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Good Morning Governor Little and Rebound Committee Members:

Idaho owner-operators and employees of Bar and Nightclubs need your help! The Bar and Nightclub Industry are being pushed to the limit in the LAST phase of your Idaho Rebounds Four-Phase plan for reopening, limiting the opening to MID-JUNE as BEST CASE SCENARIO! The plan states it is safe for restaurants to open as Phase 2. SAFETY is a priority for bars AND restaurants alike – each of which follow similar-or-same health codes. If restaurants are then able to open, then Bars AND Nightclubs should be able to do so as well. One in the same, our employees need to get back to work also, before they are gone for good.

According to President Trump's Guidelines for "Opening Up America Again" – issued by the CDC – Phase 2 does state whereas "**BARS** may operate with diminished standing-room occupancy where applicable and appropriate." Idaho small businesses are in fact capable-and-able to implement these same national guidelines! The optics of the recently rolled out Idaho standards are being made clear that the opening of Idaho bars and nightclubs is now being delayed due to a misconception that safety standards and social distancing cannot also be met by our establishments!?

Bars and Nightclubs need to be represented on the Rebound Committee. The majority of restaurants contain bars. If bars cannot open at the same time, then restaurants cannot be allowed to serve alcohol beverages until bars are allowed to be open as well. Alcohol Beverage Control (ABC) issues the same license to all businesses serving alcohol; select business can then choose to serve food and receive an additional restaurant endorsement on the liquor license. The public health district mandates we follow the same health codes. Bars and Nightclub owners and their employees have and will continue to demonstrate their commitment to public health and following ABC rules and regulations.

Idaho Bars and Nightclubs add a tremendous amount of revenue to the State's treasury, and comprise the largest majority of collective sales at Idaho State Liquor stores. This in turn feeds the local municipalities, schools and businesses. The state needs this revenue now more than ever.

We respectfully insist that Bars and Nightclubs be allowed to open in Phase 2 AND Restaurants be allowed to open in Phase 2 as well.

Best Regards,

Add your establishment's name and owner and/or manager contact info here as well as ILBA member!

Send your message off separately to the Idaho State Rebounds Advisory Committee as well as directly to the Governor's office: <https://rebound.idaho.gov/contact-us/> and Governor Little governor@gov.idaho.gov

It might also be beneficial to send your personal messages to Lt Governor Janice McGeachin at <https://lgo.idaho.gov/contact-us/>