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**From:** Shelly Christensen <shellyfuller@pawscafe.com>  
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**To:** Ravalli County Commissioners Office  
**Subject:** Closing Ravalli County businesses, is it necessary?

Hello,

I own a pet food company and as such have remained relatively unfazed by the Governors business closures. However, I care a great deal about our other community businesses and I'm sensitive to the economic hardships that preceded these closures. I have noticed that many businesses are taking a stand and refusing to close and personally I applaud them. Others I fear have closed based on inaccurate and quite frankly very scary death estimates that simply have not come to fruition. I do not believe this is because we've closed businesses. Our Governor seems to be focused on the activities of larger cities and to a small degree some of our larger Montana cities as well. But I think we need to be very considerate to our own needs in this small rural area and focus on keeping both our businesses and those at risk healthy. It doesn't need to be a choice of either one or the other. The positions taken in areas like South Dakota; even Sweden, would seem far more beneficial. I hope that our representatives will come together with more mutually beneficial guidelines the protect both aspects of this problem in the very near future so that we can get on as a community to succeed and care for our people.

Regards  
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