting paid for an amount of \$358,099.822. I could not find the wake county breakdown. Now Research the numbers of those HURT by YOUR ACTIONS.... <a href="https://des.nc.gov/need-help/covid-19-nc-unemployment-insurance-information">https://des.nc.gov/need-help/covid-19-nc-unemployment-insurance-information</a></p> <p>So lets compare --- 6,493 to 636.894.</p> <p>And to these number Business owners- in which of some of these business will most likely NEVER recover from: ? Realty sales ? Restaurants ? Barber shops ? Beauty salons, including those doing waxing and hair removal ? Hair salons ? Nail salons and manicure and pedicure providers ? Massage parlors ? Bingo parlors, including those run by charities ? Bowling alleys ? Gyms ? Yoga studios ? Martial arts facilities ? Indoor trampoline facilities ? Rock-climbing facilities ? Health clubs ? Indoor pools ? Live performance venues ? Movie theaters ? Skating rinks? Spas ? Video game arcades. You closed all schools,shelters and parks. AGAIN Where is your logic? Where is your integrity? Where is your love of your fellow business owners and residents of this state?</p> <p>So, please do not tell the residents of this state you are interested in their well being. While YOU are getting our taxes dollars to live on. Please turn OFF the TV and start researching a subject. Why don't all of you, donate this years salary to a local food bank or give it to a family/business you put out of work?</p>
04/20/2020 11:31 AM	Health Care Working Group	Katherine Register	Expand Medicaid. This is the most important, most cost effective way to begin fighting this epidemic. People are losing their employer-sponsored health insurance as they lose their jobs. Economic recovery is wholly dependent on health recovery. Please, let's not put the cart before the horse. We must follow best practices laid out by a scientific understanding of how this virus spreads. The economic pain is for real. But more death and suffering is not the answer. Our economy will thrive again when we are all assured of good health and safety.

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04/20/2020 11:40 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Katherine Register	Economic recovery is wholly dependent on health recovery. Please, let's not put the cart before the horse. We must follow best practices laid out by a scientific understanding of how this virus spreads. Provide public servants with the most effective PPEs. Provide bonus hazard pay for Emergency Service providers, public safety officers, and any state or local employees whose job it is to maintain our infrastructure. Remove taxes for services and make this up by taxing industries that are profiting from the pandemic. Develop a vote-by-mail system before the next election to allow the greatest possible number of voters to exercise their right to vote. In a democracy, this is paramount, especially in times of crisis.
04/20/2020 11:47 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Katherine Register	Expand on the CARES act by polling small businesses in NC to check on their economic health. Create funds to keep their payroll intact past the 2.5 months provided by CARES. This will go a long way toward insuring a full recovery after the virus has abated. Follow the advice of science and medicine and do not "open" the state too early. More death and suffering is not a harbinger of good economic outcomes.
04/20/2020 11:56 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Erik Lanier	I respectfully ask you to maintain the integrity of the voting process. To bow down to pressure to make our process easier to manipulate is definitely a step in the wrong direction and suspicious at best. I also ask that every vote have sufficient identification to make sure that only American citizens vote, and only those that are alive can vote. It is imperative to also clean the voting rolls to insure accuracy. Thank you.
04/20/2020 11:58 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mr. Ron Hickley	Please do not reopen if we are not ready. No amount of money is worth seeing our children sick
04/20/2020 11:58 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	No mail in voting Daniel Lanier	I respectfully ask you to maintain the integrity of the voting process. To bow down to pressure to make our process easier to manipulate is definitely a step in the wrong direction and suspicious at best. I also ask that every vote have sufficient identification to make sure that only American citizens vote, and only those that are alive can vote. It is imperative to also clean the voting rolls to insure accuracy. Thank you.
04/20/2020 12:02 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group		I see no reason to amend this law due to COVID 19. Any and all concerns can be addressed by taking precautionary measures such as having early voting, more locations for voting to decrease numbers waiting, place voting terminals at least 6 ft apart, require hand sanitizer before and after voting, wipe down voting terminals before after after each use, have voters and volunteers wear masks. There are numerous ways to be cautious without changing this law.

