

Just heard about your decision to stay open as long as possible despite the ridiculous request from the Federal government. I WILL get my family of 5 up there soon to support you! Thank you for helping put perspective on this situation. Be well, Jan

Message

Bruce - I have not had the pleasure of visiting Pisgah Inn but will definitely plan to visit in the future. I applaud your decision to defy the shut-down order. Stay strong!

Message

If you need us to come up for meals and help "politely" say no to the Forest Service, just let the locals know - I'm sure WLOS & the GSP area news would be happy to send out the word. After all, this is something we would do every October

Message

Sorry about your difficulties with the govt shut down. The good news is: I didn't know about your Inn until I saw you on the news. Good publicity. I plan to come by & check it out. Hang in there.

Message

Bruce, and everyone at Pisgah Inn,

Our family has stayed at the Pisgah Inn numerous times over the last 20 or so years. Love the place, and wish we could get there more often. We are not on Facebook but wanted to voice our support of your decision to remain open during the "shut down".

That's all, thank you for all you do,

The Spruills

Message

Congratulations and thanks to you all for courageously making a stand! Your example will kindle courage in many others. I'm happy to know of you.

Message

I just read that you're trying to stay open. Kudos to you! It is ridiculous for the government to close down establishments like yours. I hope everything works out well for you. I'm going to be in NC (for the first time) next week and if we can get that far, I'll come eat at your restaurant. :)

Message

Thank you for taking a stand and trying to remain open. We will watch the news to see if there's anything we can do to help support you.

Message

Congratulations on your stand to keep the inn open! From a former park service employee and USMC veteran.

Message

This email is not for a reservation, and I hope you do not mind that I am sending this to you, however I saw in our local news (Charleston SC) that you plan to stay open regardless of the government order/shut-down and I wanted you to know I think it is GREAT!! Happy you made that stand. We are vacationing in the area next week, we vacation there every year. We may try to get by to see your Inn. Love what you are doing and what you are standing for. Wish you much success.

Katharine Washburn

Message

I applaud you for defying the government's order to close! You did not have an opening for dates I checked, but I plan to try again and will pass the word on to others that they should support your business. Thanks for being a true patriot!

Hello Bruce,

Hang in there! Everyone is sick of the government interfering with private business. What the Feds are trying to do to you is outrageous. Just last month I bought property near Hendersonville because I'm tired of the useless government that I now have in Pennsylvania. Reading about you makes me proud and glad I'm making the move to your area. Don't give in!

Rick Gora

Message

...DO NOT close your Inn due to this political BS....stand tall.

Message

So glad for your stance on the closure. If more people were like you, things would be accomplished in a short time.

Message

Staying open. Good for you! That's the American spirit.

Message

Hello Bruce,

I am commending your staff for their professionalism and perspective to us as guests Sept.30-Oct 2. The uncertainty of the situation could have caused much political discussion and rancor among the staff but that did not happen...all were very pragmatic and moved on to making sure we were getting the "Pisgah treatment" as your guests.

Please thank the staff and my thanks to you for being reasonable with the decision regarding the Inn.

Let's hope the powers that be agree with your well developed perspective/argument.

In Peace, Sarah Liddle

Message

Thanks for your stance on staying open during the gov. shut down. Im very proud of what you are doing. Thanks, Harold

Message

Thank you for staying open

Message

Bruce, I applaud your efforts to remain open. Stand strong! Jim Weber

Message

WAY TO GO!!!! We love you and can't imagine you being closed ever!! We were just there last week. This breaks my heart.

<http://www.wbir.com/story/news/nation/2013/10/03/blue-ridge-lodge-to-defy-shutdown-order/2916637/>

Message

Grat to hear your are standing firm to stay open inspite of the gov. shutdown. Hang in there. We love to stay at your inn and think this staff is the best. God speed !

Message

Dear Bruce,

My son and I stayed at the Pisgah Inn many years ago, and our stay there was the very highlight of our Blue Ridge Mountains vacation.

I am writing today to applaud your decision to remain open, even though the federal government ordered shutdowns along the Parkway, which, in my opinion, were designed to inconvenience your guests and to hurt your business.

Thank you for standing strong and keeping the beautiful Pisgah Inn open during this time of great stress.

We hope to stay there again one day soon, and also look forward to meals in your exceptional restaurant.

Thank you.

Mary Warren

Message

We stand behind you--fight the good fight!

Message

I proud of you for staying open during the government shut down!! Go Bruce!

Message

Bruce,

God Bless you . I have reservations this weekend at another location but I was coming to stay with you if you were still there thanks for trying to take a stand

Message

Hi Bruce,

Heard you on WWNC a couple of days ago and was cheering you on for standing up for your right to stay opeen, during this \"shutdown\". Was shocked to hear the change of heart today on the radio. What happened? Were you threatened with the loss of your lease or worse? Just curious. Scary times we are living in...God Bless You!

Denise

Message

Go Bruce proud of u. So sorry Congress and our legislative leaders are so self centered. This is costing a lot of innocent people. Gov\workers will still get back pay for work not done but small businesses, folks like you and those who work for you will totally loose out and for u at major money-making time of year. We miss our times at Pisgah. When u open we will be back even if just for lunch!

Message

I stand proudly with you and your decision to remain open during this bullying shut-down. There are many Americans out here who have your back!

Stay strong!!

Message

Saw the report about you and your decision to stay open during the government shut down and just wanted to let you know I and probably 99.9 of Americans support you. The Pisgah Inn is a private company so it should be your decision to open or close. Don't give in, misery loves company and that's why the they want you to close your doors

Message

Just read where you told the Park Service to \"stuff it\" and reopened your doors. Good for you!

If I'm ever down your way, I'll make it a point to stay with you at least a day or two.

Message

You guys are awesome. Way to stick to your guns. My family is definately staying here next time we are down.

Message

Dear Mr. O'Connell,

I now declare you a true American Patriot for pushing back and keeping the Inn open! If this doesn't show the entire Pisgah Inn 'family' that he will 'throw us all under the bus', I don't know what will? Please feel free to show the entire staff and public my e-mail. I frequented the Inn in college, late 1970's to early 1980's and since with my wife and two children. You will continue to have our patronage for many years to come. Faithfully, Chuck Jones

Message

good for you, staying open; I'll try to stop over when I'm back in the area; don't let them intimidate you!

Message

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Don't let the bastard get you down! You have LOTS of friends out here.

Message

Way to go Mr. O'Connell!!!! Hang in there, don't let the government shut you down!!!!!!!!!!!!

Message

God bless you for staying open! What you are doing is patriotic. The government is acting anti American.

Message

Bruce:

Just read a story about you and the Inn on the Drudge Report. Congratulations for standing up to the Feds and oppressive government.

Message

Dear Bruce,

What you to know I support you 100% in your decision to keep the inn open. The current president and the senate are not willing to accept what house of representatives has told them they can spend. All this is according to the rules of our constitution. The current administration wants to punish the people for not doing as we have been told. The constitution sets the rules for all Americans; even the President and the Senate. No man is above the law. I support your efforts 100%. \"If not now, when!\". I'll be visiting your Inn in a future trip to that area. A small token of my support for the stand you have taken.

In sincere admiration,

Kevin Knutson

Message

Saw the story about the NPS hasseling you. Keep up the good fight. We're headed to Mobile, AL in

Nov...I'd have detoured to stay at the Inn were you still in season. Perhaps in the Spring when we return to Connecticut.

Bryan

Message

Dear Bruce O'Connell,

I read about your situation about your efforts to stay open for business

and want to encourage you to stick to your convictions and constitutional rights!

Our government is out of control and don't understand who is boss.

Sincerely,

R. Kirkpatrick

Fort Mohave, AZ

Message

Good for you, keeping your PRIVATE inn open. Hold the line. Will add your lovely inn to the list of places I will hope to visit.

Message

This is part of a note I sent to friends and family who appreciate integrity.

"If you're ever up (or down) that way I would recommend this inn, run by a family with integrity and strong American values.

"If not now, when? If not me, who?" he said. (sounds a little like what the forefathers would have said)"

Here's the link <http://www.pisgahinn.com/>

Blue Ridge hotel defies Park Service shutdown

Message

Dear Bruce,

I personally applaud your decision to resist the politicized, vindictive "government shutdown." I appreciate your hard work and commitment.

God bless you!

-Drew

Message

Stay strong Bruce. You are a Patriot. It is people like you that give me whatever tiny glimmer of hope I have for this Nation. There are days I want to 'shrug' and other days I want to keep fighting. Reading your story today makes today one of those that sews the seeds of wanting to fight. Thank you so very much! I do not know when I can get out to NC to have the honor of being a patron of your wonderful establishment. But, I assure you, if you stay open and are still around, I will get there one day and I will tell you why I had come out there, that it is because of what you have done now. I hope that day happens and that we can look back and remember these dark days of the Republic as being a semi-faded memory

and one that we can learn that Liberty is so valuable we much fight for it.

All the best!

sdg

Message

We support you brother.

Message

I don't think it's right for the NPS to try and close PRIVATE business that don't rely on federal funds. They should not be part of this issue. STAND FIRM AND TALL BRUCE.....MANY AMERICANS ARE BEHIND YOU!!!!

Message

We wanted to express our support for your position to remain open in spite of our federal govt's overreach. May God bless your business and see your further prosperity!

Message

We have been to your Inn 2 times while riding the BR Parkway. I'm proud of you for standing up to the Park Service and not letting them force you into closing your doors! BRAVO Sir! We have always enjoyed your restaurant, and look forward to visiting again on our next ride on the BR Parkway.

Message

Bruce,

You go guy! Stay open! Tell the Govt. to leave you alone! I think it is private property rights!

Respectfully,

Gary D. Drechsel

Message

Dear Mr Bruce,

Just a word to show my support for you and your act of conscience. Men like you, willing to take a stand on principle, are the seeds from which resistance to tyranny grows, if they fall on fertile ground. I hope We The People are fertile ground and not over-cultivated, exhausted soil. Prayers for you and your family, Melanie

Message

Way to go! People like you renew my faith in Americans, and their ability to remember the Constitution. We aren't sheep, are we?!

Message

Go get 'em Bruce. This government is out of control. I stand with you.

Best of luck in the future. When I am in the area next I will stop by.

Message

God bless you for staying open and defying this BS government shut down. You give strength to others to do the same!

Message

Dear Bruce,

Just wanted to say I admire the stand that you've taken. May God bless you and be with you for speaking truth to power.

Sincerely,
Dan Heffernan

Message

Dear Bruce,

I have never traveled to NC before but if I do there is only ONE place I will stay. God Bless You!!!

PS I put my correct name and address so the NSA will have no trouble finding me.

Message

I am thrilled that you are keeping your doors open - I hope there are more like you - any way that I can help? -old lady so can't do a lot but CHEER YOU ON - you make me feel better for what you are doing. Thanks

Message

Thank you for remaining open. Do not bow to these bastards. Regards and respects. – Dennis

Message

Good for you guys. Don't let these clowns intimidate you.

Message

Way to go Bruce! Thanks for standing up to the federal bureaucrats that tried to shut you down. You are a great American! I have been trying all morning to get some movement on the City Tavern shutdown, which was allowed to operate during the 1996 federal shutdown. It's a travesty that the Obama Administration is preventing all these private sector employees from earning an honest paycheck. Keep up the fight and let me know if there is anything concerned citizens can do to help you or the City Tavern. Sincerely,
Brian Murphy

Message

Bravo for staying open! It is the right thing to do. You are privately owned the government cannot tell you to close. Thank you for making a stand. I promise we will be staying at the Pisgah in when we are the area!

A concerned American!

