

Dear Senate President Courtney,

We manage 60 homeowners associations in the Central Oregon area. Most of our communities have common area such as parks, pools, sport courts, etc. These areas remain close despite the guidelines to open due to the risk of liability and lawsuits to volunteer board members. This is a critical issue and should not be a party bargaining tool. It is the right thing to do to provide coverage to those trying to open our communities inline with the governors regulations.

I support the -31 amendment to HB 4212 to would provide temporary and targeted liability protections to entities that are adhering to state and federal public health guidelines and rules to reduce the risk of COVID-19 exposure.

Governor Brown's executive orders have flattened the COVID-19 curve, but the changing regulatory environment also has created immense liability and uncertainty for public and private sector employers.

I am worried that even though we are following state and federal public health guidelines, we are still at risk of a lawsuit from a customer or employee saying that we didn't go far enough. One of these lawsuits would cripple my business. It's already tough to keep my doors open in these challenging economic times.

The ask is simple: please amend HB 4212 to include the -31 amendment. Please don't leave me exposed to unnecessary legal risk!

Thank you for your leadership on this important issue to those of us that are trying to do the right thing.

Sincerely,

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