June 3, 2020

The Honorable Ned Lamont Governor, State of Connecticut 210 Capitol Avenue Hartford, CT 06106



Today is Wednesday, June 3, which is the day that we as a restaurant industry had asked to reopen our doors for indoor dining throughout the state. Unfortunately, this date will not become a reality for more than 8,500 restaurants and over 160,000 foodservice employees, as your administration continues to hold firm on June 20.

We urge the state to reconsider this timeframe and reopen indoor dining on **Wednesday**, **June 10**, which will be a full three weeks after outdoor dining began and 86 days since our dining rooms were told to shut down. Over this time, our restaurants continue to prove why they are leaders in safety and sanitation, as they have provided a safe environment for both their employees and customers.

Without this earlier date, it is clear that more restaurants can and will fail in the intervening days. This is not hyperbole. Just this week and only steps from the Capitol, Firebox Restaurant in Hartford closed after 13 years in operation. They simply could not hold out any longer. Right now, every day counts for our industry. Opening indoor service before the 20th will mean the difference for other restaurants, for their employees, and for our economy.

As our Governor, you have an opportunity to do what is right for our industry and help put us on a better path towards recovery. Neighboring Rhode Island has already opened their doors for indoor service. In addition, our COVID metrics are substantially better than our neighbors in New York and Massachusetts. For these reasons, we implore the state to set a realistic date that would be one week from today. It will give all of our restaurants a chance to prepare to open their dining rooms to the people of Connecticut.

Every Day Counts!

Sincerely,

Scott Dolch | CRA Executive Director & More Than 550 Connecticut Restaurants

116 CROWN - New Haven
150 CENTRAL - Bristol
19TH AT BLUE FOX - Avon
2 HOPEWELL BISTRO - South Glastonbury
348 OYSTER BAR - Fairfield
55 WINE BAR & GRILLE - Fairfield
744 WEST BAR AND GRILL - West Haven
85 MAIN - Putnam
99 RESTAURANT & PUB - Bristol, Cromwell, Danbury, Enfield, Glastonbury, Groton, Dayville, Norwich, Stratford, Torrington, Vernon & Wallingford ABIGAIL'S GRILLE & WINE BAR - Simsbury ACAPULCOS - Enfield AGAVE GRILL - Hartford AMANDOS - Bethel AMARONE - Guilford AMERICAN SOUL KITCHEN & BAR - Meriden AMERICAN STEAKHOUSE - Bridgeport, Meriden & Norwalk AMICI TAVERN - North Haven AMORE CUCINA & BAR - Stamford ANGELINA'S RESTAURANT - Enfield

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ANTHONY JACKS WOOD FIRED GRILL - Southington **ANTHONY'S LAKE CLUB** - Danbury **ANTHONY'S OCEAN VIEW - New Haven** APPLEBEE'S - Danbury, Groton, Mansfield, Orange, Plainville & Torrington **APPLEWOOD RESTAURANT AND BAR - Bristol APP'S RISTORANTE - West Haven ARCH STREET TAVERN - Hartford ARIA WEDDING & BANQUET FACILITY - Prospect ARTISANAL BURGER COMPANY - Manchester ATELIER FLORIAN** - New Haven ATHENA 2 - North Haven AUX DELICES - Darien, Greenwich, Old Greenwich, *Riverside & Westport* **AVERT BRASSERIE - West Hartford BALTIC RESTAURANT - Berlin BANC HOUSE** - Norwalk **BAR BOUCHEE - Madison BAR FORE GRILL - Suffield BAR PIÑA -** Hartford **BASTA TRATTORIA - New Haven BEAR'S SMOKEHOUSE BBQ - Hartford, New Haven,** South Windsor & Windsor **BIG JIM'S GALLEY - Stratford** BIN 100 RESTAURANT - Milford **BIRCH HILL TAVERN -** Glastonbury **BISCOTTIS RISTORANTE - New Fairfield** BJ RYAN'S - Norwalk **BLACK-EYED SALLY'S - Hartford BLACKSTONE** - Southington **BLEND SUPERFOOD CAFÉ** - Clinton **BLIND PIG PIZZA CO - Hartford BLUE PLATE KITCHEN - West Hartford BOCA OYSTER BAR - Bridgeport BONFIRE GRILLE - Milford** BRADFORD'S GRILL & TAVERN - Stamford **BRAVO BRAVO - Mystic BRAZIS** - New Haven **BREAKWATER -** Stonington **BRENNAN'S RESTAURANT - Stamford BRICCO** - West Hartford **BRICCO TRATTORIA -** Glastonbury **BRIDGE HOUSE RESTAURANT - Milford BRIDGEWATER VILLAGE STORE AND BISTRO -**Bridgewater **BRONX HOUSE PIZZA - Stamford BROTHER MIKE'S** - Madison **BRUSHMILL BY THE WATERFALL -** Chester **BRUXELLES BRASSERIE** - South Norwalk **BUD'S CAFÉ** - Portland