Donia

Message

Dear Mr. O'Connell:

You are a true American hero and an example of the kind of spirit and desire for liberty and freedom that America was founded upon. I can't do much for you from Utah except to say you are one of my "heroes". Keep up the good fight! :)

Message

Just read about you today - stand strong against the tyrannical administration and stay open! We normally vacation a bit closer in Virginia, but you have given us a strong reason to make another trip to

NC!

GOD bless you.

Message

I just had to send you a note of support for you making a stand to remain open during the "Shut down". My God's peace be with you, your family and all your employee's. Thank you!

Message

Congratulations on your decision to say open. If it is your business then you should be allowed to operate it as you see fit. My wife and I would love to have the opportunity to visit since we are only three hours away and I am trying to see that it happens.

Message

The wife and I usually ride the parkway every other year or so on our motorcycle. We have found a new place to stay due to your stand against this insane policy the NPS is following.

Daryl

Message

Stay open! We have to resist these Gestapo tactics. I will donate and do writing or internet website work if it turns out you need legal help defending your business from the insanity. I was a lobbyist in DC and a McGraw-Hill editor and know how these games are played.

Thanks for standing up for freedom and individual rights.

Email: lisella@lisellapa.com

Message

Dear Mr. O'Connell - I wanted to drop you a note to let you know how much I appreciate you taking a stand against the White House's attempt to deflect blame from our nation's problems, and intentionally inconvenience small businesses and the American public in the process.

I read the Washington Times article today, and forwarded the link to State Representative Tim Moffitt and the NC Republican Party Executive Director, Todd Poole.

I've worked in NC politics for about 15 years, and have a particular interest in your situation, as it's representative of the extreme federal overreach and persecution of citizens that are hallmarks of the Obama administration.

I'm in regular contact with elected Republicans, from the local to federal level, (and activists) from all across our state. If there's anything I can do to bring further attention to your situation, do not hesitate to contact me. Sunlight is the best disinfectant, and the public must be made aware of this administration's unprecedented abuse of power.

Sincerely,

Mark R. Lisella

Message

Just wanted to cheer you on in your decision to stay open despite intimidation from the NPS. It's outrageous that the feds think they can shut down private businesses, and I'm so glad to hear of someone holding their ground for what's right.

Message

You go, Bruce. Stand up to this arbitrary, irrational, unreasonable effort to punish the citizens of this once-great country. The founding fathers would be proud.

Message

I just read an article in the Wash. Post about you keeping your business open during the Park Service shutdown.

I want to commend you for not backing down to some anonymous piece of crap bureaucrat telling you that you need to close a privately owned business. How Stalin-esq

And for the rangers showing up and saying they are just doing their jobs? Same thing former SS soldiers said after WW2

thanks for not backing down!

Message

Keep the faith, brother!

Thank you for resisting against tyranny. I'm watching for your safety.

For freedom,

Donnie Fair

Message

Bruce, good for you staying open. Tell the Fed Ass...oles to go to hell. They are not interested in \"serving the public\" just politics.

Message

Thanks for staying open! Keep us apprised of the \"shutdown\" defiance, and I'll see to sending some business your way.

Message

Stay strong against the bureaucrats! I have your back. I can't do much from Indiana, but I support what you're doing 100%!!!!!!!

Be Brave,

Message

Way to go Bruce! Keep up the fight to do what's right. I've been a fan of Pisgah Inn for decades and now even more so. Enough of the politics! I'm tired of them trying to push around the little guys. You've got a business to run, the employees need the work and this is your peak season!

Stay strong, stay firm!

Chuck Shelton

Message

Please continue to stand up against a government that is out of control.

Message

Hang in there Warrior! If you need back up, just post.

Message

Dear Bruce:

I read an article about your inn in the Washington Times. I have nothing more to say than-- good for you for resisting government scare tactics. If I'm ever in the area, I will definitely be staying at your lovely inn. All the best,
Krista Kinslow

Message

I just read your story on USA Today about reopening your inn despite the fed shutdown. You need to be commended for thinking of others and for doing the right thing....something Washington has lost sight of. I hope to come visit your establishment some day. May God bless you.

Message

You were right to reopen, the Gov doesn't have the right to close you down - a private business. You have my complete support. – Phil

Message

Bruce - was just reading the news that you are standing firm and staying open and will not be intimidated by the feds. Hang in there - we're behind you 1000%!!!!!! I'd love to shake your hand some day.

Message

Way to go. Just read article and admire what you are doing!!

Message

Mr Bruce O'Connell,

I just read that you have decided to stay open. Thank you sir for your courage to do the right thing. We are soon to take a trip on the Parkway and I was looking at your site for a stay. It will not work for us this time but I am sure we will enjoy our drive and I definitely will keep your accommodations in mind for a future trip.

Thank you Sir!

Malcolm

Message

Bruce:

We have been to the Pisgah Inn twice this year already. We met you on our last visit. We support your keep one of our favorite places open to the many people who just love The Pisgah Inn.

Message

I just read on "One News Now" that you have "refused" to close due to the "slim-down".

I applaud you. Thanks.

Email: drjackson253@hotmail.com

Message

Sir:

I have heard about you taking the stand against a whinning sap that is throwing a tantrum. If my moms would have seen me do that when I was growing you my butt would be on fire.

Thank you for your principles and you unright attitude in all this. Ou are truly an American sir. If you should need help crafting a restraining order for the Parks Service I will write it for you and pay the damned filing fee. I cannot abide armchair tyrants.

If I or my family can be any service to you at all you have but to ask. I have familiy very close to you. My people came from North Carolina in 1790 to Kentucky. Mark Howard got his land in Kentucky by fighting in the Revolutionary War. My Jackson side is from Virginia and I am an ancestor of a famous Confederate Civil War general:) It is difficult to suffer stupid, I think its in the blood.

I lived in Marshall for a while so I know the area fairly well. I am a son to that land there I feel at home everytime I come to visit.

God Bless you and yours, may your adversary be made to kneel before you.

Kindest Regards,

Dennis Jackson

Message

If we had time we would very much love to come to your gorgeous inn! I'm thrilled to have learned about it, although saddened that as a private citizen with private property, the government is trying to shut your doors. Hang in there, keep the faith, & hopefully you'll have tons of guests to show their support. We honor your courage & right to remain open in a time when the executive branch & the majority senate are wielding powers NEVER granted in the U.S. Constitution! It must be hard but there are certainly many people who are supporting you via thoughts & prayers. God bless you, & God bless America! Chris & Larry

Message

I am listening to you on wwnc radio. Thank you for standing up. Heard for years abt Pisgah Inn. Plan to make a visit at the Inn in 2014. Stand strong, please!!!

Message

"If not now, when? If not me, who?" he said.

GOD BLESS YOU. I AGREE.

P.S.

My sister and brother-in-law stayed there on their honeymoon in the 80's and loved it! They have 3 (grown) kids now!

Message

Bruce,

Glad you're open regardless what the Feds say. I like your principles. Next time I'm heading to the Blue Ridge Parkway, I'll stay in your inn.

Thanks for standing up.

Rob

Message

Stand Your Ground !

I called, and want to say again, that I support your position against the tyranny from Washington.

Message

Dear Mr. O'Connell: I simply wanted to express my admiration for your standing up to the O'Bama Administration and the Park Service bureaucrats by keeping your inn open. God bless and protect you. Be assured during the next vacation we take through your area, my wife and I will make it a point to stay at your inn. With warm regards and respect, Mark W. Eggert

Message

Congrats for standing up to the Park Service. The Sheriff is the ultimate law of the county you are in; he can put an end to this insanity by telling the Park Service to go suck an egg.

You can contact Constitutional Sheriffs of America at www.cspoa.org on how to accomplish this.

Cheers

Message

Way to stand up for your rights in keeping your inn open. Private propoery is private property. I will definitely be visiting and staying at your inn in teh future. Very proud of people like you.

Mary

Message

Stand firm against the bullies! This is standing with the veterans and may inspire others to do the same. May God bless America and help us restore our liberties.

Message

I want thank you for your pluck and courage to stand up to what appears to be pure intimidation from those who administrate the National Park Service. As someone who has had the responsibilities to run a business, I know you've had to weigh whether defiance to the tyranny you're experiencing now will damage your operations in the future. I admire your courage and conviction to your patriotic principles. I'm glad I read about your beautiful property in the Washington Examiner, we will certainly seek to stay at the inn when we visit family on your side of the country.

Thanks again for your American spirit...

David Whittington

Message

Mr O'Connell, we had not planned a trip to your inn until we read your story in the news. We checked availability for this weekend in order to support you but there was none. We will book another time.

Message

For what it's worth I wanted to let you know I support your efforts to keep your business running in the face of intimidation. I am sure I am not alone in my sentiment.

Best wishes and stay strong!

Rob Ruschak

Message

Keep up the good work. Like you said someone has to take a stand. Maybe you are helping to wake up this country to the real means of this administration. God Bless You!

Message

Thank you for trying to do the right thing for travelers, guests with reservations, and your staff!

I used to stop at your Inn for lunch on motorcycle rides when I lived in Spartanburg, SC.

Also, thank you for standing up for what is right. The forced closure is an amazing governmental overreach. As you stated, you require no Federal funds to operate, therefore, the shutdown should have no effect - unless the politicians think it will help them.

Once again, thank you!

Paul

Message

Following your situation with the park service. Next time we pass thru the area, we will definitely be staying with you. Stay strong.

Message

Bruce,

I heard you on the radio a short time ago describing the sad situation at your inn.

Its great you are staying open. I presume if I show up there tomorrow by foot or on a bicycle I can have lunch and a beer in the dining room?

Best regards,

Michael

Message

I heard about the outrageous injustice being done to your business today. I thank you for having the courage to stand up. Please know that you, your family, business and guests will be in many prayers! We must not be complacent. God Bless you!

Message

Bruce,

Have you called your county sheriff, he is the Legal Authority for your county and can arrest the Park Rangers even though they are Federal Employees.

Good Luck and God Bless

Message

BRAVO to you, Bruce. Just heard you on Hannity radio. We admire you for STANDING UP FOR YOUR RIGHTS! Wish we lived near enough to stand with you. THIS IS AN OUTRAGE what they're doing to you. STAND FIRM!

Message

hi bruce

just heard about this mess on hannity. I just can't believe you and your employee's are being what I would call as being abused at best by this government. as a small business i'm appalled. best of luck and as soon as you open my wife and I will schedule a weekend as this is the first time I've heard of your inn. take care
h r curtis

Message

I am sorry for what the government is doing to your business. If I were not all the way over here in CA I would book a room tonight! Stand Strong! We do support patriots like you and I hope the people treat your business well while taking a stand.

Message

Bruce,

I heard you on the Sean Hannity show. Congratulations on taking a stand, best of luck! My wife and I will be driving the parkway in about a month, we will be sure to stop by.

Message

My parents live at Springdale and we visit you for French Silk Pie often. If we were there now (Oct 4)we would make a special trip up for lunch to support you.

Message

Set up something like a paypal account and let others help you offset expenses by donations. I will donate.

Message

Stay open! The Feds have no right to interfere with your lawful business...we are behind you 100 %
Who do they think they are?

Good luck

Mark

Message

Bruce:

The attempt to force you to shut down is of course ridiculous. I have never been to your area but it sounds like like they are stopping regular traffic from entering your area. Have you thought of renting a bus shuttle service (make anybody who wants to visit an 'employee' somehow, if necessary). They cannot block your vehicle, can they?

Best of luck, Bruce.

Message

I heard you on Hannity today. Not much to say except that I'll say a special prayer for you and your employees. God bless you for taking a stand. THE GOVERNMENT HAS NO RIGHT TO DO THIS!

