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The Hon. Jason Kenney
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Dear Premier Kenney,

On behalf of the Board of Directors and members of the Edson and District Chamber of Commerce we would like to voice our concerns with the current restrictions placed due to Covid-19. They are having extreme negative impacts on our business community. This has been, to say the least an exceedingly difficult year and they feel a total lack of direction and guidance coming from the government at this moment. First and foremost is the concern of no timelines on when they will be allowed to reopen.

Restaurants are having the continued struggle of when they will be able to seat customers, and yet they have followed all measures in keeping customers safe with the prior restrictions. It is extremely difficult to do any forward planning or budgeting in this situation.

The continuation of these restrictions is having significant effects on our businesses and the business community. Even though businesses have been following all proper health protocols they were still forced to close. They have gone above and beyond implementing new procedures and processes and spent valuable time and resources to protect their customers and keep their businesses running.

We certainly understand there needs to be balance in keeping Albertans safe and the economy running, however we do not feel all communities should have the same restrictions imposed on them. Our community is miles away from the larger centres and we respectfully ask that you consider different restrictions for communities like ours.

Many businesses have poured their life savings and time to make it through this pandemic and even with government programs it is only temporary relief and does not make up for the uncertainty that they are faced with.

We ask that you implement a plan to allow our local businesses, and those throughout Alberta to maintain their livelihoods while continuing to operate safely once again.

Yours Truly,
The Edson and District Chamber of Commerce Executive.