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My name is Jon McIntosh,

I am the owner of Interstate Auto Sales, in Prineville, Oregon.

I have seen a real hardship on people who wanted to purchase a vehicle from me but couldn't because they were not working because the company they worked for was closed dow. Even people who are receiving unemployment benefits typically don't bring in as much as they do when they are working, and most banks and financial institutions will not

lend money to people on unemployment. This has impacted my business and many of the people who I would normally be able to help get into a reliable car and secure financing.

I also want to let our local government officials, and community leaders know what I think

about the 'new normal.' This is unprecedented to allow any government official to use their bureaucratic power to undermine the rights of American citizens. This must come to a stop immediately!

When our government bureaucrats can tell us when and where we can work, when and if we can go to church, how many people can attend, put muscles on our faces, restrict travel rights, etc. it sounds a lot to me like communism. This must end immediately!

We do not need permission to open businesses. We do not need permission to work. We do not need permission to come together and worship. These are God given rights guaranteed by the Constitution.

OSHA and OLCC the biggest offenders, and intimidators of our local business community and of course all the local people they employ. They need to be put on notice that they will not be permitted in our county or city until this so called crisis is over. I have talked to many people who are being crushed by these lockdowns. I have also talked to many who are fed up and ready to take action if our leaders don't do the right thing. We are Americans. We didn't elect Kate Brown to make our medical decisions for us. We didn't elect our local officials to pander to the State. We elected them to look out for us and I am glad to see that our city is finally taking steps in the right direction. It is time to stop the abuse!

I and most people who I know are sick of wearing masks. Our unique country was founded on the principles of protecting the individuals rights over the 'mob.' We

are not a democracy we are a constitutional republic and this mentality that 'we are all in it together' has the smell and sound of communism. In a communist nation the 'collective' is protected rather than the individual. We must not succumb to this mentality that is being drilled into us. Mask are a personal medical decision that we should make with our doctors based on our personal medical history and advice of our doctors, not by a bureaucrat. There is only one person that I want making my own medical decisions, and that is me!

Lastly, I believe that business owners should set their own safety standards within their businesses and let individuals decide if they want to comply with them or go to another business may fit their personal convictions better. Business owners are not paid by the government to police the citizens, but they are being fined for not doing so. This abuse must stop!

Sincerely

Jon McIntosh