

## Untitled

Commission Meeting

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## Comments:

I own Under Charlie's Covers, a used bookstore located in Bernalillo. We have been in business for 11 years. We have been closed since March 24th in compliance with the stay at home order. In the meantime, my customers are buying their books from Cost Co., Sam's Club, Walmart, Target and Amazon. This is a practice that could become a habit, especially ordering used books from Amazon instead of buying and trading from my store. I understand that the governor is concerned about people going out and spreading COVID-19, but I think that the public is more at risk through contact at crowded big box stores than they would be shopping in my store. I am prepared to require masks and I have Nitrile exam gloves that every customer will wear when they enter the store and dispose of on their way out the door. We have always wiped down our books that are traded in with rubbing alcohol. I have two employees that are ready to come back to work, who I have started paying again through my PPP loan even though I am still closed. If I have to remain closed through another month, I will not be able to pay my June rent, and my landlord is not cutting me a break. Please let my business and other small businesses like mine reopen! We can do it safely and have more control over our surroundings and customers than the big box stores. Thank you.