BUFFALO WILD WINGS - Danbury, Manchester, Milford, North Haven, Southington, Stamford, Waterbury, Wethersfield & Windsor **BULLSHEAD** - Stamford **BURTONS GRILL & BAR - South Windsor BUTCHERS & BAKERS -** Farmington **CAFE AMICI - Hamden CAFE AURA -** Manchester CAFÉ FLO - Old Lyme **CAMBRIDGE HOUSE BREW PUB -** Granby **CARBONE'S** - Hartford **CARBONE'S KITCHEN** - Bloomfield **CARBONE'S PRIME** - Rocky Hill **CASA MIA AT THE HAWTHORNE - Berlin** CASA MIA ON THE GREEN - Rocky Hill **CASA MIA ON THE HILL - Newington CASEY'S IRISH PUB - Milford CASEY'S TAVERN** - Stamford CASK REPUBLIC - New Haven, South Norwalk & Stamford **CATERING BY CHRISTINE - Milford CENTRICO TAQUERIA TEQUILA BAR - Bethel CHAR RESTAURANT - Greenwich** CHICK-FIL-A - Uncasville CHIP'S FAMILY RESTAURANT - Fairfield, Orange, Southbury, Southington & Wethersfield CHIP'S PUB III - Clinton CHOW FOOD AND BEVERAGE CO. - Clinton CHUCK'S STEAK HOUSE - Rocky Hill **CHUCK'S MARGARITA GRILL - Storrs CIRCLE DINER -** Fairfield **CITY STEAM - Hartford COLONY DINER - Wallingford COLUMBUS PARK TRATTORIA - Stamford CONSIGLIOS RESTAURANT - New Haven COTTON HOLLOW KITCHEN -** South Glastonbury **COVER 2 -** Newtown **CUGINO'S RESTAURANT** - Farmington DAVID ALAN CATERING - Berlin DAVID'S CATERING - Stamford **DEKE'S BAGELS** - Niantic **DEL PRIMO** - Brookfield **DINERLUXE** - New Milford **DISH BAR & GRILL - Hartford DISH N DAT -** Canton **DIVE BAR AND RESTAURANT - West Haven DOCKSIDE BREWERY - Milford** DOG LANE CAFÉ - Mansfield **DON MEMO -** Westport **DRY DOCK BAR & GRILLE** - Norwalk **EASTEND** - Greenwich

EFFIE'S PLACE RESTAURANT - West Hartford ELBOW ROOM - West Hartford EL POLLO GUAPO - Glastonbury, Hartford & Wethersfield ELI CANNON'S TAP ROOM - Middletown **ELICIT BREWING - Manchester** ELI'S - Branford, Orange ELI'S BRICK OVEN PIZZA - Hamden **ELI'S ON WHITNEY - Hamden ELI'S TAVERN - Milford ELMER'S PLACE** - New Britain **EMILY'S CATERING GROUP** - Bristol **ENGINE ROOM -** Mystic ESCA RESTAURANT & WINE BAR - Middletown **EVARITOS MEXICAN KITCHEN & BAR - Norwalk** FAIRFIELD PIZZA - Fairfield, Greenwich, Stamford & Stratford FENTON RIVER GRILL - Mansfield FIGARO'S RISTORANTE - Enfield FIRE AT THE RIDGE - Middlefield FIRST & LAST TAVERN - Hartford FIRST & LAST BAKERY CAFE - Hartford FLANDERS FISH MARKET - East Lyme FLORA - West Hartford FORK & FIRE - Farmington **FOUNDERS HOUSE** - Milford **FOUNDRY KITCHEN AND TAVERN** - Sandy Hook FRANK ANDREWS MOBILE KITCHEN - Clinton FRANK PEPE PIZZERIA NAPOLETANA - Danbury, Fairfield, Manchester, New Haven, Uncasville, Waterbury, West Hartford FRANK'S GOURMET GRILLE - Mystic FRESCA TEOUILA BAR & GRILL - Colchester FRESH CRAFT GRILLE - Bristol FRESH SALT AT SAYBROOK POINT INN - Old Saybrook FRIENDS AND COMPANY - Madison **FROYOWORLD** - New Haven **GALAXY DINER -** Bridgeport GARDEN CATERING - Fairfield, Greenwich, New Haven, Norwalk, Old Greenwich, Stamford **GATES RESTAURANT - New Canaan GEORGIA'S RESTAURANT AND PIZZA - Amston GERONIMO TEQUILA BAR -** Fairfield, New Haven **GILLETTE RIDGE** - Bloomfield **GIOS** - East Granby **GO FISH** - Mystic **GOLDEN GREEK RESTAURANT & PUB** - Dayville **GOOD MORNING CUPCAKE - Milford GOODFELLAS** - New Haven **GRACE'S RESTAURANT** - Southington **GRANDPA'S RESTAURANT** - Naugatuck

