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To the Committee on State and Local Government,

I am writing in support of LD 1039, An Act To Safeguard the People's Voice in a State of Emergency.

As a 75 year old man who is going through enough stress with all this going on, it's not to the benefit of my health, nor my wife's health, to be stuck at home, not having any voice to express my feelings. I feel like we're in a socialist country, being dictated, and we need to stop this. I'm in favor of this bill. For us, it's the stress of "Should we go to church; will we be able to go in?" When I go to town, I go as little as possible, but I ask myself, "Can I go into the store? Do I have my mask? Am I following the rules?" I just assume not go into town anymore. I go as little as possible. I feel we are losing all our friends and family, and it's dividing all of us. This needs to stop. Somebody has got to hear us. If I knew there was a set limited timeframe to this emergency order, I would have more hope. More voices would be heard, more often; we need to be represented by our legislation.

Senator Lisa Keim had stopped by our farm a couple years ago and sat on our front porch discussing issues as they related to farming. It gives me hope, to know that she is genuine in hearing our concerns, that she understands our lifestyle and where we are coming from, and that she represents us well. She is willing to hear and act on our behalf, but her voice needs to be heard, as well.

We would have more hope if we knew that the legislation would be convening to discuss the emergency measures. I feel that due legislative process needs to be in place to bring our issues to the table to discuss, so that the legislators can argue these matters out and vote, as opposed to one person, the Governor, being able to make all of these decisions.

As a free American,
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