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May 4, 2020

Dear Cowlitz County Board of Commissioners,

On May 1, 2020, Governor Jay Inslee announced an extension of his Stay Home, Stay Healthy order. Along with the extension, he presented a plan to reopen Washington. The plan consists of four phases and allows for counties to petition for reopening their respective areas sooner.

During Governor Inslee's press conference, he stated each county would need to be ready with a reopening plan, in consultation with another state entity, to be considered "ready" for reopening. Although we may not agree with this approach, we as leaders must comply with unreasonable processes at times. With the assistance of the Cowlitz County Chief of Staff and his executive team, there should be no reason this petition to reopen cannot get accomplished quickly. If this undertaking is too much at this time due to other duties, please let me know. I am confident between the other city executive teams we can get the necessary paperwork accomplished and over to you.

The City of Woodland, along with the other cities in Cowlitz County, is suffering from the Governor's executive order. We need to get our people back to work, countywide, in order to survive the tremendous negative financial impact this order is creating. I believe our businesses and religious organizations are capable of taking appropriate safety measures, similar to those taken at grocery stores, to keep our communities safe.

Please consult with the Governor's office to get Cowlitz County reopened. We are continuing to keep faith, but right now we need action. Draft the necessary paperwork to get us back together and back to work.

Sincerely,

Will Finn

Mayor, City of Woodland

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