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The Honorable Gavin Newsom  
Governor, State of California  
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Dear Governor Newsom:

For weeks, individual Californians and businesses have heeded your advice to shelter-in-place and practice social distancing. Bold actions taken by your Administration, with support from the Legislature, have helped to save lives. While we all strive to keep Californians safe, and achieve our projected downward trend in new cases, we write today about the next phase of the state's response to COVID-19, which must also prioritize the reopening of our economy. Businesses have operated in a diminished capacity, many of them have completely shut down, to adhere to the shelter in place order.

We agree this is the right time to start having preliminary conversations between businesses, the workforce, and government on what an economic reopening strategy should look like, and what is reasonable to expect. As you are aware, such a conversation demands urgency since we need to have a solid plan in place for all job creators on how we can get more than 2 million Californians back to work, while also providing transparency to all business owners on what resources and tools they can realistically expect will be available following this crisis. Given your recent partnership with West Coast states, we request that conversations surrounding the reopening of the economy have equal representation between job creators and their workforce and again stress the urgency in prioritizing this crucial dialogue. We stand ready to help facilitate such a discussion.

Government's sole revenue depends on the private sector. Any plan for recovery must be coordinated and transparent so we get Californians back to work and save our crucial small businesses. How we plan to move forward with this recovery will have a dramatic effect on not just the current economy, but our future economy as well.

We look forward to working with you and to the day when we can tell all Californians, and the world, that California is back open for business.

Sincerely,

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Shannon Grove  
Senate Republican Leader

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