



Mannix Responds to Circuit Court Action

On May 26, 2020 Baker County Circuit Court Judge Matthew Shirtcliff has responded to the Supreme Court alternative writ of mandamus with a letter. In this letter, the Judge elected to stand by his original ruling. He will not be vacating the May 18, 2020 Order

granting preliminary injunctive relief and denying the State's motion to dismiss the matter.

“What this means is that this matter remains in play before the Oregon Supreme Court,” stated Kevin Mannix, attorney for the intervenors, who are supported by Common Sense for Oregon Foundation. “With this action by the Circuit Court Judge, the Governor will now be given the opportunity to file a brief before the Supreme Court by May 28, defending her Executive Orders. The plaintiffs and the intervenors will have an opportunity to file an answering brief by June 2, next Tuesday,” Mannix added.

“I am pleased that Judge Shirtcliff chose to stand by his original decision, which I firmly believe is strongly supported by proper analysis of the statutes,” said Mannix. “We will now have the opportunity to fully engage with the Governor's representatives in front

of the Supreme Court. We will make the case that the rule of law in Oregon allows continued standard regulation of public health matters, but it does not allow the Governor extraordinary powers to close down businesses and churches, beyond 28 days from the original declaration of a public health emergency,” Mannix added.