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Good day!

I'm writing just to make my story known so that you have yet another story in favor of lifting this shut down and not hold to a more restrictions for Juneau than the Governor has already put into place.

I'm self employed as a licensed nail tech. I have been studying to make this career happen since August 2018 while providing daycare at the same time. In March 2019 I terminated my daycare to pursue schooling full time and open my in home nail salon. I have filed business taxes with the IRS. I was not able to apply for any federal or local economics assistance due to the lack of funding I also applied for UI on March 29 only to be denied, denied and denied again and again. I have hopes that this will be resolved. I have spent about \$12,000 in education and supplies to take my career to the next level in Fall of 2019 and allow me to license as an Advanced manicurist with the state. Because all business was stopped leaving my education and skills at a halt. I have had no income for 50 days and now am looking at having to start opening my business all over again here in Juneau or wait until we finally sell our home and move out of state to care for my elderly parents during this time in their lives. In the meantime, I have opened to service the few clients I had while going to school while we wait for our home to sell or to make other decisions while we have our home on the market. I had not planned to close my business until we have a buyer and close on my terms as many we were not afforded that opportunity to make these decisions on our own.

I explore you to consider following the governors guidelines for Juneau in the least restrictive fashion and allow families and businesses to move forward in a safe and responsible manner.

Thank you for your time,

Andrea Whisenant, Juneau Resident.

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