

* FOR URGENT CONSIDERATION *

March 19, 2020

To: Governor Brad Little

Re: The COVID-19 Outbreak in Idaho – Service and Hospitality Industry request for Immediate Action

Dear Governor Little,

We appreciate the challenges and decisions you are faced with making in light of the COVID-19 crisis. We recognize the great lengths you have gone to keep our communities safe, declaring a state of emergency and closely monitoring the situation.

We are a group of independent hospitality business owners who represent an important part of Idaho's unique food and beverage culture. As an industry, we have always taken great care to provide a safe and clean environment for our staff and guests. However, the very act of serving food and beverage in a social setting requires that we violate social distancing protocols, and for most of us, we agree with you that social distancing is the wise strategy. While we greatly appreciate your desire to protect our freedom to decide what to do, your policy of social distancing doesn't work unless we all do it. We think the policy should prioritize essential needs, food policy in this regard should allow us to offer take out, but the social nature of our hospitality businesses work against social distancing policy.

Our shared hope is to weather this storm as quickly as we can, with the least amount of human suffering, and the greatest chance to restart our economy so all of us can get back to what we all do helping make Idaho the great place it is.

As we enter this storm together, we ask to work with you to solve 2 major concerns related to this policy. Few workers in Idaho are as large a population and as vulnerable as those in the hospitality industry. Our people, our hard working staff of culinary and hospitality professionals, are what create real value in our businesses and they deserve our loyalty and support, especially in the most unprecedented crisis many of us have experienced in our lives. Along with a plan to help support our workforce, we need a plan for how we restart our businesses when this storm is over. As we are making this great sacrifice, many of us burned reserves attempting to weather the effects of this over the past few weeks, and shutting down our businesses is not free. All of us are working to defer expenses as much as we can, and yet our businesses were not structured financially to sit idle. We are working to get a picture of the damage, and we hope you agree, success in this restart effort should demand no small business left behind, along with our people our small businesses in the hospitality sector are an essential part of what makes our State of Idaho great, and we will need every last one to

successfully restart our economy. We are your partners, and we hope to work with you on these ideas to achieve our shared goals:

- Executive Action to require all non essential social gathering places to cease operations immediately. Essential services should be prioritized, and for our industry we would hope that includes take-out or drive through service only, people need food.
 - Small rural economies are often forgotten in times like these, they are the most vulnerable, and extra consideration should be made for their unique needs, but social distancing can't work unless we all work together.
- Implement increased emergency state unemployment benefits for the duration of the closures of these establishments. Suspend the associated waiting week and requirement to look for work. Any worker previously ill with COVID-19, quarantined due exposure or being immune compromised will also be covered for income lost.
- Provide employers with a 90-day extension to file their state payroll reports and/or deposit state payroll taxes without penalty or interest.
- Deferral of State Sales tax for 90 days, with arrangement to repay over 3 years - specifically to help cover immediate and startup payroll expenses.

As a group, we are also concerned about rental abatement, eviction moratoriums (both residential and commercial), deferring business license fees as we attempt to reopen, deferring business taxes until 2021 and more. These are incredibly important issues that could provide us a greater opportunity to bounce back from these times. We want you to be aware of these topics and how critical they are to us but feel that the four bulleted items are of the utmost priority for immediate action.

We are very fortunate to work and provide services in this great state. Our connections to the people here in Idaho are genuine and the support we have been receiving from our community has been uplifting but ultimately not enough to protect us. Each business can independently pivot and make decisions but it is now much larger than the individual. We need to have a consistent message. Governor, we are counting on you to help the hospitality workers and owners here in Idaho. We thank you for your leadership today and ask to let us work with you to help our industry during this time.

In solidarity,

1. Kris Komori & Remi McManus – KIN Restaurant
2. Dave Krick & Jami Adams - Bittercreek/Red Feather/Diablo & Sons Restaurants
3. Chad Johnson - Reef, BrickYard Steakhouse and Front Door Taphouse
4. Tony and Tara Eiguren -- The Basque Market
5. Rob and Keely Landerman - Woodland Empire Ale Craft brewery
6. Jeremy Aevermann & Elizabeth Oldenkamp - Solid Grill & bar/ Liquid Laughs