GRANO ARSO - Chester **GRASS & BONE -** Mystic **GRIMALDI'S** - Woodbridge **GROUNDED COFFEE COMPANY - Willimantic GUILFORD MOORING - Guilford GW CARSONS** - Branford G.W. TAVERN - Washington Depot HAIGHT BROWN VINEYARD - Litchfield HALF MOON - Wallingford HANK'S RESTAURANT - Brooklyn HARD HAT CAFÉ - North Haven, Plantsville, Wallingford HARTFORD ELKS / FRANKLIN GIANT GRINDER -Hartford HARVEST WINE BAR & RESTAURANT - Greenwich, New Canaan, New Haven, West Hartford & Westport HEN & HEIFER - Guilford **HOME SLICE PIZZA** - Norwalk **HOOK LINE & SINKER -** Shelton HOPS 44 - Storrs **HOT TAMALE -** Sevmour **INFERNO WOOD FIRED APIZZA - North Haven INFINITE NUTRITION - North Haven IVY WOK -** New Haven J TIMOTHY'S TAVERNE - Plainville J. LAWRENCE DOWNTOWN - Bethel JACK'S BAR & STEAKHOUSE - New Haven **JACKS STEAKHOUSE-**New Haven JACK'S BRICK OVEN - Norwich **JEALOUS MONK** - Mystic JESSICA TUESDAY'S - Putnam JIMMY'S DELI - Norwalk JOE'S - Stamford JOEY GARLIC'S - Newington, Manchester JOEY'S PIZZA PIE - West Hartford JP DEMPSEY'S - New Haven JUDY'S BAR & KITCHEN - Stamford **KARMA KITCHEN -** Mystic **KAWA NI -** Westport **KIZL'S RESTAURANT - Southington KOUZINA TAVERNA -** Stamford LA BELLA VISTA - Waterbury LA VITA AT GOODSPEED LANDING - East Haddam LASKARA RESTAURANT - Wallingford LATAVOLA RISTORANTE - Waterbury **LAUREL DINER -** Southbury LENA'S CAFE AND CONFECTIONS - New Haven LENNY'S INDIAN HEAD INN - Branford LEO'S RESTAURANT - Middlebury, Southbury LITTLE PUB - Fairfield, Wilton, Greenwich, Old Saybrook, Stratford LITTLE RIVER RESTORATIVES - Hartford

LOCAL KITCHEN & BEER BAR - Branford, Fairfield & Norwalk LOG CABIN - Clinton LOLA'S BISTRO - Plainville LUCAS LOCAL OYSTER BAR - Newtown LUCE RESTAURANT - Middletown LUNCH WITH OWC - Rockville MADONIA - Stamford MAGGIE MCFLY'S - Middlebury, Southbury, Brookfield, Glastonbury, Manchester MAG'S PIZZA BAR & GRILL - Seymour MAIN STREET GRILLE - Broad Brook **MAINE FISH MARKET RESTAURANT - East Windsor MAISON MATHIS - New Haven MARKET GRILLE -** Manchester MARKET PLACE KITCHEN & BAR - Avon, Danbury, Newtown, Woodbury MARKET PLACE TAVERN - Brookfield, Litchfield **MATCH** - Norwalk **MATCH BURGER LOBSTER -** Westport MAX A MIA - Avon MAX BURGER - West Hartford **MAX DOWNTOWN - Hartford** MAX FISH - Glastonbury MAX OYSTER BAR - West Hartford MCDONALD'S - North Haven **MCLADDEN'S** - Simsbury, West Hartford **MEDITERRANEO** - Greenwich, Norwalk **MEMORIES AT THE TRADITION GOLF CLUB -**Wallingford **MERCATO** - Southbury **MEXICALI GRILL -** South Windsor MIA'S CAFE - Pawcatuck **MICHAEL'S TRATTORIA** - Wallingford MICHEL ANGELO'S - Rocky Hill, New Hartford MIKRO DEPOT - Hamden MILL ON THE RIVER - South Windsor **MILL PLAIN DINER -** Danbury **MILLWRIGHT'S** - Simsbury MITCHELL'S COFFEE HOUSE - Rocky Hill **MITCHELL'S RESTAURANT - Vernon MOE'S SOUTHWEST GRILL** - Southington, Bristol, Hamden, Newington, Enfield, Wallingford **MONKEY FARM CAFE** - Old Saybrook MR. G'S RESTAURANT - New London **MULBERRY STREET - Manchester MURPHY'S TOWNHOUSE CAFE** - Stamford **MUYURI INDIAN BISTRO - Waterbury MY PLACE RESTAURANT** - Newtown **MYSTIC DINER - Mystic NAPLES PIZZA -** Farmington

