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Moke Simon, Chair
County of Lake Supervisors
255 North Forbes Street
Lakeport, CA 95453

Dear Chairman Simon,

On behalf of the Board of Directors and Members of the Lake County Chamber of Commerce: We agree with the content and message of your proposed letter to Governor Newsome! In reviewing the Assembly and Senate bills as stated in your letter, we find the bills, signed by the Governor plus the pending SB 850, are in direct conflict with the purpose and heart of his wishes to protect businesses in California.

With the many impacts of COVID-19 we know the pending threat and probable reality of losing thousands of our businesses, not all but most of which are 'mom and pop' businesses. Even larger businesses may find that their reserves may be inadequate to withstand the closures.

As pointed out in your letter, many of the 'essential' businesses as defined by the Federal and State governments have restrictions placed upon them by the bills. To further place burdens upon those same businesses, they do not qualify for assistance to deal with COVID-19 impacts.

The building trades support hundreds of thousands of families, always have and always will, they are part of the framework that promotes a healthy economy for our communities throughout California. The County of Lake's letter points out the importance of a review of recent changes to the State Building Codes, another very necessary request that neither the Governor nor his staff may have considered in our current battle against this pandemic.

Thank you for your leadership and hopefully many other counties will be sending a similar letter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Melissa Fulton".

Melissa Fulton, CEO/CTA