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Mr. ONeil – I hear you. The economic devastation being experienced by closing down the economy is terrible and a price that all leaders are having to weigh as we make decisions about ongoing Stay Home, Stay Safe orders. The Governor is leading the charge on this and the city and county leadership are fully supportive. Here's an article with the most recent communications from the Governor.
https://www.newsobserver.com/news/coronavirus/article241822901.html

I am hopeful that immediate, severe action will produce long-term results that will ultimately shorten the amount of time we have to endure this situation. I am so sorry to hear of your suffering and the suffering of all those in our community. It truly is devastating but I hope our resilience will allow us to rebuild when this is over.

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Mayor Manheimer,

I am e-mailing you in the hope that you and the rest of Buncombe County officials would consider doing something different. Instead of lockdown, which is devastating our county more than helping, how about issuing a proclamation of trust. Allow businesses to open but only have a certain amount of people in them and each person has to be a certain amount of feet away from the next. This closing of barbershops and other businesses is killing our community because so many of them will not recover. I have spoken to many people who

are so close to declaring bankruptcy and losing everything, including their families. Please consider trust instead of force or there may not be a Buncombe County left to save. Thank you for your time.

Josh O'Neil