Message

I applaud you for keeping your business open during this time of shutdown. You are a private business and there is no reason for you to close. I support you fully.

Message

Gob Bless You Bruce!!!! Heard you on Hannity and so thankful you are standing! If you come up with any ways we can support you, please call. Have you contacted THE BLAZE?
In the mean time will hit facebook and contact friends that twitter.

Message

Thanks for standing against the tyranny of the federal government. Without a warrant or any wrong doing on your part, the tyrant and chief closes you down with force.

I applaud your bravery and spirit. I am so sorry that our country would do this to you. If we are ever out your way, we will stay at your inn.

Message

3 cheers to you for standing up to the feds. I applaud you for staying open in spite of their shenanigans. Unfortunately, I won't be there until November and will miss the opportunity to stay with you. I've been there before, as a child and again as an adult, and lived in Asheville for 20 years (now in Louisiana). We support you!!!!

Message

Keep the place open! Don't let the park \"service\" close you down. If you need help, let us know. We're behind you 100%.

Message

Heard about the government walking all over you there. Pretty sad day for America. We are 100% with you out here in Texas.

Boone

Message

SORRY SOME IDIOT AT PARK SERVICE IS TRYING TO RUIN YOUR BUSINESS. OUR FAMILY [19 PERSONS] RENTED A HOUSE IN THE AREA AUG 2014 AND WILL TRY TO SCHEDULE SOME EVENT OR MEAL AT YOUR INN.

Message

Thank you for standing up for your rights. Its sad to see how far down the hole our country has fallen.

Message

I heard your interview with Sean Hannity on his radio show today, 10/4. It seriously pisses me off that the Obama administration is using people like you to try to score political points. Like this is some kind of game, and you are just some little pawn to be \"sacrificed\" for the bigger objective. In any case, to score my own point, as soon as you are open for business again, please call me and my wife & I will come down, rent a room and spend a few days with you.

Charles & Jean Asher
513-633-9001

Message

Stand your ground and don't shut down! Then sue Obama and Reid if you lose a dime!

Message

Bruce, you're my hero. Way to stand your ground. Much success to you from a proud Texan.

Message

Its a damn shame the socialists won. For now. God bless you, and God bless America.

Message

Good for you, standing strong. Don't think you are in this alone. If someone comes in by the back path, will you house them and feed them? Also, can I order something online? May God bless America.

Message

Hi,

Although it's been many years, I've been to your property and it's a wonderful place to relax and take in the splendor of nature in all it's beauty.

I'm so sorry to hear about all the trouble you're having with the park service. I cannot believe the gestapo being used by this administration to target tourists, tourism-focused businesses, veterans, military families, etc. It's like the president somehow hopes to end the shutdown by focusing on voters themselves - and I personally can't wait for that to backfire against his party - but my heart breaks for those, like you, who are stuck in the middle.

Please stay strong and know that there are a lot of us rooting for you out here.

Sincerely,

Russ Adams

Message

Call the Sheriff about this situation. I heard you on Sean Hannity's program and you are angry. Call the Sheriff and have them arrested for interfering with your business.

Message

Hang in there Bruce

I admire what you are doing.

I was at your restaurant earlier this summer.

If you dare to send me your e-mail I will send you a funny e-mail I sent to friends in WV regarding the coverage in the Washington Times of your BS from the Park Service as reported by the Drudge Report. And a second parody "news report" I then fabricated to play off the first email and sent out to friends in several states as far away as KY & CA.

Message

Heard of your discussion with Sean Hannity this afternoon on the way home. Sorry about plight with the government, of them cutting you, an individual business owner from from the outside world and from being able to make money. I can't believe the Administration would go this far.

If I ever get ahead, I hope to come visit you. Most certainly I hadn't known of your beautiful location and business but I bet I remember now. I will plan to find a conservative news report and post it on Facebook.

Take care.

Oh my gosh. I just realized your PO Box is right there near my Brother-in-law. Waynesville of all places. Wow.

Message

Bruce Sorry for this horrible situation that you are confronted with. May I ask if any part of you driveway entrance is considered Federal land? Could people drive thru the grassy area to the parking lot? Whatever the case may be, I can be of help. please email me. This email and your reply is being monitored by the Obama administration. Please word your replies carefully.

Message

Dear Bruce, I have heard the awful news today of the closing of Pisgah Inn by the government. This is a despicable travesty, horrifying, and if something doesn't change fast, a harbinger of more to come. Thank you for taking a stand for as long as it was possible. I'm praying for you. LW from the Left Coast, Oregon

Message

Yours will be the ONLY establishment I will patronize on my next drive. America could learn much from you if they only cared to try. See you in Oct. 2014(if there is one :))) Thanks K.R.

Bruce and Rob,

I couldn't be prouder to be on your team. Your courage under fire is commendable. Whatever you need or i can do, i am there. Thank you.

Annie

Message

Bruce: Are you the gentleman that was on Hannity's radio show today? I just wanted to tell you to hang in there. What you are dealing with due to the gov't. shutdown is total horse hockey! The next time I'm in your area I want to shake your hand. My family and I were just in Boone recently. Stay the course and as we say in Texas \"Remember the Alamo\"!!!- Jon

Message

We are so saddened at the events of this week and highly respect you for your stand. thank you for speaking out for our nation and freedom.

Message

Bruce,

I saw the article in the Washington Times today. And on Hannity's show. Stand your ground on this. They have no right to shut down your inn.

I hope you have a good lawyer, you have rights even on leased property. You should sue the crap out of the NPS for this. There's no excuse for this.

Stay strong,
Peter-John

Message

Dear Bruce,

We hold our past times at Pisgah Inn sacred! Thank you for all you and your staff have done for us in the past. We will miss being there in October, but mainly our concern is regarding the much needed income the October time would have provided you and your fine staff! Please tell all of our friends there we send our love and will miss seeing them!

Sue

Message

Hang tight! It is horrible how the federal government is treating its citizens.

Message

Bruce,

From my understanding on USA Today website, you have kept your Inn open despite pressure by the Federal Government to shut it down. I believe you are standing for many Americans in that same situation, but haven't spoken up or have caved into the government's unreasonable mandates. You have my support, but I don't know what would be best. I posted the video to facebook. Is there anything else I can do? What about letters to John Jarvis?

Sincerely,

Cheryl, a concerned citizen

Thanks Bruce ,I will follow up

And by the way ..I have told everyone in our staff "Good Show" more than many times ..

I want to tell you "Good show " .You represent us far exceeding excellence and i am proud to be a member of team Pisgah as always !

Thank you!

Ian

Message

I am disgusted that the scumbag government has shut you down. Put some item for sake on your website and not only will I buy an item ir two, I will get your site out so others can do the same to help keep your business going.

Message

I want to give you a huge congratulations for staying open during the partial Federal governmetn shut down. As a fellow business owner it requires people like you to keep the economy turning and not letting a bureaucrat shut you down. Good job. Keep up the good work.

Steve

Email: marketch@ieway.com

Message

Comment;

Bruce:

Glad to see you stand your ground and attempt to keep the Inn running despite what the communist Nazi's in Washington DC are trying to do to this country. My personal view is we are under attack and have all been made into targets by the entire Government in order to reduce our nation to a third world status which I can plainly see going on today. It resembles the Cloward and Piven Strategy which Obama studied in order to destroy capitalism and replace it with communism in the United States. We are now seeing a lot of the Communist Manifesto of government control in all areas coming to life which was proposed to congress back in the early 60's. I look at this government as priming the tools of encouraging a war in the United States. Sadly this government has used taxpayer funding to buy up the latest in hardware for waging military campaigns and that is exactly what Obama wants here. The Affordable Care Act is a terrorist plan if you look at all the economic damage this law will cause.

Hope we can regain control of our government someday.

Sorry you are going through this unlawful government created war.

looking forward to hearing from you.

Mark

Message

<http://www.freerepublic.com/focus/f-news/3074871/posts>

You have the support and prayers of, undoubtedly, millions of Americans. This Administration has stepped well over the "red line". Your stance is crucial. Stay strong. Rod

Message

I am very proud of your attempt to keep your business open during the shutdown. My husband & I ate at your restaurant last October & will return. It is a shame that our government has come to this. We need more citizens like you. Thank you.

Message

Dear Bruce,

My family (a bunch of us!) have had very enjoyable stays at Pisgah for almost all of the last 28 years, and are booked for the weekend of the 12th. We've been following the news closely, and I want you to know I'm proud of you trying to stand up for what (I think) is right here, by at least trying to stay open. Sometimes things are a matter of conscience. First, I hope the government does not threaten your business, and second, I hope this is all over with in a week, so we (and lots of others) can enjoy another wonderful weekend at Pisgah!

Thank you for lots of happy times!

Tom Ehrensperger

Message

It is a sad day when the government hurts us all. Keep your head up and know that all of us that love the mountains will prevail. God Bless

Message

Mr. O'Connell.

I am in Connecticut and just want to say on behalf of the few reasonable people left here ... THANK YOU. Thank you for ultimately defying the nonsensical coercion and intimidation tactics attempted by the "government". You are NOT defying OUR "government" as it appears OUR "government" has largely been usurped by those that wish our country harm by destroying ALL we once stood for. THANK YOU sir and God Bless you and yours. IF I ever wander through your neck of the woods again, I'll be sure to stop by and properly thank you in person and even take a room overnight if available assuming you will do business with an American without a credit card. Carry on sir. Thank you once again.

Dusty.

Message

Dear Bruce,

I find it utterly shameful that our government is punishing you and your employees to get back at Congressman Meadows' fight to defund ObamaCare. Anything I can do besides contacting our politicians, which I've been doing for weeks, please let me know.

Email: mark@sarahsetter.com

Message

Just read of your difficulties with the federal gov. Google western sheriffs vs federal government. you will find info to help you. I saw this yesterday online.

Message

Hi Bruce, I'm so confused. Its been back and forth all week. Are you staying open? I certainly hope so. We are looking forward to visiting in a couple of weeks. We understand u r under pressure from govt/authorities and this situation is certainly putting u in an awkward position. We support u either way.

Sincerely

Michele and Josh

Message

Bruce, I just wanted to let you know I completely support you in your effort to remain open despite the stupid government shutdown! What the stupid government employees fail to realize, and must be reminded of often, is that they work for us, the American People ! NOT the other way around!

I also emailed the Park Service Director giving him a piece of my mind for being so stupid !

We need to take our government back - the idiots running it now don't deserve our support!

Email: sspeairs@verizon.net

Message

I can't find where to buy a gift certificate to support you during this time of Govt. Disfunction! Desire to support you in your time of frustration.

Message

Bruce,

This is to applaud you for standing tall and for continuously defying ridiculous government orders. I am an

Asheville innkeeper myself (Sweet Biscuit Inn / www.sweetbiscuitinn.com), and I am appalled by Parkway Chief Ranger Steve Stinnett's and his troops spineless ignorance to your business needs and your clients' interests. If there is anything I can do for you apart from giving moral support, just let me know.

Sincerely,
Christian

Email: charles.walker@ang.af.mil

Message

I heard your radio interview with Sean Hannity yesterday evening and I stand up and salute you for your actions! I have loved the Blue Ridge Parkway since I was a kid and ride sections of it at least twice a year. I will make it a point to stop in your Inn next time and shake your hand. Thank you for standing up to this tyranny, I look forward to meeting you some day soon!

Email: ekarlh@aol.com

Message

MR. O'CONNELL, IT SEEMS TO ME THAT YOU HAVE A GOOD CAUSE TO GO INTO FEDERAL COURT AND GET AN INJUNCTION TO HALT THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENTS SHUT DOWN OF YOUR BUSINESS. TO ME, IT SEEMS LIKE POLITICAL POSTURING BY THE WHITE HOUSE.

