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The Honorable Gavin Newsom
Governor, State of California
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RE: Terminating the Prosecution of Placer County Small Business Owner

Dear Governor Newsom and Director Hirata:

I urge you to immediately terminate the selective and politically motivated prosecution of the House of Oliver, a small business in Placer County that I represent.

According to a report in The Sacramento Bee on May 10, 2022, "Matthew Oliver, the restaurant owner, recently learned the agency still wants to shut the House of Oliver for 30 days as a penalty for violating the state's pandemic health orders in late 2020 and early 2021."¹

This prosecution by the California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) is happening despite the Placer County District Attorney finding insufficient evidence. In fact, there has never been any evidence presented that any harm was caused.

To the contrary, Placer County has actually experienced better health outcomes than the rest of the state. The Sacramento Bee reported on March 14, 2022, "After two years of data collection, Placer County's per capita COVID-19 death rate is about two-thirds that of the state average. Placer County reported 591 deaths to the state as of March 7, bringing the death rate to 146 per 100,000 residents for the duration of the pandemic. California's death rate stands at 217 per 100,000."²

It is imperative that ABC end its selective and politically motivated attack on this small business in my community. I look forward to your timely response.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "K. Kiley".

KEVIN KILEY
Assemblyman, 6th District

¹ <https://www.sacbee.com/article260685737.html>

² <https://www.sacbee.com/news/local/article257272647.html>