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Subject: Please reopen California's amusement parks!

Dear Governor Newsom,

The Santa Clarita Valley Economic Development Corporation (SCVEDC) requests your swift action to reopen California's amusement parks!

Six Flags Magic Mountain has long been the largest private employer in the Santa Clarita Valley, advancing jobs, tourism, and positive economic impact to our valley. Governor, we urge you to use the science and data to allow Magic Mountain and other amusement parks in California to open now. Besides offering Californians a safe and fun outdoor activity during these bleak COVID-19 days, these parks directly employ tens of thousands of people and entire communities have been built around them. The amusement park employees, surrounding small businesses and all their employees, local governments, and loyal guests all depend on these parks being open.

Throughout the world, amusement parks have successfully reopened and there are no known COVID-19 outbreaks being traced back to parks. These parks put the health and safety of both their employees and guests as a top priority and we're confident that they can reopen safely as they have proven in so many other states and countries.

Even more than the lost jobs and lost revenue, however, the greatest impact is truly the loss of hope, joy, laughter, and fun. That damage is the most painful of all. Our leaders, from the Governor to local officials, have the power to continue to protect our health while giving us back our sense of hope, and allow us to enjoy wholesome, outdoor fun.

Californians need jobs, businesses need customers, local governments need revenue and most importantly, we all need hope. Please stop delaying and please allow California's amusement parks to reopen soon! We know they are ready and so are we!

Sincerely,

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