

PETITION TO RECONSIDER PARENTAL ATTENDANCE

We, the undersigned, as parents of the players of North Carolina State University football team, do hereby execute this petition to the Honorable Roy Cooper, Governor of the State of North Carolina, to reconsider his decision to deny ALL parents the ability to support their sons in person, by attending home football games;

WHEREAS, COVID-19 is a worldwide pandemic;

WHEREAS, the undersigned do hereby recognize the need to maintain appropriate social distancing and wear masks to prevent the spread of the disease;

WHEREAS, the science behind social distancing is well established and is now better understood than it was when the pandemic began in early 2020;

WHEREAS, Carter Finley Stadium, the home stadium for North Carolina State University football, has a maximum seating capacity of 57,583;

WHEREAS, the anticipated number of North Carolina State University parents and family members attending a game would be less than 500;

WHEREAS, logic dictates that 500 people can socially distance in groups, spreading out at least six feet apart, easily within the 57,583 person stadium;

WHEREAS, previous orders of the state have allowed for at least 400 or more people to shop indoors at department stores such as Target, Walmart, Home Depot, and Lowes while maintaining social distancing guidelines;

WHEREAS, Phase 2.5 currently allows indoor seating at restaurants and gyms to open;

WHEREAS, the stated reason for not allowing parents to attend games or for not allowing more than 50 people to attend a home football game is that it violates Phase 2.5 outdoor

gathering rules;

WHEREAS, in order for a football game to be played, 200 plus people are allowed on the field;

WHEREAS, Governor Cooper has previously, therefore, amended his Phase 2.5 Order by allowing football games to be played;

WHEREAS, said Phase 2.5 Order does not contain an exception that more than 50 people can attend an outdoor event *only if* they have been tested previously on multiple occasions, as members of the football team are;

WHEREAS, Governor Cooper has been seen participating in protests outdoors, not socially distancing, with crowds greater than 500;

WHEREAS, the science and the facts would allow 500 people to socially distance in an outdoor stadium with the seating capacity of 57,583 people;

WHEREAS, free people have a right to petition their government;

WHEREAS, in the United States no politician or governor should prohibit any parent from being able to support their child;

THEREFORE, we, the undersigned parents of the players of the NCSU football team, do hereby request that the Honorable Roy Cooper revisit and amend his prior decision and allow ALL parents to attend in-person football games capped at no more than 500 people, and to do so following social distance protocol.

Respectfully submitted this the 15th day of September, 2020.

Signed by: Jeff Craddock and Jennifer Craddock