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Sen. Linthicum Joins Lawsuit with Courageous Churches

Klamath Falls, Ore.— Churches and individuals across Oregon have joined a lawsuit challenging the constitutional authority of Governor Brown’s Executive Orders due to the COVID-19 event. The plaintiffs argue that Brown’s executive powers have gone beyond their statutory authority and by forcing churches to remain closed, infringed on their constitutional rights.

The churches, including New Horizon Christian Fellowship in Klamath Falls, are asking Baker County Circuit Court to issue a temporary restraining order, blocking the Governor from enforcing the stay-home order.

Senate Republican Deputy Leader – Dennis Linthicum (R-Klamath Falls) issued the following statement:

“I am proud to join this courageous cohort of churches petitioning the court for redress. The Governor’s authority has run out. It is time to open our communities to all the good that comes from our spiritual, cultural, social and economic productivity. The other petitioners and I believe that the re-opening strategy does not fairly address churches, which should be treated like other community enterprises that are currently open.”

“The Governor’s executive orders were meant to ensure that our hospitals were not overrun with COVID-19 cases. One of the more important sectors of our economy is health care and health care workers have been extensively furloughed and laid-off. Now, with hindsight we can review our empty hospitals and gain insight on the enormous devastation caused by the one-size-fits-all shut-down policy.”

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