Email: jmsummer@comcast.net

Message

Bruce,

You have my support in an effort to keep your business open during the Federal shutdown. This land is your land...this land is my land. Not the Federal Government!

Email: kayak@peoplepc.com

Message

I heard about the rangers blocking your entrance-who can I call to complain? How can I help? Hang in there people are standing behind you!!!

Email: rwjanc@gmail.com

Message

I fully support your stand with the government on staying open during the shutdown. Why you and your customers should pay for the games being played in DC is not acceptable to the citizens of this country.

Email: tellico1@tds.net

Message

Mr. O'Connell, we just wanted to tell you we support your decision to remain open during Dictator Obama's government shutdown. You are a patriot and you are in the right to challenge his destructive administration. We live in the foothills of the Smokys and are affected by this shutdown. I just spoke with your GM; what an exceptional gentleman. Our family was in the resort, hotel and restaurant business for over 50 years. We know how this must hurt you personally as you are not able to provide the experience you would wish to your patrons. God Bless

Email: woodyee77@hotmail.com

Message

Have your employees drive with signs stating "Pisgah Inn is Open!" past the Rangers, both coming AND going - or are your employees illegally SEQUESTERED? They live on your property, don't they? Is

Obama going to tell your employees they can't go home? Get your attorney to file an injunction - DON'T let Obama get away with this tyranny!

Email: mike@calvinodesign.com

Message

Bruce, I applaud you for standing your ground. I wish there was something I could do to help. We're praying for now. Maybe a donation call for you somehow for support. I'll see if there's anything I can do. Keep Standing Your Ground! There are many out here who are behind you.

Nice Work.

Cheers!

--Mike

Email: thebackwoods@suddenlink.net

Message

i commend you my friend, i defied my local government and was taken to jail for keeping my business open when they told me to shut down, we have to stand up and take our country back, civil disobedience is the only way. thank you- we must rally more americans to question and take action, I wish i knew the motives of our government, the only thing i can think of is they want to push us until we revolt and then they can suspend the constitution and evoke marshal law, then we are sunk

Email: clydesryde@aol.com

Message

Bruce et al...

Just wanted you to know that over and above the great disappointment of likely missing our yearly October week with you Toni and I appreciate the lengths your going to in trying to save the remainder of the season..I feel certain that this is Obama's mandate to make everyone feel the pinch except for, of course, our elected leaders...great shame on them!

Email: dandaret@lecclighting.com

Message

Bruce, I see here on the alex jones show that you are being violated and I want to help so go to www.westudylaw.org

Fred has some very interesting Lawful Notification letter examples that you can use to write a Lawful Notification letter to the federal Government and any other federal body that has jurisdictional oversight sighting the fact that they are violating your rights to equal protection under the law , the 14th amendment. Everytime they violate each right its 250,000.00 to you in your civil rights violation action secured by the USCTitle42 section 1983

And your 5th amendment is being violated to because the police are failing due process protections of the 5th amendment and some of the other amendment will apply as well, we just need to look at everything through the scope of the Bill of Rights. If the police have even come onto your property one time without a court order, they are toast, because that is trespassing and if they were wearing side arms, its also trespassing with force!

The federal agency would not treat the governor or the president this way, and it is clear discrimination and consciousness indifference. It would help if you call me so that i can give you a small hand over the phone explaining all this, but ultimately, send the federal government the governor a lawful notification letter and attach your affidavit of facts, and video tape everything you send and bring witnesses to watch you mail it and video the agent at the post office taking the package from you and always send certified and write the certified number on the lawful notification letter.

Use blue ink for easier to tell which ones are the originals and make copies of everything you send. This is the 1st step to filing a civil action in the federal courts. All court orders must have a court seal, the

raised embossed seal, with a real judges signature. I am not an attorney, but i did go to 4 law seminars in the past year. oh the password to log in to the documents is studyinglawisfun ... and some of the documents require a open document password which is learnandwin ... you will find documents examples in the Thursday call section so just hover your mouse/ or arrowhead over the Thursday call tab and click on it. Then you will see the screen to enter your password. Now in the law library, there is a section called documents, so hover your arrowhead/ or mouse over and click and enter the password studyinglawisfun Look specifically at the arrest packet and how Fred and Nina write the lawful notification letters to the police and the supervisors. You do this in every case with every agency involved and every person involved depriving you of your life, liberty, or property without due process of Law, so yes this is all so a 5th amendment violation and it's also bad faith on the part of the national park so write them all lawful notification letters letting them know that they only have 3days or 21 if you want to be absolutely nice about it if you have time to wait that long. At the same time, you can be writing the story of what happened point by point and put all the info into basic affidavit.

Attach the affidavits to the corresponding officer and federal agent for each federal agency involved and for each federal agency involved who has oversight. Put them all on lawful Notification, and lets see how long they want to continue to try to steal your property or business, theft by deception, or larceny by trickery, and or numerous other felony's, and also in violation of there oath of office. Work on the affidavits and get the lawful notification letters typed up. I am in Virginia, and am glad to travel to see you. I love the mountains. By: Dan Daret All Rights Reserved. P.S. Always reserve all of your rights on everything you sign and if you don't like what you are signing, you can sign as followed:

under duress, under protest, without prejudice without recourse, under threat, and payment made under duress.

Fred and Nina have a live call every Thursday at 10pm our time and 7pm PST, so check your time zone. The phone number is at the website.

Fred also has some recorded calls that you can listen to as well.

I am a master electrician so if i can trade with you for anything, LED Solar HVAC Wind Power, please let me know. Call 24/7, i mean that. 757 288 0424 dan!

Email: watersmary73@yahoo.com

Message

We really admire you for standing up to the (ugh)feds!

Thanks so much for your courage, so that we can come on 10-9-13.

Email: k_tantara@bellsouth.net

Message

I was furious to discover that the park service has shut you down because of the gov\'t partial shutdown. It is totally unfair. My husband and I have enjoyed many wonderful times at the inn, the campground, and the restaurant. Thank you and your staff for wonderful memories. We were just there for dinner a couple of weeks ago, and it was delicious as always. I hope this mess gets straightened out soon.

Email: denaestep@hotmail.com

Message

Is the Facebook story about your business being shut down true? I\'m so sorry and my prayers go out to you all...THANK YOU for taking a stand!

Email: re5212@aol.com

Message

Dear Bruce: Read about you on a Facebook page this afternoon.

GOD BLESS you for the courage of your convictions.

Email: rtilton@gmail.com

Message

Bruce,

I'm sorry about what has happened but I wish you had stayed open. There are more people supporting you than you realize. We can't help but wonder what strong arm tactics were used to change your mind.

Email: pauladrake56@gmail.com

Message

Good for you Bruce!! Stand your ground!! You are a private business owner and done NOTHING wrong... who the HELL does the president think he is? He cant do that!! We are with you all the way! Molon Labe!!

Email: pauladrake56@gmail.com

Message

Good for you Bruce!! Stand your ground!! Yo are a private business owner and done NOTHING wrong... who the HELL does the president think he is? He cant do that!! We are with you all the way! Molon Labe!!

Email: kmskerl@bellsouth.net

Message

You should call the ACLJ attorney, Jay Sekulow regarding your situation.

<http://aclj.org/>

He is considering filing litigation over WWII monument; he might be able to help you. I was up today and they wouldn't let me on the grounds. I feel bad for you. Good Luck.

Email: dtcclimber@gmail.com

Message

Stand you ground. Open you hotel. I'm sure more and more people will support you, even if you don't ever hear from them. Don't be afraid.

Email: smdriver@bbandt.com

Message

Bruce,

I've never stayed in your establishment, but I just read what the government is currently doing to your place. You have my deepest sympathies. If you have any kind of plans of peacefully fighting this onslaught, please include me in any communication. I will do all I can to help you. This evil man in the White House must know he cannot get away with the things he's doing.

Email: plwilkerson@yahoo.com

Message

Mr O'Connell and I am glad to see others standing up to the "shutdown". Your statement says a lot about your ideals and I wish you the best. Please remind anyone and everyone that this needs to be addressed when we vote in 2014 and 2016. Give 'em Hell!

Email: v.parsons@charter.net

Message

With so much mis-information on the web ... is it true that the park rangers blocked your access so that you had to close your inn & your inn is privately owned? If so, I hope you are going to fight it as the federal government has no right to interfere with private businesses!

Email: seacoastsystems@gmail.com

Message

Bruce:

I am one of those former employees some years back that worked at the Pisgah Inn. You were the only person to give me a chance to regain my footing and start anew. Fortunately, I happy to report I made it however, I have read about the PS and government intervention so now, it is my turn to rally for you. I served the government and by gosh - we're going to stand by you. I'm going to fight for Pisgah. Hang in Bruce - the troops a rallying.

Gary Ames

Email: airlifter2@gmail.com

Message

Thanks for resisting the government blockade. You sent a powerful message!

From: lcmc@embarqmail.com

To: Pisgahinn@aol.com

Sent: 10/5/2013 12:15:14 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time

Subj: Stand strong.

Bruce,

I simply want to say thanks for making this stand. I'm way down on the Texas Gulf coast or I would be making a trip to Asheville.

I heard you say on the radio yesterday, "If not now, when, and if not me, the who"? and driving down the road in my company truck I threw both hands in the air and cheered!

I genuinely believe this IS the moment we begin to take back our government.

I just wanted to reach out and say thanks, I'm on your side. I heard someone else say that prayer won't help...well I beg to differ because I know prayer works, and I have prayed for you sir.

Once again, thanks thanks thanks!

Respectfully,

Leonard Crosson

Email: shaw.tammy@hotmail.com

Message

I read about the government shutting down your business and I am appalled. I wanted to extend my support to you and other business/home owners who are affected by our President's latest hissy fit. I hope that all who are affected consider speaking with lawyers regarding the detriment caused to their businesses and lives during this time. Best wishes to you and all your employees.

Email: dthornton9@aol.com

Message

Bruce, Stand Strong. What the Obama Administration and the Dept. of the Interior are ordering the Park

Service to do is wrong. Plain old wrong. Government contracts - including your operational contract, remain in place during a shutdown. This President and this action is wrong! Stand Strong! We're with you!

Email: JOYCEBAKER@CENTURYLINK.NET

Message

If in fact you lease this public property to operate a business for which you retain the profits and invest to improve it, and if the road leading to the property is other than federal property, you have the right to peaceful enjoyment. I am not a lawyer but any renter knows this. If the Park Service hired you to run a convenience on their property (a concession), then that is another story, but they are still being tyrannical. If the road is being patrolled for speed and safety by State Police, and it is public I would say they can't shut down that road unilaterally. Barricading land they leased to you to so that you can operate a private business...after offering the lease to the public? They broke the lease. America is watching. Good luck to you.

Email: vrumford@yahoo.com

Message

Kudos to you Bruce for trying to stand up for what is right in American! Shame on the Park Service for shutting down the road to your Inn! If I'm ever in a position to vacation in your part of the country, I will certainly plan to spend a few days at your fine Inn.

Blessings,
Vicki Rumford

Email: twosavedbygrace@yahoo.com

Message

Bruce~ I am disgusted with the Obama Administration along with you. Do you know if this has happened in previous government shut downs? Is this unique to Obama?

Email: bailey9971@gmail.com

Message

I think it is asinine that the federal government would force your business to close. I have to ask, do you receive funding from the government? The brief video that I saw had a park ranger saying that you were in violation of your contract...how is providing the service you were contracted to provide a violation of it?

