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I urge the council to do whatever it can to end the state lockdown. We were told to stay home for two weeks to "flatten the curve". Two weeks have been extended and extended and extended. The curve has been flattened, yet the lockdown continues unabated.

The Governor's criteria for lifting restrictions is meaningless; these statistics can be construed by the user to support whatever the user wants the outcome to be.

We were told "flatten the curve", now it;s: "stay home and save lives". What does that mean? We can't stay home forever. The virus is going nowhere, sooner or later we have to come out.

Think of all the lives we could save by lowering the speed limit on the interstate to 35 mph. No one supports that, it is a ridiculous proposition. This lockdown is just as ridiculous and even doing its own damage.

Don't fall for the argument that it is "saving lives vs. business". These restrictions are saving no one. The are in fact hurting the citizens and crippling the economy.

That is no computer projection, it is an observable fact.

Other states are lifting restrictions, even entire countries are lifting restrictions. Sweden never had any to lift. Clearly at this point our governor is making purely political and self serving decisions. He is ignoring both the State and US Constitutions. This demonstrates that he cares not for the welfare of the citizens of the state, but his own political ambitions.

He is in violation of his oath of office and he is the one in rebellion, not those of us who see these actions for what they are.

However serious Covid 19 may be, none of the predictions made have been accurate. As bad as the disease may be, this cure is doing more harm than the disease.

I urge the Kalama City Council to take whatever action it can to correct this situation.

Richard Merz