

Governor Gavin Newsom
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Dear Governor Newsom,

I am writing to respectfully urge you to provide San Bernardino County the freedom to reopen our closed businesses. The businesses that are owned by the people of our local community, that if not reopened, could remain closed because they were never given the opportunity to create an income for their families and our local economy.

San Bernardino County is proud of our business community for developing robust safety and physical distancing protocols to demonstrate that they are committed to compliance with all public health orders. In addition, our residents continue to exhibit a high level of compliance with all public health orders and understand that it is unlikely that we will resume “business as usual” anytime soon.

Unfortunately, the recent statewide order for counties appearing on the watch list is particularly discouraging to San Bernardino County businesses who have been faithfully following all mandated health guidelines. This statewide “one-size-fits-all” approach to closing entire business sectors is misguided as evidenced by many sectors in San Bernardino forced to close their doors again despite not having contributed at all to the rise in our local cases. As such, we are requesting the review of our county’s data to take place as soon as possible, thereby allowing San Bernardino businesses to reopen.

San Bernardino is the largest county in the State of California. It is time to give local control of this public health emergency to the elected leaders and the clinical team closest to the people so that we can begin community specific healing based on local data. We are confident that San Bernardino is well positioned as a model in this effort.

I appreciate your consideration and look forward to helping get the state’s largest county safely back to work.

Respectfully Yours,