One article called the Inn "a concession", (in a quote form an NPS employee) as if the NPS put out a contract opportunity to bring in a contract vendor to run a concession, (example: a state university contracts with a food service vendor to put a salad bar in a school cafeteria) as opposed to leasing building and grounds only (and drive way and parking lot) to a private sector business.

"PEACEFUL ENJOYMENT" OF A leased commercial PROPERTY may or may not apply, I suppose. In any event, imagine what a nightmare it could be to have to sue Uncle Sam. I am hoping that the growing public displeasure makes a dent. And look...the government hype is they are unable to spend in a shutdown. Look what it is costing to harass your thriving business.

In any case, you have the right to expect courteous treatment not snarly BS. while this situation persists. I hope that the Rangers are being as professional as possible given the situation.

I just read the article at Breitbart. Ben Shapiro who wrote it is one of the smartest people I have ever seen in dealing with the liberal media. But that biased bunch of hacks will try to suppress this story or spin it .

I hope Ben gets his foot in the door and makes some fuss for you on TV news.

Bruce, Rob, and the WHOLE PI TEAM,

Bruce, you stood up for your ideals, withstood a setback (federally forced closure), but in the end prevailed! Congrats!

"Smoke" in Cherokee is pronounced "tsugasvdi".....The tsugasvdi (signal) from your mountain pass was seen and understood by millions, both here in Georgia around the world!! Although a relatively short shutdown, I hope that this pays dividends the balance of October and the coming years.

Yes Rob, there is Al Jazeera America News.

Oh, and Bruce, PLEASE RENEW the contract!!!!!!!!!!!!

Best regards,
Gary Jones

I saw Fox Caroline's piece. Mine is the first comment, and it is here"

Because it is costing the public more to close this very successful business (several Rangers are hanging out near the Inn's driveway instead of patrolling the Blue Ridge parkway) and because the Inn generates profits that are paying the land lease, this is government waste and political chicanery. And so much for the Administration' commitment to jobs in the private sector. This is an entrepreneur who has created jobs via small business, and adds value to the tourism industry.

<http://www.foxcarolina.com/story/23608088/pisgah-inn-closes-because-of-government-shutdown>

I plan on sharing this with some Congress people and as many others as I can find, God Bless, don't be afraid, you might end up with more business than you can handle soon! From the raves I have heard on your cuisine and hospitality, that may already be the case.

Prayers for you all. Joyce Clemons, Ohio. <https://www.facebook.com/joyce.clemons>

Email: kullman@comcast.net

Message

God bless you during this difficult time. You have the right to be open, earn money, pay your employees, and benefit society ! We will pray for you and visit when this is all over.

Email: ralphandterri@gmail.com

Message

Sorry for all the people out of work. But if you voted for Mark Meadows, you brought it upon yourself:

<http://www.cnn.com/2013/09/27/politics/house-tea-party/index.html>

Email: law@travelrn.net

Message

You have action 42 USC 1983, 85, 86, deprivation of rights, conspiracy, neglect to prevent. Peaceful enjoyment? No federal expense there? Feds blocking INCOME.

Email: Hfishburne@yahoo.com

Message

I just read about your attempt to reopen your inn in spite of the government shutdown! I want you to know that I support you in your act of independence and that I have put your establishment on my bucket list!

Email: greg@loflinfabrication.com

Message

Hi Bruce, you don't know me, but I've read of your situation. Read this, it may help you with getting some teeth to get those rangers gone.

<http://www.nbcnews.com/business/143-year-old-law-has-lawmakers-treading- gingerly-during-shutdown-8C11319714>

Email: greg@loflinfabrication.com

Message

Also, the NC parks system gets some of their money from federal sources, they need to be shut down, if they already aren't. If they get federal money, and are working, they are in violation of Antideficiency Act, maybe your sheriff can have the park rangers arrested with that law. Go here to see where the NC parks get their money:<http://www.ncparks.gov/About/grants/main.php>

Email: mr.bruce.irle@gmail.com

Message

Bruce,

Kudos to you for standing up to the Park Service! This bullying and intimidation by our overblown federal gov't will only get worse if we, the people, don't take a stand. Your Inn is now on my "must visit" list. Sometime when the gov't reopens and I am back to work, we will make the trip. Thank you for being a Patriot!

Regards,

Bruce Irle

Hillsboro, VA

Email: teejeffo@hotmail.com

Message

If I were you I would withhold my lease payment as I am not able to use my leased property during the "Shutdown". WE are the people and this land belongs to US. WE ARE THE GOVERNMENT! WE NEED TO TAKE IT BACK! Hold strong we are all with you.

Email: frbmco@me.com

Message

Bruce,

HANG IN THERE! It is criminal what the administration is doing to you! One wonders if all the gas stations, motels and restaurants on I-95 will be next.

My wife and I have ridden the Blue Ridge Parkway on our motorcycles in the past. Our next ride there will include a stay at the Pisgah Inn.

Fred & Judy

Email: scottish2@gmail.com

Message

Hi Bruce

I was reading the below article on the sort of showdown you are facing against the park service and Obama's abuses trying to force parks to close and what the NPS is doing trying to force your place to close in the middle of what is probably a very busy season for you now that the fall colors are popping.

I just want to say that I support your efforts as a private entity to remain open. The parks also tried shutting down Mount Vernon and because Mount Vernon is a privately owned and supported historical site the park service could not close it down so use them as an example of how the NPS can not force a private business to shut down no matter what!!

<http://www.mountvernon.org/stillopen>

The article I heard about you in is below!

<http://www.examiner.com/article/blue-ridge-hotel-defies-obama>

So know that this American sides with you in this fight!

Sincerely
David Niimi

Email: whseawright2002@gmail.com

Message

Stay strong, read the news about the NPS trying to shut you down....stay open you have rights and a lot of us believe in your rights and liberty.

Email: badger@lonevoiceblog.com

Message

Thank you sir for your act of defiance in the face of government tyranny. Your bravery and willingness to take a stand for right is a shining example. Again thank you!

Don

Email: walkerraic@aol.com

Message

Bruce,

Read news report and wanted you to know that I support your actions 110%. What the park service did was outrageous and can be nothing other than purely politically motivated. When I come to NC, I will make a point of utilizing your facility. Thanks for doing the right thing.

Email: mzuschlag@gmail.com

Message

I saw the story about the lodge being closed. Here in Oregon Timberline Lodge is open as well as Multnomah Falls. They are both Forest Service Concessions. Park Service is way more restrictive you might ask why. http://www.oregonlive.com/travel/index.ssf/2013/09/pacific_northwest_national_par.html

Email: rkg5899@bellsouth.net

Message

Sir: The following is an email I sent this morning in support of you, your business, and your employees - I

want to help and believe perhaps what I am suggesting may be the answer. No weapons, ever, of course, but a mass protest with a very loud voice and other actions. Your thoughts? Robert Gaskin

Dear Ms. Bilello: Thank you for taking a leadership role regarding this debacle that the Obama administration and the Park Service is perpetrating on all of us and in particular Mr. O'Connell. I am hoping that a larger movement be created so that hundreds, if not thousands of concerned citizens appear there and stand with Mr. O'Connell for his and his employee's sake and to make a point in general that Obama's overt efforts to make life miserable to as many people as possible is a sadistic strategy to win the ability to spend more money we do not have and not to amend the ACA.

Is it of interest to your organization to create a larger campaign? Perhaps with the likes of Sean Hannity or someone else of his caliber to motivate the masses? If hundreds or thousands descend on that area, I would think the Park Service and the administration would be embarrassed to the point of permitting Mr. O'Connell and his employees resume operations since it is of no cost to the government. Let me know what your thoughts are on the matter.

Robert W. Gaskin
Atlanta
Pres. National Business Loans
(a business loan brokerage agency)
678-978-4625

Email: skychief@roadrunner.com

Message

Our thoughts are with you and your staff at this very difficult time in our country. We are devastated that we cannot spend our time at your inn this month. It is truly a beautiful place. We will be contacting our state congressman and representative about this atrocity. Rich & Rosalie Athens

Email: ebrianmills@gmail.com

Message

Bruce,

Thank you so much for taking a stand. Your comment of "if not now, when and if not me, who. It's as simple as that." on the USA Today news story sent chills up my spine. I also heard you on the Sean Hannity radio show.

Now more people need to do the same.

Brian Mills

Email: budcesena@gmail.com

Message

I came by yesterday on my motorcycle for lunch. I was surprised and disheartened by the presence of the NPS Rangers. I applaud your protest and ask that you keep me informed as to how I can help. I have many fond memories of my times at the Inn. The minute this foolishness is over please let me know so I can come enjoy a meal. Hopefully this will end before your season ends. You have my total support. The governmental shutdown is foolish, what the NPS is doing to valued concessionaires should be criminal.

Bud

Email: dhuerec@med.wayne.edu

Message

I saw your problem with the authorities shutting your place down on you. If you decide to renew your lease, let me know. I will probably be in Knoxville for a week next summer and I might be happy to help you recoup a little of your business that has been lost during the shutdown.

Email: bronwags@aol.com

Message

Hi Bruce! This is Ron Wagoner, late of the Peaks of Otter Lodge. During the last shutdown in '96, Jesse Helms heard of our situation, met with my dad Bryce, called Interior and we were open the next day. Don't know if this would work today, but what the hell, Park Service isn't going to get any better anyway. Glad to see you're still alive and well and maybe even still doing some scuba.

Best Regards,

Ron

Email: joan.dennison@yahoo.com

Message

You should be furious!!! Do you think the Government is concerned about the working people? All your staff is out of work during the busiest time of your season. Not to mention the guests who book up months in advance for October. There is no reason you cannot be open. They just need to show their power.

I know you do not remember us but we worked there in 1986.

MY husband was maintenance and I worked front desk with you mom. Your mom was fun to work with.

It's a beautiful place. Good Luck!

Email: cluteville@gmail.com

Message

I just want to thank you for trying to stand up against the federal government in their game that they are playing. The word is getting out and the point is being made that our government is way to big!!! I am very sorry they are causing serious harm to all of the businesses associated with the federal park system. The shame is on them!!

Email: sdbrit68@gmail.com

Message

I will probably never get to NC, but how do I go about booking a room. Being defiant and standing up to the government that is supposed to serve us, is what a real American is about. Do you guys have a paypal account or anything so we can show some support

Thanks

Mark

Email: follykayakman@hotmail.com

Message

Thank you for standing up to the Fed Gov on the closure of your inn. We support your efforts! It is disgusting what they are doing to a private company trying to survive and provide jobs in this economy. With the president always saying that he is focusing on jobs; this is a poor way of showing it. As you may know; the House passed a bill on Oct. 2nd to fund the NPS. The Senate tabled the bill without a vote. The president also said he would veto the bill. I saw the article on USA Today and on Facebook. Again; we support your desire to try and keep your business open! It is time for the people to rise up against a tyrannical Administration

Email: psenter@firstnorfolk.org

Message

Just saw your video on facebook. Thank you for taking a stand in a difficult situation. My husband and I are supposed to leave for the Grand Canyon on Saturday-it's a trip of a lifetime for us. We are hoping for some positive news this week. Thank you, thank you for making a statement for those of us who are feeling so incredibly helpless right now. Kudos to you! Will be praying for your inn and your employees. Blessings to you and yours.

Email: rkniess@yahoo.com

Message

Dear Sir,

Thank you for your efforts in attempting to remain open. This is a travesty that the President and the Senate Democrats have inflicted harm to you and your business. I'm unfamiliar with your contract agreements, so I'm not sure how you can redress your government. As you can see I live in Wisconsin. But I and millions of others are standing with you. I'm hoping that thousands of Patriots such as yourself, will rise up and overwhelm the tyranny that now is so visible to you and to a nation of people sick of such tyranny. I pray that a move of peaceful civil disobedience arises to set this nation free. I pray that God blesses your faithfulness and your business. You are an American Patriot.

