



May 6, 2020

The Honorable Mayor John Cooper and
Members of the Davidson County Health Board

As you are aware, the City of Goodlettsville is a satellite city of Metro Davidson Nashville, approximately twelve miles North of downtown. Our corporate limits fall in both Sumner and Davidson counties, with the majority of our commercial activity occurring in the Davidson County portion of Goodlettsville.

As the “Roadmap to Reopening Nashville” is underway, and we are all hopeful for the data to drive us into Phase One, our experience in Goodlettsville is much different than the rest of greater Davidson County.

Most of our businesses are small businesses. Because they are unable to re-open under current guidelines, they are uniquely suffering, as their customer base is very easily traveling across an invisible line to a competitor, a few of which work within their own community, and many of which are right next door in the next city. Business owners fear these customers may never return to their small Goodlettsville/Davidson County businesses.

The 37072 zip code has had 51 cases of Covid-19 reported, being among the least amount of positive cases in Davidson County. This community is very different from most of the urban Metropolitan Nashville area. Both in cases of Covid-19, but also in the makeup of its businesses and its residents. Our businesses have been begging for our help. The damage and continued suffering is great.

The City of Goodlettsville two weeks ago established an Economic Support and Recovery Task Force, made up of City staff, our local Chamber of Commerce, and business leaders in the community. All members unanimously expressed their appreciation of your “Roadmap to Reopening Nashville”. It is very concise and thorough. It is evident that a lot of careful thought and effort went into crafting such a plan. However, based on the points made earlier regarding the very unique situation of our business district, this Task Force, along with the City of Goodlettsville Board of Commissioners and the Goodlettsville Chamber of Commerce, respectfully ask that the Board of Health allow (either the City of Goodlettsville OR the 37072 zip code) to begin Phase 2 of the “Roadmap to Reopening Nashville” on May 11.

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We commend you and everyone else on the thorough process and diligent efforts regarding the concern of the spread of the virus. We are grateful for your transparency and open dialogue. This is a difficult time for every business. Thank you for your thoughts. We are a unique case and want consistency and fairness across our city on reopening procedures.

Sincerely,



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