



December 5, 2020
Via Email

Dear Governor Newsom,

San Luis Obispo (SLO) County businesses have recently experienced unbelievable and unprecedented challenges due to the pandemic, the restrictions on business, and loss of revenue. The local businesses have complied with these restrictions and have shown extreme patience as they wait to fully reopen.

Because of the compliance of our residents and businesses, proactive measures by our public health department, county and city leaders we have experienced very low Covid-19 hospitalizations and deaths in San Luis Obispo County.

We recognize that public safety and saving lives is the priority and understand that in neighboring counties hospitals are reaching their ICU capacity.

However, currently San Luis Obispo County has one person in ICU due to Covid-19. Our [statistics](#) and projections in SLO County do not compare to the other Southern California counties in which we have been grouped. Therefore, we respectfully ask that your office provide the opportunity for a waiver with a data-based process for our county to be exempted from the Regional Stay at Home Order.

Please help us in supporting our local businesses and economy.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

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