7. Dick Dufenhorst, Darcy Piens, Todd Kaebisch & Rocci Johnson - Humpin' Hannah's
8. David & Sarah Kelly - Petite 4
9. Dave Boyle- Chandlers Steakhouse
10. Justin and Sheri Archambo - The Funky Taco
11. Kylie North and Laura Keeler - Water Bear Bar
12. Cameron & Amanda Lumsden - Lumsden Restaurants, LLC. (Fork & ALAVITA)
13. Mike and Rosie Weems - Calle 75 Street Tacos
14. David Munson and Ted Challenger- Dirty Little Roddy's, Amsterdam Lounge and StrangeLove Nightclub
15. Jeff & Steph May - Bar Gernika/Manfreds' Kitchen
16. Jason Farber and Bart Kline Manfred's Kitchen
17. Phu Tran - Riceworks
18. John & Kristy Toth-TWT Company, LLC d.b.a. Owyhee Tavern
19. Barry Werner-Prime Lots, LLC d.b.a. Tavern at Bown Crossing
20. Richard and Melinda Langston, RM Restaurants, LLC dba Richard's
21. Grant Shealy and Zoe Davis- Neckar Coffee
22. Robert & Lisa Lumsden - Flatbread Neapolitan Pizzeria / Eight Thirty Common
23. Blake Lingle & Brad Walker, Boise Fry Company / Press & Pony / RamaPong
24. Anne-Marie & Michael Trebbi, Wild Root Café
25. Chris Niederer, Darren and Tiffany Beck, Big Jud's Boise/Big Jud's Meridian
26. Molly Leadbetter, Ann Leadbetter, Gig Leadbetter, Kate Pettis - Meriwether Cider
27. Kate & Scott Seward- Form & Function Coffee, District Coffee House
28. Wiley Earl, Nate Ingersoll, Dave Stearns - Fins Concepts: Lucky Fins Boise & Meridian, Smokin Fins Idaho Falls, Naked Fins Boise
29. Enrique Contreras & Ana Paz - Conpaz Inc dba Enrique's Mexican Restaurant
30. Alyssa Partida - Grantura LLC dba Kuna Event Center
31. Litsa Manolis & Jessi Strong- Sofia's Greek Bistro
32. Dina Manolis- Tom's Gyro & Burgers/Wranglers-Pocatello & IdahoFalls
33. Susie & Jerry Larson - Mad Swede Brewing Company
34. John & Julie Cuevas - MADRE Boutique Taqueria
35. Chris Oates -Bier:Thirty Bottle & Bistro
36. George Skandalos - Sangria Grille, Maialina, Garden Lounge, Moscow
37. Nara & Brandon Woodland, Bloom Cafe, Moscow ID
38. Sara Pritchett, John Sullivan & Deborah Sullivan- - One World Cafe
39. Douglas Renggli - broadline food service rep, Moscow ID & Lewiston ID
40. Andy Severson - Stax Moscow, Stax Lewiston
41. Kevin and Lori Clary - The Breakfast Club Moscow
42. Ryan Town and Christina Mangiapani - mock orange, Moscow ID
43. Graham Lilly - Hunga Dunga, Moscow
44. Louise Todd - Mikey's Gyros, Moscow
45. Brett and Nikki Woodland- Nectar Restaurant and Bar, Monarch Motel, Moscow
46. Dave and Amy Thompson - Paradise Grill and Cafe, Moscow
47. Mathieu Choux - Gaston's Bakery, Boise, ID

