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Dear Commissioner

This letter is on behalf of myself, Shaun McConnell (Irish Kevins) and Jeff Gunther (Conch Republic Seafood Company). We are all business members and have complied in full with every directive that has come before us during this time. Although we understand the intent of these directives we certainly feel that some of them have not been thought through thoroughly. These directives have been crippling to our businesses, running at 50% is manageable but taking away our revenue areas such as bars is damaging. We have been forced to put tables right up against our bars to keep what very little revenue we can generate be possible for our staffs. There is no reason at all why a Bar with a restaurant license couldn't operate within those parameters. Our adult clientele should be able to sit, dine and drink at a bar while also practicing social distancing. The County has also added to the directives by forcing us to close at 11pm. They took a difficult job and made it harder. We understand that there are other businesses not complying and they should be fined, as you have been doing for the past few weeks. We should not be faulted for the sins of others. We have all been inspected by Code enforcement and have zero issues within our operations. We are making all the necessary changes to adhere, and in some cases, surpass the current directives. Once again, DON'T FAULT US FOR THE SINS OF OTHERS. We request to be added to the agenda on the August 19th meeting in an effort to remove this directive, and to stay in line with the county. We have been doing our part for many months, it's time for the city to work with us and not against us. If you have any questions please feel free to give me a call or email. We thank you in advance for taking the time and wish you well.

Always serving,

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