



## Washington State Legislature

May 10, 2021

Dear Governor Inslee,

At this time one year ago, you had just announced “Safe Start Washington,” the first of the phased approaches to reopening our state economy. Since then, Washington’s restaurants, bars and other hospitality establishments have demonstrated a strong commitment to following established safety protocols.

Just this week, you publicly noted hospital stays are shortening and mortality rates are decreasing as the latest wave of the pandemic appears to be leveling out. We also have noted our state’s COVID-19 vaccination numbers are comparable if not better than those of most others. Yet Washington’s hospitality establishments, more than any other economic sector in our state, must contend with continued restrictions on their ability to serve customers.

We see California is now poised to fully reopen its economy June 15, with Oregon intending to follow suit before the end of June. These are, with our state, the original members of the Western States Pact, which was formed with a shared vision of addressing COVID-19. We encourage you to now share the vision of Governors Newsom and Brown and decide that Washington, also, should fully reopen June 15.

These establishments are operated by our constituents and are important to our local economies. By announcing an end to the phased reopening, not merely a pause, you would free them from the emotional rollercoaster that goes with the threat – or reality – of being forced back to tighter restrictions. They have endured enough and should be allowed to begin focusing on their recovery. We trust they will act responsibly if restrictions are lifted fully and believe you can do the same.

Sincerely,

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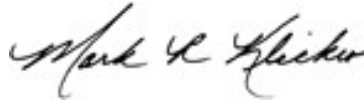
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