I am reaching out in response to a new <u>Executive Order</u> that imposes more operating restrictions on Montgomery County foodservice establishments, among other restrictions. The executive order will reduce indoor capacity to 25%, requiring alcohol sales to stop at 10 PM, and requiring that restaurants collect contact tracing information for all dine-in patrons. As a restaurant operator in Montgomery County, this will further delay the overall economy and our sales recovery.

Restaurants are still fighting to recover from the impact of a pandemic and facing possible rollbacks will set us back even further and impact the livelihood of thousands of employees and business owners.

The restaurant industry proudly serves millions of guests every day and follows food safety and sanitation guidelines as set by the CDC, FDA, Department of Public Health and State Executive Orders.

We must work together to protect the economy and the future of restaurants and their employees by not imposing more COVID restrictions. For the past eight months, restaurants have struggled to keep their doors open and will remain deeply committed to serving their communities while providing a safe environment for their employees and guests. We will continue to follow all CDC and local guidelines to keep our communities safe while still proudly serving them. Please allow us the opportunity to do so responsibly.

Best,

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