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To the Committee on State and Local Government,

I would like to communicate my support of LD 1039, An Act To Safeguard the People's Voice in a State of Emergency,

As a mother of four, I want to express my biggest concern, in trying to practice my Christian faith and not being able to freely do so. To go to church and see so many pews empty because of a restriction of numbers, and to ask our bishop to speak for us and to hear from him that his voice is not even being heard by the one person who is making all those decisions; it's alarming. Granted, the capacity is going up to fifty percent, but it's been a year, and people's spiritual needs have not been adequately met.

The other concern is that we were just starting to get involved volunteering within the church soup kitchen. We all were serving the hungry and homeless, and our kids loved it, the community loved it, but then things rapidly got shut down.

These concerns may seem large or small to some people, but the major concern is that one person is making these decisions for all of us. Senator Lisa Keim has, time and again, been a voice of the people she represents. It's now time for our voices to be heard through her. I, along with my family, support this bill.

Please remember the voice of the people,

Diane Tyne