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The Honorable Gavin Newsom  
Governor of California  
State Capitol, First Floor  
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Dear Governor Newsom,

As you know, effective July 13, 2020, you ordered hair salons, barbershops, and personal care services to close indoor operations. Shortly after your modification to the stay-at-home orders, the State Board of Barbering and Cosmetology issued a statement clarifying that Section 7317 of the Business and Professions code states that all barbering, cosmetology and electrology services be performed inside a licensed establishment – preventing licensed salons from safely providing services on sidewalks, breezeways and parking lots.

Please accept this letter as a formal request to grant a temporary waiver of Section 7317 to allow California salons, barbershops, and personal care providers to offer services outside of their licensed establishments during the COVID-19 pandemic.

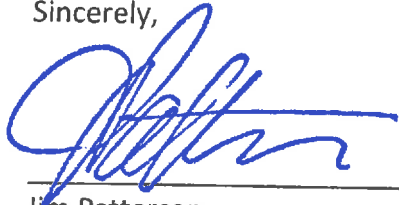
California Alcohol Beverage Control recently unveiled the Temporary Catering Authorization, which allows restaurants and bars to create an outdoor area to consume food and alcohol. The same consideration should be granted to California's beauty and barbering industry. Statewide, cities and counties have helped pave the way to allow for the continued operation of restaurants by adopting emergency ordinances easing restrictions for dining outdoors. Furthermore, your office along with the Department of Public Health, have already made clear that restaurants, wineries, tasting rooms, movie theaters, family entertainment centers, zoos, museums, and cardrooms must close indoor operations but may modify to operate outdoors.

Many small business owners statewide are asking for the opportunity to recoup devastating losses incurred by retrofitting salons and lost revenue due to the previous shutdown, while at the same time continuing to provide important services to Californians. This option may not work for all businesses in all locations, but in the spirit of localism and not stipulating a one-size-fits-all approach, adding the beauty and barbering industry to the established list of businesses that can operate outdoors is a reasonable step to ensuring their survival.

In these unprecedented times, regulatory actions must take into consideration both the health and safety of the public, as well as the financial security of Californians struggling to survive.

Thank you for your consideration of this urgent request.

Sincerely,



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