Email: waypark2@bellsouth.net

Message

Bruce I am as angry as u are about what the government has done to u. It seems to be kind of personal. I wish I knew how and who to file a complaint with. I plan to reserve a room next year. Hopefully the Pisgah Room around October the 12 to 15.

Email: sparisdda@aol.com

Message

I am overcome I am so proud of you. I watched your interview and am so happy you are an American. I know this will be a tough time for you and yours. I will see you sometime as we plan to make our next vacation to your neck of the woods. We have been taking our kids on historic vacations and you Inn is our next destination. Thank you for being who you are.

Email: tessmail3@yahoo.com

Message

I just want you to know how much I admire your stand against tyranny. The \"police\" who are getting in the way of private business are not supposed to be working, so they are obviously being used by this administration to cause harm. What are the limits?!

Email: kcm1@hotmaill.com

Message

I am very sorry to hear you are closed. I was planning my first trip there. Americans need to wake up. Truckers are striking this weekend Fri,Sat,and Sun. They are driving into D.C to demand congress start impeachment of Obama. Look @ ridefortheconstitution.org to learn more. They want Americans to support then by not buying anything for those three days. Stock up before Friday. Hope you reopen soon. God bless.

Email: lauraevecarlson@gmail.com

Message

We agree and support you Bruce!! We are driving through NC to Asheville Monday from Charleston SC after visiting family. We must ALL stand up to this tyranny.

Email: brauergeorge66@gmail.com

Message

I am infuriated over this gross federal government over reach and abuse of power being perpetrated on your business at the hands Barack Obama. If I owned that lodge, Inn....I would open a full page ad in the nearest town offering some kind of incredible deal to all visitors that came in on foot.

Email: dutchdvs@msn.com

Message

Bruce

Seems to me your 4th Amendment

rights are being violated. Your property has been seized.

You have a contract I presume and US seems to have violated same. They have taken (business) without compensation. Best of luck with Barry's hissey fit.

PS Great Fried Green Tomatoes!

Email: arkotner@gmail.com

Message

Bruce,

Would you please take pictures of the pain rangers and post them? America needs to see firsthand what tyranny looks like

Email: jy.sunsinger@sbcglobal.net

Message

Dear Bruce, I feel so sorry for you. I am retailer in Illinois and understand what you are going thru. We must FIGHT the democrats and Obama. I honestly think they want to destroy our great nation. I was born in Durham NC. I just cannot believe what has happened to you. It's hard to think that the park rangers, that you most likely know could do this to you. My best to you. Jackie

Email: rcbconsultant@gmail.com

Message

Just a note to say that I back your position in the current dispute. What the Federal government has done to you is completely unreasonable and unacceptable

Email: Rsdaniels77@comcast.ney

Message

Way to go! Just saw your story via Cruz on Twitter. No more "rolling over!" Way to take a stand. Wish more Americans would take a stand like you!! Good luck. Saying a prayer for you and your family tonight.

Email: penname40@yahoo.com

Message

I saw your story on Joe the Plumber's facebook link. I wish you could get some television or media coverage.

Anyway, thank you for your bravery- I hope it pays off for you.

Email: jimkilpatrick14@aol.com

Message

GOOD FOR YOU IN KEEPING THE INN OPEN IN THE FACE OF THE TYRANNY OF THIS ADMINISTRATION! MY HUSBAND AND I WILL VISIT NEXT YEAR!!!!!!!!!!!!

Email: trants4md@embarqmail.com

Message

I am so angry at what the KING and I have done to you.

Can I suggest you read these links below and know the government and its agents were in violation of the law in violating your RIGHTS TO USE OF THAT LAND under Chattel Real Property Lease Laws throughout this country.

The Chattel Real Property Rights created are not available to be defiled, even in the Government shut down. If they or any other land owner are operational or not, the lease right are in full force and governance.

This taking of your rights should be a clear trespass upon your rights, sue all of them including the park rangers and state police for illegal enforcement and wrongful taking.

Read these and then get a good lawyer, I mean a good one. Perhaps you can reach out to one of the National Law Icons.

<http://www.thefreedictionary.com/chattel+real>

chattel real; an interest in land less than a freehold, such as a lease

<http://legal-dictionary.thefreedictionary.com/trespass>

A property under LEASE cannot even be intruded upon by a Judge's order, Sheriff, New owner even in the event of a foreclosure of the property against the owner without following 'DUE PROCESS' that takes on average 90 days,

A lease in GOOD STANDING cannot be TAKEN, you have superior rights of access and use over even the REAL PROPERTY OWNER, (in their paid stead,) for the entire period of the lease. This was a wrongful taking!

Only if this was a contractual 'vender' like operation should they have this sort of power over the lands. If you leased only a portion of the inn and they were the actual general operator.

Try a phone call to say Jerry Spence's Office! Las Vegas Or Robert Shapiro, Los Angeles or beat of all Alan Dershowitz (Esteemed law professor), Los Angeles California All these guys take cases all over the country if the case has the right circumstances (Yours does!) and they would ask to be admitted to the Bar in the state for the one case where needed. None would be denied this request!

Email: Davenstaci07@carolina.rr.com

Message

God bless you for attempting to stand up to the tyrannical actions of this administration. Once you reopen, my wife and I will support you with our business.

Email: pfavor1@verizon.net

Message

May God always bless you and your

business, STAND YOUR GROUND
I am 100% behind you!!

Email: judyarnelson4195@AOL.com

Message

I've never been to your lovely inn, but have been told it is wonderful.

I am more than a little upset that you have been ordered to close down by Obama. Know you and your employees will be hit hard financially by this shutdown. Have written my elected officials and asked them to stop this madness. Praying God will bless each of you and bring you an abundance of customers in the future.

Email: debpcia@hotmail.com

Message

Dear Sir;

Thank you for taking a stand against the unreasonable closure of your facility. I'm sorry that it didn't work out better, but I appreciate that you tried. There is no good reason for you to be shut down, because you are an income generator for the federal government, since you pay to lease the site. I wish everyone that was impacted would take a stand, because that would send a much stronger message and there probably wouldn't be enough rangers to shut everyone down. I hope your situation improves soon.

Blessings,

Deb

Email: lisa@parkersspace.com

Message

Good for you, people should take a stand to such things. I can not believe the US government is making a private business shut down, whether on their property or not. A shut down should affect things that can't be paid not things that pay them. They will still want you to pay your monthly contract fees I'm sure. I just wanted to say good for you when a friend sent me the link to write about it. As a Canadian in the USA I sometimes can't believe how your government works so hard to hamper the freedoms of the people in the country that is supposed to be the freest in the world. As a Canadian living here in the USA I'm really shocked. If you have a facebook page could you please send me a link

Email: email@email.com

Message

Thank you; be strong.

http://www.usatoday.com/story/news/nation/2013/10/04/blue-ridge-parkway-pisgah-inn/2923169/?fb_comment_id=fbc_515293221894953_3312084_516194418471500

Email: greenuflect@gmail.com

Message

Have been following your story & interested in talking w/restaurants in Parkway towns about donating a % of a night's earnings to a PI employee's fund. I live in Asheville & would reach out to restaurant owners from Black Mountain to Cherokee. I would speak w/Friends of BRP, BRP Foundation, BRP Association & BR National Heritage Area about being a fiscal pass through. Alternately, may be able to get Highland Brewing to do the same.

Please contact me at your convenience.

Be well,

Email: JARA1212@aol.com

Message

I am SO sorry the government made you shut down. What can we do to help you open up again? My hiking group stayed at the Pisgah Inn this past September 24-26 and it was wonderful. (We stayed with you last year too.) I hate to see you shut down at this busy time of year for you.

Let me know what we can do to help. Jill Andersen

Email: mylar41@yahoo.com

Message

Bruce,

Congratulations on taking a stand. I am sorry to see the way you and others are being treated by the federal government just so they can flex their muscles. A local National Park in our area - the Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore - has seen it's unstaffed, unsecured parking lots barricaded with traffic barrels, chains and cables simply to inconvenience the public. Taking a stand was the right thing to do! More Americans need to take steps to regain their rights and their authority over an entity that is supposed to serve, not control. Thank you for holding on to your rights and principles during a very difficult time. Let's hope this is not a precursor of more oppression to come.

Myron Larimer

Email: jbgarland@bellsouth.net

Message

We applaud you on your stand!!! We are still hoping that you are able to reopen and not JUST because we have a reservation for our annual rest time.

We feel for all of the workers that are effected.

Juli and Norm Garland

Email: bcdalton22@comcast.net

Message

Hi Bruce, Just heard you on the Dom Giordano talk radio show. What the park service is doing to you and your employee's is a crime. I would love to support a fund to help you with your legal costs. I know you don't want to accept any money. So as soon as we can my family of 5 will come stay at your beautiful resort and spend our money there. Good Luck, we will be praying for you!

Email: asimpson@obgyn.upenn.edu

Message

Bruce, just heard you on Dom's show in Philadelphia. It breaks my heart what the gov't is doing and I am afraid this is just the beginning of their control over us. May God bless you, your inn and employees. I am sad they have interfered with your business. Best Ali

Email: mousetrappe1@yahoo.com

Message

Please add me to your email mailing list. I think what the government is doing to your company is wrong. I wish you luck. Next time I'm in your area I will stop in. I may even plan a trip next year to your inn.

Email: wmmarshall@aol.com

Message

Bruce:

Saw article on your stand with the NPS. I am with you...we have similar problems in Estes Park, CO with RMNP. Please see my new Facebook page: Free OUR National Parks, and give me comments. Please "LIKE" and "SHARE" it.

Email: Bpmsail@yahoo.com

Message

I just heard you on the radio in Philly. Can you dress your employees up in colonial garb and have them stand out with the police to offer your side of the story to those being turned away?

Hang in there!

Email: SEMI08@HOTMAIL.COM

Message

Stay strong brother we are with you god bless you god bless america

Email: Lala1967@msn.com

Message

Hey, I just heard your radio show Dom in Philadelphia. It is appalling about the government controls impacting your small business. I like you and a business owner and cannot imagine someone standing at the gates of my business keeping my employees from earning a living. We lived in Boone North Carolina, right off the parkway. We love those people are the salt of the earth. Please let us know how to support you.

Email: vonpappenheim@aol.com

Message

Are the Feds still closing you down? I attended the protest on Saturday. This is tyranny that Obama spends taxpayer money to deliberately hurt you, your employees, and your patrons. I was thinking last night that maybe we should make a real stand against the tyrant Obama. Open carry is legal in NC. If we get 50-100 people to come to the inn legally open carrying rifles, shotguns, handguns, etc., we can then approach the Park Police. We will tell them that we come in peace, but we refuse to be intimidated and are there to reclaim the People's land. We advise them to vacate the premises, but firmly state that we will not stand down and we will re-open the inn to the public. Hopefully they will just leave. No doubt they will call for backup, but we will stand strong and not leave. The Park Police are not evil, but Obama is proving himself to be evil. If the Colonists on Concord Green had not stood up to the British soldiers who came to confiscate their powder in 17!

75, we would still be British subjects. Soon, the People will need to make another stand. This may be the time and Pisgah Inn may be the place. Such action will certainly require planning and coordination. Let me know if this is something you would consider, as we would not attempt it if you were not on board.

Email: teeroy@lycos.com

Message

I've enjoyed the Inn and restaurant in the past and am sorry about the closure. How can anyone look at our leadership, and its direction, and feel secure in America?