NEON DELI - Middletown NEW YORK PICKLE DELI - Rocky Hill NICK'S PLACE - Madison **NINO'S TRATTORIA** - Waterbury **OAK & ALMOND - Norwalk OAK HAVEN -** New Haven **OLEA - New Haven OLIA RESTAURANT** - Stamford **OLIO RESTAURANT - Groton O'NEILL'S PUB & RESTAURANT** - Norwalk **ON THE WATERFRONT** - New London **ORDINARY -** New Haven **OSTERIA APPLAUSI** - Old Greenwich **OWL SHOP** - New Haven **OYSTER CLUB -** Mystic PACI RESTAURANT - Fairfield & Southport **PACIFICO RESTAURANT** - New Haven **PAGLIACCI'S RESTAURANT** - Plainville **PAOLO RISTORANTE -** Woodbridge PARK - New Haven **PARTHENON DINER -** Branford, Old Saybrook **PAUL'S RESTAURANT -** Cheshire **PEPPER POT -** Southington **PEPPERCORN'S GRILL** - Hartford **PICCOLO ARANCIO -** Farmington PLAN B - Milford, Fairfield, Glastonbury, Simsbury, Southington, Stamford, West Hartford **POKEMOTO AUDUBON - New Haven POKEMOTO CHAPEL - New Haven POP'S FAMILY RESTAURANT - Milford PORKY'S CAFE** - Shelton PRIME 16 - Oranae PRIME ONE ELEVEN - Trumbull **PRIME PUB -** Bethel **PROPRIETORS -** Farmington PUB 67 - Seymour **QUE WHISKEY KITCHEN - Southington RAILSIDE TAVERN -** Dayville **RALPH N RICH'S -** Bridgeport **REBEL DOG COFFEE CO.** - Farmington & Plainville RED 36 - Mystic **RED ROBIN - Enfield, Manchester, West Hartford REIN'S NY STYLE DELI - Vernon REPUBLIC GASTROPUB** - Bloomfield **REPUBLIC AT THE LINDEN - Hartford REVERIE KITCHEN - Branford RIPKA'S BEACH CAFÉ** - Norwalk **RIO SALADO -** *Mystic* **RISTORANTE LUCE** - Hamden **RIVERVIEW PIZZA RESTAURANT - Moosup RJ CAFE & BISTRO** - Madison

RM BAR AND GRILL - Ashford **ROAD RUNNER -** Black Rock **ROBERTO'S RESTAURANT - Monroe RODD'S RESTAURANT - Bristol ROIA RESTAURANT - New Haven ROMA RISTORANTE -** *Oakville* **ROOST** - Hamden **ROOSTER CO.** - Newington **ROSY TOMORROW'S** - Danbury **ROWAYTON SEAFOOD - Rowayton ROYAL COACHMAN TAVERN -** Riverton **RUDY'S -** New Haven **RUTH'S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE - Newington** S&P OYSTER RESTAURANT AND BAR - Mystic **SALTWATER BAR & RESTAURANT** - Norwalk **SAN MARINO RESTAURANT** - Waterbury SANS SOUCI RESTAURANT - Meriden SAVOY PIZZA - West Hartford **SAYULITA** - South Glastonbury **SBC RESTAURANT & BEER BAR - Milford** SCENA WINE BAR & RESTAURANT - Darien SEABREEZE PIZZA PLUS - Milford **SENOR PANCHOS -** Prospect, Southbury, Middlebury, Thomaston SERAFINO'S RESTAURANT - Wallingford SEVEN SEAS RESTAURANT & PUB - Milford **SHERMAN'S TAPHOUSE** - Burlington, Southington SHISH KEBAB HOUSE - West Hartford **SIENA RISTORANTE - Stamford SIGN OF THE WHALE - Stamford SIGNATURE'S** - Waterbury SITTING DUCK TAVERN - Oxford, Stratford & Trumbull SLIDERS GRILL & BAR - Berlin, Plainville, Middletown, Southington, Torrington, Wallingford **SNEEKERS CAFE** - Groton SOLE - New Canaan **SORELLA** - Hartford SOUTH BAY - Greenwich, New Haven **SOUTH LANE BISTRO - Guilford SPOTTED HORSE TAVERN -** Shelton & Westport **SPARTAN RESTAURANT & BAR -** Waterbury **STATIONHOUSE WINE BAR AND GRILL - Stratford STEAK LOFT** - Mystic STILL RIVER GRILL & BAR - Milford **STONEBRIDGE RESTAURANT** - Milford SUBWAY - Bridgeport, Madison SUMMER STREET PIZZA & DELI - Stamford **SUNNY HOUSE -** East Windsor TABLE 104 - Stamford **TABOULI GRILL** - Stamford TACO CO - Shelton

