

# OGEMAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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## **PRESS RELEASE**

## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

### **Ogemaw County Board of Commissioners Stands by Residents and Business Owners**

*West Branch, MI – February 25, 2021* – The Commissioners of Ogemaw County do not and have not agreed with the operating restrictions the Governor and DHHS have imposed on restaurants, gyms, and related businesses. These restrictions do not appear to utilize what is known of the current science to strike an appropriate balance between society's interest in vanquishing the virus and assisting local merchants during this perilous time. To be sure, their actions have caused irreparable harm to the residents and businesses in Ogemaw County.

While the Governor's actions have been ruled unconstitutional by the Michigan Supreme Court, the Commissioners understand that the actions taken by DHHS, no matter how well intentioned and misguided, appear to be within their legislative power under the guise of protecting the public health.

We stand by the residents and business owners of Ogemaw County and stand ready to help in any way possible to protect your interests. We urge you to take advantage of the PPP loans that are still available and the aid that is being argued by Congress when it becomes available. Please contact Ogemaw County Administrator Timothy Dolehanty with any questions or concerns so that we may direct you to resources that can assist you with any issue you may have.

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