Email: artbarney@yahoo.com

Message

So very proud of you and your stand. how can we assist.

Email: strohmeier5@verizon.net

Message

I WILL be contacting any Congressman or Senator I can find. God Bless and keep up the fight!!!
I have already sent out a mass appeal on Facebook and asked all to share the story of Pisgah Inn.

Email: mike.drewery@gmail.com

Message

I hope you are getting a lot of these emails. Go get em, I am glad you are standing up to the NPS and their bully tactics. Good luck! We'll be watching and I will be a customer in the future.

Mike

Email: louis@capefearcpas.com

Message

I just wanted to let you know that I was outraged to learn of the Park Service closing you down and that I have emailed our Senators and Representative in hopes that it will help you. We plan to be up in the area in a couple of weeks and hope by then we can stop in your restaurant and store.

Email: dweaver@rdplastics.net

Message

If there is any help you need from The Patriot Guard, or the Harley Owners Group of Asheville, call me or email me.

This shutdown is a blatant display of gov't. over stepping it's purpose. You are being used to punish the public into supporting Obama care. I will stand with you.

Email: hd88softail@aol.com

Message

dear Bruce I heard you today on talk radio & it got me very upset how you & your employee's are being treated by our goverment! Hang in there bro! Just letting you know there are a lot of people on your side!

Email: benny@dexterdogdesigns.com

Message

Just wanted you to know we support you, I hope things get worked out with the injunction today.

Was up around noon on Saturday, have lots of pictures if they will do you any good.

Spreading the word about this. Hope to be able to sit down and break bread with you again soon.

Email: cpunales@gmail.com

Message

I visited your inn a few years ago with my parents when we were camping not far down the mountain....beautiful!!!

Glad to see you aren't taking any crap. Keep it open...F them! Good luck :)

I Miss NC,

Chantal

Email: johndavidashton@gmail.com

Message

Kudos to you for standing up to the NPS!! Stay strong, hundreds of thousands of your fellow Americans are applauding your efforts. My daughter recently moved into the Asheville so when we come down for a visit I'll be making a reservation to come at least for a meal.

God bless you,
Dave Ashton

Email: dpbk@bellsouth.net

Message

So sorry that our gov. is treating you this way. Good for you for trying to defy autocratic and unnecessary control. Haven't stayed with you in years but we will plan to come sometime soon. Dale Salley

Email: Adamcrawlins@gmail.com

Message

Hi Bruce,

I just heard you on Mike Slater am760 here in San Diego . I just wanted to say you sound like a fantastic owner and I am empathetic to the irrationality of our gov. my fiancé is heading out to Cary with out daughter on Wednesday to visit her brother (we did not had the funds for us all to go) I have told her to try and visit your restaurant if it is open.

Keep up the great work.

Kind Regards,
Adam Rawlins

Email: fishorgans@aol.com

Message

Hey Bruce, I just heard you on Mike Slater's show on KFMB. I have a crazy suggestion that sounds nuts, but here goes... Feed the cops. They gotta eat, might as well give them your usual great service. This will make YOU feel great, and will heap hot coals on their heads. Good luck, I hope you beat them. Keep in touch. Feeshy www.fishorgans.com

Email: realblake53@gmail.com

Message

Dear Sir, just heard you on KFMB radio, I would like to send a check to help with your legal expenses. Should I make the check out to you, or Pisgah Inn, and can I send it to po box 749? Sincerely, Blake Rogers

Email: nickphillips47@gmail.com

Message

Bruce, I just read on the Fox News website about them closing your Inn. I have never had the pleasure of staying there but have dined in your restaurant. I am a lover of the parkway and visit it many times throughout the year. If there is anything my family and I can do to help please let us know. You will be in our thoughts as this injustice continues.

Nick

Email: dennishowell@rtexpress.net

Message

Bruce, I was raised in Spruce Pine and know the Parkway well. Just wanted to say I think the actions of the Park Service and our Tyrant in Chief are despicable. Hang in there.

Email: nancy.hunsicker@gmail.com

Message

My husband and I are shocked that the federal government would hold your Inn hostage during the government shutdown. We understand that you pay the National Park Service a contract fee to operate the Inn. What does the government have to benefit from closing your business. Does the government maintain your grounds? Do they provide tax dollars to run your business? Do they provide personnel to run your business? This is WRONG, and we hope you get a good attorney and fight this!! Very unfair, probably illegal, especially since the road to your business is still open for tourist to travel on. We support you!

Email: sandytietjen@yahoo.com

Message

We love the Pisgah Inn. We stayed with you all in June 2013. We are with you in our hearts and prayers as you deal with an out of control federal government.

Email: rmwill17.60@gmail.com

Message

I'm outraged that Park Service rangers are blocking access to your inn. These men should disregard these orders. Tyrant in oval office. Stay strong.
Beautiful part of country you're in

Email: ron.vanwagner@equus-re.com

Message

Let me know if the federal goons let you open up again. I will be in that area the 20th - 23rd of this month and will be looking for lodging.

PS: It is outrageous for the federal government to block access to your inn. The article I read said that you lease the building from the government. As a real estate broker I would offer the opinion that if you pay money to lease the building than the federal government is in violation of contract to deny you access and you have a right to damages.

Email: colmor24@hotmail.com

Message

Hi Bruce, I just saw an article and video on USA Today. You and your employees make me proud to be an American. Those egotistical, self centered bozo's in Washington bring shame on our country. Let me know if there is any way I can help ya'll. In my prayers. Carol

Email: montanacowgirl@att.net

Message

I am with you! We have petulant president who refuses to negotiate unless he gets his way with everything. He wants to make this as painful as possible to the people of this country. I read your story on FOX and find it repulsive. We ARE a free country and if we do not make this stand right now we will lose it. This president said in his campaign of 2008 that he was going to fundamentally transform this country. He also said he was going to build an army bigger, stronger and better equipped than the U.S. Military. It sent chills down my spine and I fear he is close to keeping these promises. Unfortunately you are seeing it up close. I am happy Congress is looking into it but I fear as with all the other horrendous scandals, this is going to be washed away with his next petulant attack on our country. He taught and follows Saul Alinsky's Rules for Radicals. Check it out you will see he is trying to collapse this country so it can be brought back up as a socialist country. T!
his is very scary stuff...we have never seen anything like this but the progressive party has been working

on this since the early 1900's and we are seeing the cummulation of their efforts, very sadly. They started as the Communist Party of the U.S. and when communism became unpopular they changed their name to The Socialist Party of America and during the cold war socialism became a bad word so they changed their name to the Progressive Party. The end goal is the same...to change us from a free country recognized for our committment to freedom and liberty with a super power standing in the world to one of socialism and dependency with the elites maintaining the wealth and power since they are the only ones who know what is good for the country. It is all about having power. I have ranted enough but could sense and feel your frustration. It is time to make a stand. Check out the Tea Pary please. If you have not listened to FOX news then please give them a try. They are th!
e number one rated news source for a reason. You will hear bot!
h sides.

Best of luck and stay on top of your representatives. Call or email them daily. Make sure they understand where you stand and if they are not representing your views then work to get them out.

Sincerely,
Beth Salmans

Email: george33596@gmail.com

Message

I had a vacation planned for later this year in Colorado. I am cancelling that vacation and will be coming to the Pisgah Inn instead. You just gained a new customer thanks to those (Repubs AND Dems) morons who can't seem to run this country. You will be seeing my family in the near future. Good luck and God Bless!

Email: b1bbuckster@msn.com

Message

Bruce, I love the fact you're staying open. I don't get down that way very often, but next time I do, I plan on staying at your place. I just returned from a week in AZ/UT/CO and was shut out of many open-air monuments. Monuments that didn't need a ranger for us to visit but yet a ranger or several rangers were posted at barricades to turn visitors away! Keep it up, we're behind you!!

Email: mgeorgion@gmail.com

Message

Bruce, do you have any contacts or phone numbers for the Park Service that I could write or call i behalf of Pisgah Inn? I would like to help if I can.

Sincerely, Philip M. and Mary D. Georgion, long time clients!

Email: safetyjw@yahoo.com

Message

Bruce, I agree wholeheartedly with you comments. Why is our government dictating how or if you can run your business? You have a contract and have done your best to comply with it. Where did our government get this kind of power? Over the last several years we have lost many of our freedoms and enough is enough. You guys do a great job at the Inn and shouldn't be punished. Thanks for all you do.

Email: twjames@tolr.org

Message

Dear Bruce,

I hope that my 'enflamed' comment on FB was not hurtful to your or anyone else at the Inn. I feel as you, that it is time for 'somebody to do something' and my comment was my weak way of stating my outrage. Perhaps you can tell what better to do and where.

Sincerely!!
Tommy James

Email: alclary@windstream.net

Message

I visited the Inn this past Sunday (10-6-13) to let my feelings be known about the closing that has occurred . I stopped and asked the rangers if I would be arrested if I parked my bike and went up to the Inn to see the view. They replied that I would not but that I would have to pull down to the lower entrance which I did. There were two more rangers at that entrance and I again asked if I would be arrested if I went to look at the view from the Inn to which the reply was the same that I would not but that I would be violating code#???? On entering a closed area to which I replied this was still a free country and I was going to look at the view.i was not stopped. When I returned to the area where I parked a senior ranger had arrived and asked to see my drivers license to which I complied . He then told me he would have to give me a citation for entering a closed area and proceeded to do so. When he had the paperwork completed he informed me about the fine of \$100 dollars ! plus a \$25 dollar processing fee . I am choosing the option of going to court and asking for a jury trial. I just wanted to let you know that there are people out here that are supporting your stand and that the view was well worth it. There also was a lady there telling me about joining a law suit that you may be filing and asked would I be willing to join in that suit. The answer to that would be yes if this is true. A reply would truly be appreciated.

Email: cponak@carolina.rr.com

Message

I have seen your plight on the local news here in Charlotte. The way I see it is if your in is on Federal land, then the NPS must close the Parkway. That\'s Federal and it\'s only right. I know this is your busy season and a lot of people are put off by the government and their bickering. Let them close the Parkway and see how people will find a way to peak at the fall colors. It\'s a shame that this event should happen at the worst time for you. My husband and I stayed at the inn a few times and hope to go back there soon. We have an ailing cat that is preventing us from vacation time this year. But it may be his last year as he is 19 years old. We hope to see you all next year with a better view of the leaves, etc. Thanks for listening to my thoughts
Chris Ponak

Email: dragonflyplayer@aol.com

Message

Hi, Bruce, My husband and I were travelling and thought your Inn would be a great place to spend a night while visiting the Blue Ridge Parkway. We were SHOCKED that your PRIVATE business was shut down and being guarded! What the heck is going on? Susan

Email: txitguy@tx.rr.com

Message

Dear Bruce,

My wife and I are quite a drive from you, so this may not be workable, but we\'ve heard about the issues you and your staff are having as a result of this administration\'s temper tantrum. We aren\'t able to offer financial assistance, but we do have a spare bedroom that a married couple could use until this all blows over and they can return to work. If they can cover their groceries, or can tolerate very spicy food and help out with food cost, they\'re welcome to borrow the room.

Email: kenoliver@charter.net

Message

Thank you for standing up for your rights. The federal government had no right to shut you down in the first place.

Obama and the libs just want to make it hard on the nation so that everyone will complain to the house and convince them to cave on the budget ceiling. I am really concerned about this nation. Pete Calender said that maybe they are just trying to find out how far they can push everyone. Please stand your ground.

Email: rich_gunter@yahoo.com

Message

Mr. O'Connell,

I have been reading about how the Park Service has been blocking your parking lot -- a very heavy-handed and punitive thing to do. I am planning to visit your inn soon to spend some money and offer my support. Glad you are reopening.

