

I support this bill.

It seems ludicrous that most any retail establishment can remain open for business, yet restaurants and gyms are forced to remain closed.

Has anyone traced a Covid outbreak to a family restaurant? Interestingly, the OHA website contains a weekly outbreak report which tracks outbreaks in Care Facilities, Workplaces, Child Care and Schools. All of those categories are contained/confined groups. Apparently, restaurants and gyms aren't a big enough threat to even be tracked. So why are we keeping restaurants and gyms closed?

The temporary closures and continued demise of these industries is displacing the least capable of weathering the storm: the employees. Hardworking people of all ethnicities have been put out of jobs that not only feed families, but gives a sense of pride in delivering a needed service. One might not call 'eating out' a needed service, but for many of us the enjoyment of eating out is a social event that helps keep us sane. So... not only are we creating difficulties financially, we are causing emotional and social damage on both sides of the service a restaurant provides.

Additionally, are any of the states that have re-opened their economies doing any worse than Oregon? I would challenge you to look into that question.

Small business is the backbone of any economy. Business generally is essential to providing an economic base to help feed government coffers. There's a symbiotic relationship there that our too-large government (state or federal) fails to grasp.

It's long past time to re-open our state and let us get back to business, rehiring employees, serving customers.