48. Gerardo & Patty Alvarez - Patty'[s Mexican Kitchen & Catering
49. Jacob Black - Lost Grove Brewing, Boise, ID
50. T.J. And Missy Sayles- Prost!,North End Pizza, Matlacks, Boise
51. Carly Lilly - Sangria Grille & Maialina & The Garden Lounge, Moscow, ID
52. Dan Watts - Saint Lawrence Gridiron, Boise
53. Matt & Jennifer Hurlbutt - Salmon River Brewery, McCall
54. Billy Pothikamjorn - Mai Thai Restaurant and Bar, Boise, ID
55. Kelsey Holder - Holder Investments
56. Daniel Rhodes - Bodovino LLC, Boise, ID
57. Stephen Lee - Bargreen Ellingson, Boise ID
58. Ellen and Stephen Furbacher, Grand Teton Brewing Company.
59. Kasey Allen & Dan Sell, The STIL, Boise
60. Joseph and Diana Shafer, Slow by Slow Coffee Bar, Boise, ID
61. Kacey Montgomery and Shannon Lincoln, Juniper, Red Bench Pizza
62. Adam Hegsted, Eat Good Group, Honey Eatery and Social Club, Coeur d' Alene
Republic Kitchen and Taphouse, Post Falls, ID, Farmhouse Kitchen and Silo Bar,
Ponderay, ID
63. Aaron Fish, Eat Good Group, Honey Eatery and Social Club, Coeur d' Alene, ID,
Republic Kitchen and Taphouse, Post Falls, ID, Farmhouse Kitchen and Silo Bar,
Ponderay, ID
64. Craig Denney, Eat Good Group, Honey Eatery and Social Club, Coeur d' Alene, ID,
Republic Kitchen and Taphouse, Post Falls, ID, Farmhouse Kitchen and Silo Bar,
Ponderay, ID
65. Jessica Vouk and Jeremy Holzapfel - Beet and Basil at the Creek, Sandpoint, Idaho
66. Paul D'Orazi, Eat Good Group, Honey Eatery and Social Club, Coeur d' Alene, ID,
Republic Kitchen and Tap House, Post Falls, ID, Farmhouse Kitchen and Silo Bar ,
Ponderay, ID
67. Cory Treman, Eat Good Group, Honey Eatery and Social Club, CD'A ID, Republic
Kitchen and Taphouse, Post Falls ID, Farmhouse kitchen and Silo Bar, Ponderay ID
68. Toni & Zach Salerno -Baird, PALOUSE JUICE CAFE Moscow, ID
69. Mike O'Brien - Seasons Bar and Grille, Moscow, ID
70. David and Lizzy Rex, The Wylder and Certified Kitchen + Bakery, Boise ID
71. Bev and Lisa Bafus, Cafe Artista, Moscow, ID
72. Caleb Niederer, Big Jud's, Archer, ID
73. Ashley Syms, A Cafe, Boise, ID
74. Daniel Rockrohr and Lisa Freeman, Cactus Bar, Boise, ID
75. Kristopher Ott and Brady Gaschler , Chop Shop LLC. Caldwell, Id.
76. Cody Cuccia and Evan Izett, Heritage Hop Haus, Meridian, ID
77. Collin Rudeen, Boise Brewing, Boise, ID
78. Joel Cohen, Tapped, Moscow, ID
79. Chris, Rebecca, Simone Kastner, CK's Real Food, Hailey, ID
80. Paul Faucher, Grit, Caldwell, ID
81. Peter and Elaine Tobin Sandpopint

82. Krystle McLaughlin, Guru Donuts
83. Nicholas Jones, Good Burger
84. Kennden Culp & Andrea Marcoccio- Matchwood Brewing Company, Sandpoint, ID
85. Scott and Anne Mason, Mason Family Restaurants, ENOTECA, Ketchum Grill, Town Square Tavern- Ketchum ID
86. Sarah Lipton & Taylor Rossi - Hank & Sylvie's Ketchum and Hank & Sylvie's Hailey
87. Melissa Sanborn & Mike Pearson - Colter's Creek Winery - Moscow & Juliaetta
88. Robert Truax - The Curb Bar and Grill, Meridian, ID
89. Naomi Boutz, Vine & Olive Eatery and Wine Bar
90. David and Ruth Carey - Rupert's at the Hotel McCall, Jug Mountain Ranch Clubhouse, McCall, ID
91. Ryan and Sununta Haworth - Teton Thai, Driggs, Idaho - Teton County
92. Billy & Tanya Olson - Power House, Hailey, ID
93. Vita and Burke Smith - Cookbook Restaurant, Ketchum ID
94. Chad and Amy Cooper, and Nicole Grasska - Bella Aquila Restaurant, Eagle ID
95. Nicole & Will Primavera - The Donut + Dog, Meridian ID
96. Laurita Mikalatos- Mik's Nightclub, Coeur d Alene ID
97. BreAnne Hovley and James Long- Barbarian Brewing, Boise and Garden City

98. Joey Ortiz - Scooter's chilling and grilling Twin Falls Idaho
99. Jim and Kari Desaro- Mancino's Pizza and Grinders Boise
100. Alicia Wagner- The Lift Bar and Grill Boise
101. Viljo & Autumn Basso - Syringa Japanese Cafe & Sushi Bar
102. Viljo & Autumn Basso - The Bluebird. A Midtown Eatery.
103. Viljo & Autumn Basso - The North Idaho White Pine Coffee Shoppe
104. Viljo & Autumn Basso - Monarch Ramen + Noodle House.