TACO DADDY - Stamford TAMBASCIO'S ITALIAN GRILL - Newtown TARANTINO RESTAURANT - Westport TAVERN 42 - Plantsville **TAVERN AT GRAYBARNS - Norwalk TAVERN ON STATE** - New Haven **TERRA** - Danbury, Greenwich **TERRENO** - Hartford **TEXAS ROADHOUSE -** West Haven **TEXIKO** - Hamden **THAMES LANDING OYSTER HOUSE** - New London **THE ABBEY RESTAURANT - New Milford THE ANGRY EGG - Manchester THE BEAMHOUSE -** Glastonbury **THE BOSS GRILL - Hartford THE CASTLE ON POST - Fairfield THE GINGER MAN** - Greenwich **THE GRAY GOOSE** - Southport **THE HALF DOOR** - Hartford **THE LUCKY CUP** - Terryville **THE MAIN PUB - Manchester THE MILFORD YACHT CLUB** - Milford THE NEW HAVEN PIZZA CO - Wolcott **THE NORTH HOUSE - Avon THE OLD WELL TAVERN -** Simsbury THE SIMPLE GREEK - Glastonbury, West Hartford **THE SPREAD -** Greenwich, Norwalk **THE TAVERN AT KENEY PARK - Windsor THE VANILLA BEAN -** Pomfret **THE VILLAGE RESTAURANT - Litchfield THE WHELK -** Westport **THE WINDMILL TAVERN - Stratford** THE WILLOWS & TIME OUT AT DOUBLETREE - Bristol **TIERNANS BAR & RESTAURANT - Stamford TISANE EURO-ASIAN CAFE - Hartford TOAD'S PLACE - New Haven** TOMATILLO TACO - Cos Cob, New Haven **TOMATO TOMATO -** Stamford **TORO LOCO** - Farmington **TOWN AND COUNTRY - Bloomfield TRATTORIA DA LEPRI -** Ellington **TRE SCALINI** - New Haven **TREVA RESTAURANT & BAR -** West Hartford **TRIPS' RESTAURANT - Stamford TRUMBULL KITCHEN** - Hartford **TWISTED VINE RESTAURANT** - Derby **TWO BROTHERS PIZZA** - Salem **UNCLE D'S DINER - East Berlin UNION KITCHEN** - West Hartford **UNION LEAGUE CAFE - New Haven USS CHOWDER POT III - Branford**

USS CHOWDER POT IV - Hartford VAZZANO'S FOUR SEASONS - Stratford VAZZY'S 19TH HOLE - Bridgeport VENETIAN RESTAURANT - Torrington VENUE CAFE - Waterbury VILLAGE PIZZA - Gales Ferry VILLAGE TAVERN - Ridgefield VINTED WINE BAR & KITCHEN - West Hartford VIRON RONDO OSTERIA - Cheshire V'S TRATTORIA - Hartford WASHINGTON PRIME - Norwalk WATER'S EDGE RESORT & SPA - Westbrook WENDY'S - Bristol, Manchester, Milford, Torrington & Waterbury WESTBROOK LOBSTER - Clinton WHITECREST EATERY - Stonington
WIDOW BROWNS CAFE - Danbury
WILLIMANTIC BREWING COMPANY - Willimantic
WINGS OVER - Bristol, Fairfield, Newington, Storrs & West Hartford
WOOD-N-TAP - Farmington, Hamden, Hartford, Newington, Orange, Rocky Hill, Southington, Vernon & Wallingford
WOOSTER HOLLOW CAFÉ - Ridgefield
ZARAGOZA RESTAURANT - New Milford
ZAZA GASTROBAR - Stamford
ZODYS 19TH HOLE - Stamford
ZOHARA MEDITERRANEAN KITCHEN - West Hartford
ZOIS NEW HAVEN - New Haven