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RE: Slowing the Virus from a Pharmacist and Bar Owner Perspective

To Whom It May Concern,

I am the owner of Hotel Kilbourne, Oh Taco, Moseley's Rooftop Bar and Volstead Bar located in Sandusky, Ohio. I am also a licensed pharmacist with an immunization certification and a former Sandusky City Commissioner. I would like to share a different perspective on Ohio's direction moving forward.

Ohioans need DeWine to reopen Restaurants and Bars until 230am to slow the spread of COVID-19. The State of Ohio has an opportunity to work with our small business owners. Our businesses are following the guidelines, maintaining social distancing and requiring face coverings. Current Ohio regulations are causing the spread of this virus by closing at 10pm.

Obviously, our main concern is safety and to slow this virus. Contact tracing has proven that the spread is occurring mainly when Ohioans are not following social distancing guidelines at weddings, funerals, home and other social gatherings. Owning a bar, I know for a fact there are after parties and house parties happening every Friday and Saturday night and sometimes during the week.

Our business owners would rather be open and be part of the solution than have to close their doors early. Our small business owners are working hard to follow all guidelines set forth by our local health departments and state officials. Our businesses are clean and sanitized. Hold us accountable for following these guidelines as you have since the beginning of this pandemic.

Collectively, we need to push face coverings. Masks are for our safety and the safety of our staff, neighbors and families. Doctors and scientists have been touting this throughout the pandemic we face today. Hold our citizens accountable for their face coverings, just as we require wearing a seatbelt.

As you know, Ohio Restaurants and Bars are mandated to close at 10pm starting Thursday, November 19th. Restaurants and bars have taken a huge hit losing sales between 10pm and 230am. Closing at 10pm may keep our staff employed but they are not making enough money to support their families or to pay their bills. At this point, we know that most small businesses will not survive another shut down. Our economy cannot survive another shut down. Help our businesses survive, while increasing Ohio sales tax revenue AND slow the spread of the virus. This is a win-win. We are working hard to stay safe for our patrons and our staff. Let us help our community.

If you would like to discuss further, I can be reached at 970-368-0340 or nikki@hotelkilbourne.com.

Sincerely,

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