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04/20/2020 12:19 PM	Health Care Working Group	Ms Kitty (Catherine) Schaller	We absolutely must provide free Covid 19 testing and medical care for positive cases – to protect those individuals who show symptoms. But just as importantly, their testing and treatment is a huge matter of public health. Without coverage, espeically very low income folks won't look for testing/treatment, threatening the health of everyone else. Please enable Medicaid Expansion for this purpose now. The 1115 waiver allows it – and 2/3 funding from the Federal govenment makes sense to allow budget crunchers to breathe more easily. I urge you to move quickly to legislation and to publicize it widely by funding that public service budget, too. Thank you.
04/20/2020 12:26 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	James Weight	Please vote NO to mail in election ballots, our election needs and must be held to an IN PERSON vote!
04/20/2020 12:27 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Tabatha Essex	Reopen NC on April 30
04/20/2020 12:32 PM	Economic Support Working Group	ReOpenNC Willis Herring	Reopen NC give us back our rights and jobs.
04/20/2020 12:43 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Jennifer Wright	Reopen North Carolina, the self employed are hurting and NC is not helping us we are suffering and need to reopen asap.
04/20/2020 12:47 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mrs Beth Bowman	It is time to stop living in a state if fear. People are going to have a harder time if things dont start opening back up. Please reopen our businesses!!
04/20/2020 01:00 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs sally newman	Please allow the North Carolina citizens to take responsibility for their own health and allow NC to reopen. What is happening now with Covid is nothing compared to the damage that will be done by a deep recession or depression. I respectfully urge you to consider the devastating results of economic collapse on the health, welfare and tax base of the citizens of North Carolina. The food we eat and health care we do still enjoy could turn into bread lines and health care that no one can afford—and we can't continue to finance the shut-down with escalating debt. Respectfully, Sally Newman
04/20/2020 01:03 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Philip Moortgat	RE: Vehicle Safety Inspection requirement for registration renewal. The requirement to get a vehicle safety inspection in order to renew registration should be waived. The online registration system should be updated to not require the inspection.
04/20/2020 01:04 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections &	Robert Reynolds	Please please please reopen North Carolina this has gone on too long, this great state needs to be open!

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04/20/2020 01:08 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Steven Earman	Reopen our State Enough is Enough
04/20/2020 01:11 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Donna, Holliday	Please keep the voting like it has always been. People can just stand 6 ft apart. Don't let the door be open for voter fraud.
04/20/2020 01:43 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mr Noel Sherr	Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, I believe that it is essential that mail in voting is put in place in a secure and organized way in NC in time for the November 2020 elections. Otherwise it is feasible many, especially older, rural voters will be disenfranchised because they will deem it unsafe to vote in public. Mail in voting has proven effective and secure in numerous states already.
04/20/2020 01:43 PM	Health Care Working Group	Mae Williams-Banks	Our healthcare workers deserves hazardous pay. What does NC intend to do with the Billions of surplus dollars that they have collected from hard working North Carolinian's ? The citizens in our state has long been suffering far before the pandemic. The changes that were made to the UI system in 2013 and remains until today is a horrible system failure and needs to be reconsidered immediately.
04/20/2020 01:45 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Noel Sherr	Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, and the effect it is having on our economy, it is essential that NC expand its unemployment insurance program. According to the NC Justice Center the best way to do this is: Use the average of the two highest quarters in the calculation of workers' benefits. Remove the cap of \$350 on the maximum weekly benefit; calculate based on the average weekly wages in the state. Eliminate the waiting week so that dollars are immediately available. Ensure workers can receive benefits for 26 weeks, which is the national standard.
04/20/2020 01:47 PM	Health Care Working Group	Mr Noel Sherr	The Covid-19 pandemic has shown that the time for NC to expand Medicare coverage is now. This expansion will particularly help older, rural citizens.
04/20/2020 01:50 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Wanda Smith	Please Open NC..we desperately want go back to work...we need to feed our families and pay our bills..There are safe ways to do this, explore those and OPEN NC...PLEASE !!!!!!!
04/20/2020 02:04 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Free North Carolina Victoria Charlton	Please open our state back up! The alarming increase to depression, anxiety and mental illnesses caused by this economy and life shut down - are harm done by the governors hands! Small businesses are suffering and our lives must be resumed!! All small business activities Are ESSENTIAL!! Free North Carolina!! Don't keep the fear mindset! God bless.
04/20/2020 02:17 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Sharon Lavoie	North Carolina needs to reopen as soon as possible, May 1st. As a small business owner we need to get our state's economy back open and people back to work. At risk people should still stay home, but healthy people who need to work should be allowed to go back to work.
04/20/2020 02:22 PM	Economic Support Working Group	MR William Slack	Reopen NC
04/20/2020 02:23 PM	Health Care Working	Ms. Jan Williams	Now is the time to expand Medicaid. With this pandemic, many more people are

