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Good Afternoon.

On Behalf of the Hotel Motel Association of Williamsburg Virginia,

Yesterday's phase 3 announcement pertaining to entertainment guidelines came both as a shock and a disappointment to me. Our hotels, our restaurants, our many employees and their families existence are impacted negatively by recent phase 3 direction - not to mention the impact on the future of the Tourism industry in Williamsburg, Virginia. This is not a trickle-down effect to the Hotels and Restaurants in this town where so many people's existence depend on the Tourism Industry. I do not understand the Governor's blanket decision to lump Busch Gardens into the "entertainment" category. Most certainly the scale of these industries (Busch Gardens, Water Country, Kings Dominion etc.) should be one offs when deciding fair and equitable criteria for reopening. At the very least it should be based on a percentage capacity.

Williamsburg Hotels and Restaurants survive on the revenues produced during the peak summer periods. Without this, many will not survive the coming year. I feel it is not a coincidence that America was started here in Williamsburg and the 4th of July represents such a huge part of our continued existence as businesses and tax contributors to Virginia. I implore the Governor to take another look at the "entertainment" industries and bring some equitable reasoning to the Phase 3 process. Entertainment Business phase 3 decisions should include more scope and thought than just throwing out a number.

I appreciate in advance any additional consideration or thought that can be given to this matter by Governor Northam.

Neal Chalkley

President Williamsburg Hotel Motel Association

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