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El Dorado County Board of Supervisors: Thank you for the opportunity to address the board today. I wanted to follow up to comments made by Dr. Williams today during the session.

In response to my citing of the Great Barrington Declaration, Dr. Williams objected to the Declaration citing that it did not have a scientific approach and it was an emotional piece. Not an exact quote from Dr. Williams but directionally correct. Dr. Williams also suggested we read The Guardian's response to the Declaration.

From a scientific perspective, the Declaration was authored by an infectious disease epidemiologist from the University of Oxford and two medical professors/biostatisticians from Stanford and Harvard. As of today, it has been signed by 9,396 medical and public health scientists and 24,638 medical practitioners. I don't believe medical and public health scientists would sign something that doesn't have a scientific approach.

I certainly understand Dr. Williams taking a stance against the Declaration as she does not agree with the findings.

As far as The Guardian's response to the Declaration, it is well known that The Guardian is endorsed by liberal democrats and is a platform for social liberal and left-wing politics. So, it is no surprise that The Guardian has attempted to poke holes in this writing. If there is a non-biased source that has spoken out against the Declaration, I would tend to give it some credibility.

Supervisor Hidahl questioned Dr. Williams today about the increase in suicides in our county. Her response was that it was hard to track that information as suicides vary so much year over year. She also suggested we should look at statewide numbers vs. county numbers. It is paramount that we look at the data for our county as decisions to open are based on county numbers, not statewide numbers. I would respectfully request that the county numbers be looked at and shared with your constituents at the next board meeting.

Again, I appreciate the opportunity to be a part of the Board of Supervisor meetings and look forward to joining you next Tuesday morning.

Sincerely,

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cc: Jen Yoder, President EDH Republican Women Federated

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