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	Group		uninsured and now have even more need for medical care . It makes sense for NC to expand Medicaid so that my Federal tax dollars are being used in my home state, not in other states.
04/20/2020 02:23 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mr Thomas Norris	Please consider reopening NC small businesses immediately. The effects of poverty are every bit as detrimental to human health as a short-lived contagion that is deadly for a select segment of the population with other underlying comorbidities but not so much for the majority of the population. While it may have been the correct decision to shut down the economy when we were still learning about the virus and its effects, much more is now known and as testing continues to reveal that more of the population has had the virus without symptoms than we initially could identify. The governor should begin opening up segments of the economy immediately to stave off even worse effects from a population that can no longer afford to buy food, pay bills and keep a roof over their head. It is paramount to get North Carolinians working again. Poverty kills people and is not short-lived or treatable with medicine. Please open NC immediately. Thank you.
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04/20/2020 02:25 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Karen Prus	In light of the predictions of COVID-19 cases continuing, and increasing, in the fall of 2020, I urge the development and implementation of policies that ensure safe elections, including broader access to absentee voting by mail; clear, uncomplicated, and secure processes for voting by mail; and addressing the shortages and safety of poll staff workers.
04/20/2020 02:29 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Ms. Janis Williams	Because of this pandemic, we need to simplify and clarify absentee voting. I would recommend sending a letter to all NC residents, written in simple language, explaining the process of absentee voting . I would include a self-addressed, stamped envelope to request the absentee ballot. Also, during this pandemic, the requirement for a notary should be waived. The absentee ballot should also come with a self-addressed, stamped envelope.
04/20/2020 02:32 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Lewis Carson	Please add a vote-by-mail to the current election processes. Other states (EG Oregon) do this now and have an excellent track record. The vote-by-mail needs to be simple, accurate, safe, and secure. This would also address problems around potential shortages and safety of poll workers in a pandemic situation.
04/20/2020 02:33 PM	Health Care Working Group	Mr Thomas Norris	Please consider reopening NC small businesses immediately. The effects of poverty are every bit as detrimental to human health as a short-lived contagion that is deadly for a select segment of the population with other underlying comorbidities but not so much for



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04/20/2020 02:56 PM	Health Care Working Group	President/CEO Elizabeth Brazas	<p>Dear Honorables:</p> <p>We appreciate and applaud the North Carolina House of Representatives for your bipartisan response to the COVID-19 pandemic.</p> <p>Over 1 million people in our state were without health insurance prior to the pandemic. Now, historic levels of unemployment are leaving even more people without health insurance. This coupled with the real public health risks posed by COVID-19 make it crucial that we provide a health insurance option for the uninsured in North Carolina.</p> <p>Those without health insurance coverage are less likely to go to the doctor when they feel sick. This increases the likelihood of serious illness or death from COVID-19 while at the same time putting family members and community members at greater risk of contracting the disease.</p> <p>North Carolina is going to see a surge of "traditional" Medicaid recipients due to the current economic situation. Accepting additional federal Medicaid expansion money into the state makes fiscal sense and will bring in \$3 billion more in Medicaid funds into our state between now and 2022.</p> <p>Please include expansion of health coverage into a comprehensive response to COVID-19. Thank you for your leadership and service to the people of our state.</p>