

Senate Public Health and Welfare

SB 6

Proponent Testimony

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Dear Honorable Chairwoman Gossage and Members of the Senate Public Health and Welfare Committee,

I strongly urge your support to SB 6.

As a facilities manager for a Christian church, I saw our leadership pressured into a terrible decision. At the threat of fines and jail, they closed the doors to the church in March 2020. This is egregious and though they should have had better discernment, it was the threat of fines and jail they swayed them greatly.

We have the First Amendment to the US Constitution for a reason. It includes the freedom to assemble and the freedom of religion. Both of which have no infringement on them outlined in the Constitution. Therefore, there is NO public health crisis that should ever close the doors to our churches again.

I would appreciate your support to SB 6.

Sincerely,

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