



# California Legislature

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The Honorable Gavin Newsom  
Governor of California  
State Capitol  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Governor Newsom:

Thank you for your leadership as you guide all Californians during these unprecedented times. As we confront the COVID-19 pandemic, your commitment from the beginning was that “science, not politics, must be the guide” when decisions are made in reopening our economy. As we move from Stage Two to Stage Three, your administration has recently released guidelines for the reopening of casinos, professional sports, fitness facilities, cardrooms, hair salons, and barbershops, among many others. However, you continue to exclude nail salons in Stage Two.

Many across the state are questioning why nail salons are classified as an industry unsafe for reopening while similar industries such as hair salons are not. We urge that you reexamine your policy and decision on nail salons. If there is a scientific basis for delaying the reopening of nail salons, please clearly communicate the reasoning for your actions.

The largest Vietnamese community outside of Vietnam resides in Orange County. Vietnamese Americans own over 80% of all nail salons across California. They have patiently waited and sacrificed their own financial well-being to protect the public’s health. However, they no longer can stand aside when casinos, fitness facilities, and movie theaters begin to reopen.

Finally, we want to thank your office for engaging with several of us and the nail salon industry in crafting potential guidelines. We urge you to consider allowing nail salons to reopen without further delay and ask that guidelines be issued to safely reopen nail salons at this time.

Sincerely,



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