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TO: Chair Lively, Co-Chair Kate & Members of the House Committee on Judiciary
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SUBJECT: Argument not in Favor of HB 3177

ATTENTION: FOR ALL REVIEWING AUTHORITIES

1. Please accept this as my testimony for HB 3177. I am in favor of this bill. Small business has been under attack during the COVID flu virus. Governor Brown has single handedly dictated which businesses are essential. This has impacted the beverage, hospitality business, and restaurant business while Pot shops may stay open. I know of 3 restaurants in rural Oregon counties that have defied the arbitrary order in order to keep their businesses solvent. One restaurant owner had to tap into his wife's 401K to keep his business afloat. I personally know of one bistro in Central Oregon that offered Christmas Eve dining in the outdoors. We had to bring our own heater to get through the first course. Open eateries provide Seniors' will semi-nutritious meals in rural Oregon and needed social interaction.

2. Governor Brown's order to close health clubs is putting my health in jeopardy. I cannot exercise to reduce my cholesterol and strengthen my physical body. Closure of Health Clubs put, many veterans at risk. They can't work off their stress and they become isolated. We have a Governor out of control. I support HB 3177.

Thank you,


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