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Interim Special Joint Committee on Coronavirus Response
Chair Holvey and members of the committee

RE: Legislative Response to Reduce the Effects of the Pandemic

You have an impossible task, and the trajectory the state is on makes it even more difficult. Timeliness is essential and not over dramatizing the situation will be a comforting factor. This is a serious situation, but to not send the state into a recession, government has to delay some of their goals.

1. Our workers and businesses support the Hospitality Committee's recommendation to delay implementation of the Corporate Gross Receipts Tax to January 1, 2021.
2. We also suggest that Governor Brown's Executive Order to reduce emission standards be delayed to next biennium and the \$5 million used to support public health needs.
3. We also see the need to give school boards authority to be creative in distributing lessons without the fear of violating the equity requirements. Some school boards won't do lessons online because not all students have internet, even though these students could have lessons hand delivered. Allow homework to be counted as classroom. Teachers are getting paid, so give them something to do.

We don't need fear, we need an end date so there is a light at the end of this tunnel. Even if it has to be extended. By April 20, those that aren't still sick should be able to return to schools with extra cleaning each night, and some businesses should be able to reopen. Talking about unlimited closures is not helpful. You set the tone, so give people something positive.

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