City of Trussville



Mayor: Buddy Choat City Clerk: Lynn B. Porter

May 4, 2020

The Honorable Kay Ivey Governor of the State of Alabama 11 South Union Street, Suite 217 Montgomery, AL 36130 Councilmembers: Brian Plant Perry Cook Jef Freeman Zack Steele Alan Taylor

Dear Governor Ivey,

I am writing you today to ask you to reconsider your timeline for the select businesses that have not been allowed to open under your current Order. I and many others in public service appreciate the many hours that you, our State and local health department officials, doctors, researchers, and staff have spent developing the best strategy and guidelines for our citizens. That said, it is time to move forward with putting more people back to work.

The facts have been put before us and we have adhered to the guidelines for compliance, but not every business has been treated fairly. The businesses in our city that have not been allowed to open deserve the same opportunity given to those that have opened. I fully trust my business owners to implement and maintain stronger safety guidelines for their customers than is currently required. Customers will be able to decide whom they trust with their safety better than anyone else.

Our small business owners cannot and will not survive under the current plan. May 15th is too late! The unknown is just as bad for them as not being open now. Give them their fair chance to survive before it is too late! They deserve it.

Thank you for your service during this stressful time. May God continue to bless you and the people of Alabama.

Respectfully,

Mayor Buddy Choat

Trussville, AL