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The COVID-19 pandemic has been a challenging time for businesses who have worked to comply with all regulations, and the desire to fix a burdensome regulatory environment by adding more regulation is not the answer.

The **Jackson Hole Chamber of Commerce** is opposing HB1001 and HB1002 from the Wyoming State Legislature Special Session and any other bills that infringe on business right to operate within the state.

- **Creating burdensome and litigious regulation is not the way to push back burdensome and litigious regulation.** Mandates from the state piled on mandates from federal government will deeply harm Wyoming business.
- **The legislature dropped 40+ bills dealing with Covid- 19 Mandates.** The complexity of these issues demands that adequate time be allotted for businesses to review these bills, seek legal counsel, and know exactly what their impact will be. A 3-day session with limited public input is not an appropriate approach to complex issues. Regardless of anyone's political associations, mandates without the requisite due process and the opportunity to be heard are a dangerous precedent for any legislature or governmental entity to not allow public comment on laws that will have real consequences.
- **Our healthcare is at a crossroads!** Hospitals and healthcare providers across this state need our support. They have been under duress from federal regulations and now the state is considering doubling down on regulations that will put healthcare in an impossible situation.
- **React with the intelligence and forethought the Wyoming Legislature is known for.** You are responding to rules that haven't even been written and the business community will have to suffer any real and unintended consequences from decisions made. There is much to accomplish already in front of the state, applying so much time and effort to outcomes that have not even been determined is using precious resources that are needed in so many other areas at this juncture.

The past year and a half the Legislature has shown strong support for the businesses of Wyoming and we cannot impede on their ability to do business and provide employment within our communities.

Sincerely,

Government & Community Affairs Committee
Jackson Hole Chamber of Commerce