

# Medina County Commissioners

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Dear Governor DeWine,

On behalf of Medina County thank you for your leadership during this critical time. Your efforts to address the significant health and safety associated with the COVID-19 pandemic are appreciated by each of us. Ohio is truly in this together. We have seen firsthand how Medina County has pulled together to make use of personal protective equipment in local businesses, assist neighbors in need and overcome the challenges our community is facing each day.


As you continue to fight this war against the virus and work to reopen Ohio, we ask that you consider creating a comprehensive reopening plan for all businesses. The current piecemeal guidance coming from the State is unacceptable. Allowing for some businesses to reopen, but hindering others, is not helping our economy. All business owners, big and small, are struggling during this time along with their employees. Our Board has been hearing from local business owners in the community who are anxious to get back to work. They are ready and willing to protect their employees and customers by meeting the necessary requirements the State puts in place, but they need to be back to work soon.


To help our employers, we urge you to provide a comprehensive reopening plan for all business sectors across the State. This plan should address when each sector can open and the requirements under which they can open to allow businesses ample time to prepare for reopening. We urge you to develop a comprehensive reopening plan for all businesses now rather than issuing the plan over several weeks. A comprehensive reopening plan needs to be created and shared with the public as soon as possible to alleviate uncertainty that is amassing right now and reassure businesses and their employees that the State is listening.

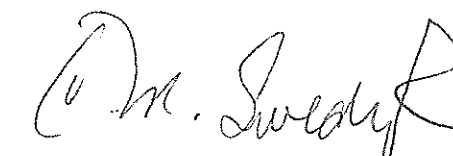
We thank you again for your leadership during these unprecedented times. We would welcome the opportunity to discuss this issue further with your team and are committed to a solution that helps our nation mitigate, respond and recover from these historic times.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

  
Patricia G. Geissman  
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