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Re: Moratorium of Construction and Stay Home, Stay Healthy Proclamation (20-25)

Dear Governor Inslee,

The Grant County Board of Commissioners, Grant County Sheriff and Grant County Prosecutor again implore you to reconsider the moratorium on the construction of single-family residences and to also begin the opening of small businesses within Washington State and specifically, Grant County.

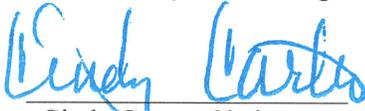
Within the Columbia Basin there is a significant need for affordable housing. The current moratorium on development of single-family residences is having the effect of further distancing the affordability gap within our community.

Yesterday, Commissioner Tom Taylor spoke with the Governor’s Central Washington Regional Representative Salvador Salazar about this. Commissioner Taylor specifically asked questions concerning construction projects i.e. public vs. private interest. **Why is construction of Key Arena, in Seattle, considered essential, but construction of single family homes in Grant County is non-essential?** Mr. Salazar did not have an answer to that question and Commissioner Taylor requested an immediate response from the Governor.

Small businesses in Grant County are ready to reopen and are prepared to take the necessary precautions to help stop the spread of the virus e.g., maintain social distancing; wear protective facial masks; and wash hands frequently. There is no doubt these are unprecedented times for our State and Nation. The COVID-19 pandemic outbreak is forecasted to have a significant impact on our local, national, and global economy. We urge you to amend the Stay Home, Stay Healthy Proclamation.

Sincerely,

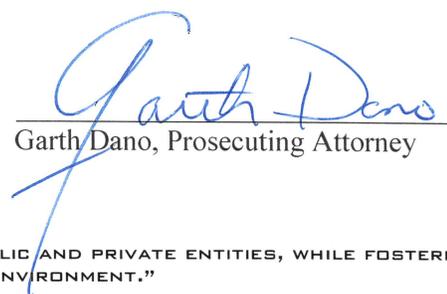
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