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Greetings to All Minnesotans and Committee Members,

My name is Lisa Hanson. I am writing to you today in favor of Bill HF26.

I support HF26 because this bill supports the People of Minnesota and their unalienable Rights granted by God, protected by both the Constitution of the United States and the Minnesota Constitution.

At no time should one man or one woman be allowed to exercise unilateral control over the People of Minnesota. We live in a Republic, where we are free, free to conduct ourselves in a peaceable manner, as we see fit. All of this, our freedoms and liberties, were taken from us in one moment as a governor exercised *unauthorized* power as would a king. Minnesota is NOT a monarchy. Minnesota is NOT a communist regime. Minnesota is a Republic of the people, by the people, for the people!

If we rewind to only a few years ago we see the atrocities committed by one man when left to act as tyrant over the People. Governor Tim Walz took unilateral control to dictate the people's lives, during Covid, although he had no authority to do so.

Like so many others whose businesses were destroyed due to the crushing actions of one man, Tim Walz, it was no different for me. I owned a well-loved and successful wine and coffee bistro in the city of Albert Lea. We initially shut down for the infamous two week period which turned into months and months of being shuttered. In spite of doing everything we possibly could, my business failed due to Governor Walz's shut down and nothing else.

It was in the fall of 2020, that the return to a full shut down of only specific businesses was orchestrated once again by the governor, when I decided enough was enough. I realized shutting down at 100% would be the final blow, the final nail in the coffin, so to speak, for my business. I had two choices. I could close my business permanently and forever or I could exercise my God-given Rights and open fully to those which chose to support me. I chose the lesser road traveled, the right thing. I chose to open fully against a tyrannical, unilateral, unauthorized order by Minnesota's governor. What took place next was unimaginable and like

something we would only watch in a movie. The only difference was it was actually happening to me. Governor Walz and Attorney General Ellison used every resource possible to destroy me personally resulting in several civil and even criminal cases against me. They prosecuted and persecuted me, a grandma from the little city of Albert Lea to make an example out of me, to not only teach me a lesson, but to teach every other Minnesotan the same lesson. What was that lesson? Don't ever stand on your God-given Rights protected by the Constitutions or you will pay! I was sentenced to 90 days in jail and fined \$1000! As a law-abiding woman and small business owner in the state of Minnesota I was made an example of and incarcerated for simply trying to keep my business open, securing my employees jobs, patronizing the vendors who needed my business, and serving the community at large. While in Freeborn County jail, Albert Lea, MN, I missed out on life events of which I will never regain; my granddaughters birth, my wedding anniversary, Christmas with my family, birthdays, and so many other life events. These moments will never be returned to me. They were taken and gone forever because one man, Tim Walz, decided it to be so; one man did this!

My business was fully destroyed as a result of the tyrannical shuttering of only specific businesses; restaurants, bars, gyms, dance studios, hair salons and the like while big box stores, candy stores, liquor stores and even strip clubs were allowed to stay open as they were deemed essential.... By one man, alone. I was taken from my family, my business, my life and thrown into jail, sentenced to 90 days, all because one man decided I should be. That man is Tim Walz.

Mine is not the only story to be told today. There are countless others that suffered and were persecuted at the hands of ONE MAN. One will never understand the full and radical devastation and cost one man caused so many unless one has walked in our shoes. Never Again should one man or one woman be allowed to unilaterally dictate the People's lives.

Committee Members, I implore you to do the right thing, to uphold and protect the people's God-given Rights as protected by the Constitutions. Support Bill HF26 for the sake of your sworn oath and for the protection of the people of Minnesota.

Thank you for your time and full consideration.

Sincerely,

Lisa Hanson