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Lisa Thong, President
Board of Barbering and Cosmetology
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Re: Support of Outdoor Operations for Barbershops and Hair Salons

Dear President Thong:

On behalf of the San Benito County Board of Supervisors, we respectfully request that the Board of Barbering and Cosmetology reconsider allowing hair care providers to operate and provide outdoor services under the current COVID-19 pandemic circumstances.

On July 13, 2020, the State reduced allowable activities under the State's reopening plan, impacting our local economy. Counties on the State Monitoring List for three consecutive days, including San Benito County, are now required to shut down industries or activities unless they can be modified to operate outdoor or curbside pick-up, which includes the following sectors: fitness centers; worship services; protests; offices for non-essential industries; personal care services, like nail salons, body waxing, and tattoo parlors; hair salons and barbershops; and malls.

Also, on July 13, 2020, your Board announced that per "*section 7317 of the Business and Professions Code requires that all barbering, cosmetology, and electrologist services be performed in a licensed establishment. Therefore, establishments within the specified counties must close immediately and not offer any services (including any outdoor services).*"

Haircare services were among the first of the businesses ordered to shut down due to the close personal contact between patrons and employees and the discretionary nature of many of their services. Most hairstylists are self-employed, and livelihood is jeopardized by shutting down their business for a second time. This sector is faced with increased monitoring and regulations on their operations as they began to re-openings, only to be shut down shortly after. The Barber and Hair Salon industry strongly believes that they can safely perform services for clients in an outdoor setting and are experiencing a high demand for their services. For these reasons, San Benito County respectfully urges your Board to work with Hair Care establishments to find an equitable solution to provide outdoor services as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

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