

To whom it may concern:

I fully support Bill HB 3177!

5 years ago I opened Broken Anchor Bar & Grill in Bandon completely on my own as a single female. I invested everything I have financially and mentally into my business. It has not been easy, but I succeeded and really felt that I tied all of my loose ends together and worked out the kinks by 2019. Then Covid hit.

The shut downs by Governor Brown, especially the recent ones based off of very hard to achieve numbers, are crippling my business, my livelihood and the lives of 13 employees.

The restrictions she placed on us last May, although difficult, were workable. I removed seats, changed my business model, required masks and social distancing, and was still able to be successful and provide jobs. We have not had any Covid cases linked to any restaurants in the town of Bandon, so this situation was working.

The "metrics" that Governor Brown is now using to close restaurants is not reasonable. Deciding every other Monday off of a chart of cases that we have no control over, who gets to open on Friday is abusive and downright wrong. Other states do not hold positive tests against restaurants. There is no proof we are spreading Covid any more than Walmart or McKay's, in fact we have proven to spread it less! Testing is being promoted and advertised like crazy now so I see no end in sight.

My restaurant was closed, then opened, closed and opened and now we are closed for 6 weeks because of cases 25 miles away from us. If this yo-yo control keeps going, there will be no restaurants left. It is extremely expensive to repeatedly open and close and staffing during to go/take-out only is a nightmare. To go cocktails and lottery do not help. Even when we do decent business with these things we cannot break even. We need to have indoor dining.

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