

May 19, 2020

Dear Chairman Wilborn and Members of the Senate Judiciary Committee:

My name is Luke Aichele. I own Luke's barbershop and I have been barber for 17 years. For the last two months I have been put under the thumb of the Governor in a game of winners and losers and have faced repeated discrimination on the importance of me making a living to support my family. They depend on me as a sole income provider of my household. I have sat back and watched big box stores operate continuously with less sanitary conditions than we operate with under a normal working condition. I have seen lines of people at but not limited to Walmart, Home Depot and Menards not practicing social distancing and going directly against the guidelines expressed to keep us shut down. The standards have not been consistent nor fair and nothing short of playing god and deciding who succeeds and who fails. The Governor's orders have made business owners like me look nothing short of criminals. When the government chose to deem some businesses essential and others non-essential it created an immediate divide amongst its citizens. Rather than reach out and offer any alternative action she has put thousands of business owners like me in a position to go against her executive orders and face public scrutiny or even be threatened with charges or jail time. We have done this long enough to clearly see that the guaranteed repercussions are outweighing the cure for this Chinese virus.

Thanks for listening to me speak and I hope we can make some tough decisions to get this state back on track.

Sincerely,

Luke Aichele