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The Honorable Kate Brown
Office of the Governor
900 Court Street NE, Suite 254
Salem, OR 97301-4047

Dear Governor Brown,

In light of the on-going impact to our communities and businesses, the Yamhill County Board of Commissioners is in strong opposition to continued COVID-19 restrictions. Our neighbors and friends cannot continue to function with arbitrary rules that have jeopardized businesses and the wellbeing of our children, increased drug overdoses, caused our elders to die lonely and alone, and resulted in prolonged anxiety for those challenged to navigate a 14-month long shutdown in Oregon.

We respectfully request you acknowledge that a statewide, one-size-fits-all approach to this public health concern is not tenable after more than a year of openings and closings. Counties are poised to do what counties do best, address our concerns with local approaches, using local solutions and community engagement.

Respectfully,

Mary Starrett
Chair

Lindsay Berschauer
Vice-Chair

Voted "No"

Casey Kulla
Commissioner

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