

PUBLIC COMMENT

Submitted to the COVID-19 Mitigation and Management Task Force Meeting  
January 28, 2021

Dear Members of the COVID-19 Mitigation and Management Task Force:

I respectfully request you revisit the pandemic restriction on the dispensing of bulk foods.

I can understand the concern about barrel dispensers, as customers' hands may touch the food and the scoop. But I am confused as to why the gravity-fed dispensers are not allowed to operate. Like those in the Northtowne Winco store, these dispensers have a pull-down lever to dispense food without the food having any contact with a person's hand. They are easy to use and easy to sanitize. When you consider the multitude of products in a grocery store which are touched by customers' and employees' hands, allowing stores to use the gravity-fed dispensers for bulk foods should be considered a safe and prudent change to the existing pandemic restrictions.

Aware that this task force cannot take action on any item submitted for public comment, and understanding the overwhelming responsibilities of this task force and the local public health departments, I would greatly appreciate it if my request could be forwarded to the agency/department/division responsible for setting, enforcing, and changing the restriction on gravity-fed bulk food dispensing in Nevada grocery stores. If that is not possible, I would appreciate being advised regarding how best I can make my request known to the proper authority.

Sincerely,

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