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REGIONAL CHAMBER ESTABLISHES TRI-CITY FITNESS COALITION TO ADVOCATE FOR REOPENING GYMS AND FITNESS CENTERS

TRI-CITIES, Wash., – The Tri-City Regional Chamber of Commerce and leaders in the fitness industry have formed the Tri-City Fitness Coalition (TCFC), to advocate for the reopening of gyms and fitness centers.

Today, as a response to the eased restrictions for modified Phase 1 that went into effect Thursday, August 27th which did not include the reopening of fitness centers, the Tri-City Fitness Coalition sent [a letter](#) to Washington Governor Jay Inslee and Secretary of Health John Wiesman urging them to reopen indoor fitness facilities. State Health Officer Dr. Kathy Lofy, local legislators, county commissioners, and city officials were included in the e-mail.

“The closure of our fitness centers, studios and sports facilities has been devastating to our community,” said Sharon Smith, General Manager of Gold’s Gym in Richland, “Hundreds of employees have lost their jobs and are unable to provide for their families. Thousands of members no longer have access to the fitness equipment and support they need to maintain a healthy lifestyle. Our businesses have been closed for six months. We need to get back to work before there is no business to go back to.”

The Coalition hopes to hear back from the Governor and Secretary Wiesman soon.

To join the Tri-City Fitness Coalition, please email Stephanie Swanberg, Regional Chamber Government and Regional Affairs Director, at stephanie.swanberg@tricityregionalchamber.com.

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