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## **COMMISSIONERS JOIN COALITION OF OREGON COUNTIES IN SIGNING AND SENDING A LETTER TO THE GOVERNOR**

### **Letter Urges Governor to Reconsider Her Continued Pandemic Sanctions on Oregon Businesses**

(Douglas County, Ore.) The Douglas County Board of Commissioners, as a part of their unwavering efforts to help our local businesses during the pandemic, have joined a coalition of 76 other County Commissioners and Judges, as well as the President of the Oregon Restaurant & Lodging Association (ORLA) in signing and sending a very direct and urgent letter to Oregon's Governor yesterday asking her to reconsider her plans to impose additional closure mandates on our already struggling restaurants, bars and small businesses in several Oregon Counties.

The letter is in response to the Governor's statement issued on Tuesday, April 27, 2021, in which she announced plans to change her State Mandated COVID-19 Risk Level Guidance program for Oregon Counties that started in December 2020, by placing several counties in her Extreme-Level, thus shutting down restaurants and businesses, as well as severely limiting other services in many Oregon Counties beginning on Friday, April 30, 2021.

Additionally, the Governor also announced changes to the timeline for the monitoring and movement periods for the already restrictive and business punishing program to one-week increments, instead of two. The change would create even more uncertainty and employment woes for our already struggling businesses and their employees.

The letter to Oregon's Governor represents the first time that County Governments (via the Association of Oregon Counties (AOC)), have united forces with the ORLA to pen a very direct letter to the Governor, asking her to reconsider her continued punishment and lack of support for our business community during this pandemic. A copy of the letter can be found at [this link](#) and is available on the Douglas County e-government website at: [www.co.douglas.or.us](http://www.co.douglas.or.us).

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