I drove by the Pisgah Inn back in early June and think it's a wonderful spot.

I am praying that the harassment will end. God bless!

Email: mrpls4@gmail.com

Message

Tried to get to the Pisgah Inn today on the Blue Ridge Pkwy for a nice lunch and to show our support. We were blocked on the parkway and had to turn off. Just wanted to let you know. You go, and we stand with you.

Email: gatoloco@comcast.net

Message

Bruce,

I heard your story on the Blaze. Just wanted to let you know that there are lots of people who support you and how great it was for you to stand up for your rights against this govt nonsense. We NEED more people like you in this country! Thanks Again—Julia

Email: vick@olvick.com

Message

Glad to see you back in business. Unfortunate you had to go through this. Next time I'm on the Blue Ridge. I'll stop in for a night and a meal!!! A beautiful area.

Email: Dogdocdt@aim.com

Message

Congratulations to an American hero!

Email: Everything2c4me@aol.com

Message

Thanks for standing up to this tyrannical administration.

Never give up!

Email: AuntieM@woh.rr.com

Message

Hello. I just read the good news that you are allowed to reopen! We are coming down for a visit this weekend. I see you don't accept reservations, based on your experience, what would be the best time of day to visit on Sunday. It's my husband's birthday and I wanted to treat him to a great meal and a

gorgeous view. There would be 4 of us and I'd really like a window table so we can come for a late lunch, early supper, whatever you think would be our best chance. Thanks!

Email: josh.johner@gmail.com

Message

I watched the video with your interview. I am humbled and filled with pride to be a fellow North Carolinian and American with you sir.

"If not me who, if not now when."

Often times we know what must be done, but we do not want to be the first to do it. 8 Years in the military and I feel that I have not served the core principles of this great nation as much as you have in your simple act of defiance. You are a modern day Thoreau and a beacon of hope. I hope one day to be able to visit your establishment and shake your hand.

Email: amy@wildmountain.com

Message

Bruce, I just heard you on the Sean Hannity show. I am wondering how you were able to open your business. I own a boat tour business in TF. We are on private land, but have been stopped by the NPS, because our tours go on the river, which they consider to be a National Scenic Riverway, even though the MN & WI DNR say they don't have jurisdiction. Like you this is peak season and if I can figure a way to get back out on the river as soon as possible I would be thrilled. Any help or guidance you can give me would be appreciated.

Amy

www.taylorsfallsboat.com

Email: tgrproducts@gmail.com

Message

Bruce,

I just wanted to let you know how proud this local company (BrassStacker.com, Candler) is of you and your stance with the Federal Government. Thank you, we appreciate patriots like yourself. If there is ever anything we can help you with please let us know.

Steve Wait

TGR Enterprises, Inc. / Brass Stacker

26 Charity Lane

Candler, NC 28715

828-665-4427

tgrproducts@gmail.com

www.BrassStacker.com

Email: craig.mangum@att.net

Message

Bruce: I love the Inn and I can't tell you how much my family and friend appreciate what you are doing to stay open. You are a true American and I will always support you and the Pisgah Inn. Thank you so much. I really don't have words to say how much.

Craig Mangum

Email: paultstone@earthlink.net

Message

I heard on Hannity today that Pisgah Inn had been allowed to reopen. Since you had paid your fees for the year, I don't know what legal right the Government had to close your business. Of course, I guess the Government considers itself to be the Law. I never thought we'd see such things and apparently we don't live in a Democracy any more.

Email: sandramadigan@hotmail.com

Message

Keep up the good work, my husband and I enjoyed a lovely meal at your restaurant in July. I am appalled that the government would choose to send guards to ensure you stay closed! How about use them for real criminal activity. You have my support!!!!

Email: mstruhar@att.net

Message

Bruce,

I saw you on Glenn Beck's show last night. I was so proud of you for standing up to the bad people in this gov't who are trying to destroy this country. So glad to hear that you are open again. We are leaving town early tomorrow, or we would be on our way "up the mountain" to have dinner with you! We will be up there next week when we return. You are a real patriot, and we all have to fight this evil in order to save our wonderful country! God Bless You...and thanks for standing up for your business, your employees and for our freedoms. You have been a light in the darkness -- shining light on the evil in our government. We MUST get patriots in our government who will uphold our constitution, so what happened to you will NEVER happen to another American.

GOD BLESS YOU -- see you next week. We used to stay at the Pisgah Inn every year (30+) when we lived in Atlanta. Now we live in Black Mountain, and ride our motorcycles up for lunch and dinners! Glad to be a resident of Western North Carolina.

Email: khepting@comcast.net

Message

We are from MI and vacation in NC on occasion. I will make it a point to stay at your place as a way to say thanks for standing up for your rights.

Email: sch4016@yahoo.com

Message

Stay strong! Next time we're in your gorgeous area, we will be sure to stay with you.....praying for all of ya!!!

Email: patandace@sbcglobal.net

Message

I support you 100%. And I applaud the stance you are taking with this totally avoidable government shut-down. It is so refreshing to see someone stand up for something, anything. Keep fighting!

Email: dbharr5@hotmail.com

Message

Just letting you know that I am coming up to your restaurant and gift shop in support of your FORCED closure. I hope you will be open again soon and I get to meet you when I come. God bless you.

Debbie Harrison

Email: charlie@disastereadypack.com

Message

Hang in there Bruce, be encouraged. I say OPEN!

If all Americans did this,
our govt would realize how
little power they have over
the masses. Its OUR country and
they work for US...

My business is BOOMING!!

Which is kind of a sad statement, so to say....

Go luck !!!

Charlie Johnson

Disaster-Ready-Pack.com

Email: ggn5@bellsouth.net

Message

In the most ridiculous of times I'm proud of you for standing your ground. Keep up the good fight!!!

Email: drippolito2@yahoo.com

Message

THREE CHEERS FOR YOU BRUCE!!

I only wish I lived closer. If I'm down your way I will be sure to patronize your Inn.

Obama's plan - MAXIMUM PAIN

WE NEED MORE LIKE YOU..and less Sheeple

Email: taylorq.m@sbcglobal.net

Message

Stay tough! I can hardly believe that these vicious bullying tactics are being used against you. You have our support. God Bless You and God Bless America!

Email: tconner66@hotmail.com

Message

I've been following your story on Glenn Beck's network. THANK YOU for fighting. Keep it up and know you have a lot of people out there who support your efforts. I've enjoyed visiting the Pisgah Inn on many occasions; I hope to make a special trip up there this weekend with my family just to say \"thanks.\" God bless, TC

Email: tconner66@hotmail.com

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Email: gmaroyquilts@gmail.com

Message

Bruce, I've been reading about your situation on the internet. There is a quirk in the law that makes the

county sheriff the chief law enforcement officer of his county, which means that he can tell even the FBI what to do. Why not ask him to tell the park rangers to get lost, and to prohibit them from stopping people from coming into your establishment and from stopping at any pull-offs on the Parkway in your county. Also, have him email other sheriffs of their power--some obviously don't know about it. Keep up the good fight, and God bless America.

Email: robbielane@earthlink.net

Message

Thank you so much for taking a stand. I'm so proud of you and your family. To have rangers stop access to your Inn is a little too Big Brother for me. I couldn't believe the video. I swear, I almost got in my car, here just outside Raleigh, to drive up there. You have a contract, too. Seems to me they broke Their contract with You. I spent many yrs eating in your Inn when I used to come up camping at Pisgah all the time. I built and ran my own Inn, Carambola, from 2003 through 2010. It's a tough business, and I loved it. Developed what turned out to be a heart problem I had to address, so we closed. I started out in the business when I was 6 yrs old, growing up half my life in my aunt and uncle's hotels. Just wanted to say, "Bravo!!" If I can ever do anything to help you, please let me know. You are fabulous people. Just wish we were closer. My husband used to live there. Hope you reopen, soon. Sincerely, Robbie Lane Jackson

Email: tom_minnich@att.net

Message

Sorry stupid interfered with your business, I have promised myself to stay and visit with you in the next season.

Best Regards

Tom M.

Email: dazzelena@aol.com

Message

Hang in there Bruce. The country is behind you. Stand your ground. You are a true patriot

Email: entries@mayforddoors.com

Message

Good for you! Fight tyranny.

Email: rngrant@rocketmail.com

Message

Bruce,

Good for you for fighting the fight. I honor your efforts. Being an avid motorcyclist and traveling down the BRP every chance I get, I pledge to never stay anywhere else but the Pisgah Inn. Good on you brother.

Best regards,

Rich Grant

Email: darrindurkee@gmail.com

Message

Dear, Bruce I am writing you in regards to an article I found on a Site called the libertarianrepublic.com. I won't go into too much detail but the article was claiming you are shut down due to the partial shutdown. With a little bit of digging its clear you were closed for a time. Your daily news section says you are back open. But does not say why you were closed or for how long if you would kindly write me back I would be much appreciative.

Sincerely, Darrin.

Email: cmchasey@yahoo.com

Message

I've never been to your inn, but I def plan to in the future! I read online about the gov shutdown closing your restaurant & I applaud your actions!!

Email: email@noemail.com

Message

Just read the article about the Gov. shutdown and your Inn. Smile on and keep doing what you're doing! All Americans should be so bold. We all need to speak up. Let's do something instead of nothing.

Have a great fall season.

Email: JCooley@deerfieldwnc.org

Message

Very Proud of your attempted stand against the Government shutting down the Inn. I had 3 summers and great memories working at PI. My best to you and yor Mom.

Email: brett@tropicallogistix.com

Message

I just saw your interview. You were great and you look the same as you did when we were diving together years ago on that graveyard. Good luck buddy, fight the good fight.

Email: lauren.stotz@yahoo.com

Message

Hi Bruce!

I've never been to your inn, but just wanted to drop you a quick note and let you know that I read the story in the news about you taking a stand against the federal government and try to remain open during the shutdown, and I think that's AWESOME!!!! Good for you! I wish more Americans would take a stand like that. Best of luck with dinner tonight.

-Your fan in Delaware

Email: michaelharoldsen@yahoo.com

Message

I'm in california and support your efforts to stay open inspite of the Feds desire to make everyone suffer more than necessary. Your a true American,Good Luck.

Email: roxanahowe@hotmail.com

Message

Best wishes to you and your employees as you fight being shut down. Many, many people are on your side. Good luck!

Email: teestwo@att.net

Message

Bruce, why not ask for 1000 local folks to show up at same time at the inn and see what the rangers do about that ! Force the issue ! What will they do , send the army ??

Email: robinratt@hotmail.com

Message

Watched your story with Glenn Beck. God Bless You. I will be shopping from your gift shop & from a

marketing prospect, maybe have some of your employees sign T-shirts or something, as a symbol of those being impacted by the Obama shutdown? I would gladly pay extra, because of the story behind those signatures.

Thank you for taking a stand.

Email: snickerson123@yahoo.com

Message

Hello Bruce,

I support you opening. As a matter of fact I bet if you sent one of your employees up to where they have the barricades with a sign that said we are open then people could make there own choice to bypass the guards. I'm pretty sure that the guards will not shoot someone over going to your business for dinner. Plus I'm sure the news would cover it.

Best of Luck....

Sean Nickerson

Email: funnyguy_julian@yahoo.com

Message

I think now is the time to stand up to this illegal shutdown and take up arms to fight against the federal government's tyranny and dictatorship...because that is exactly what this is...we need to recruit and speak to the people about what is happening here. I believe that a rebellion against this dictatorship that is forcing us to close down our lively hoods just because they cannot come to terms in our government. THAT IS NOT OUR FAULT!!! WE SHOULD HAVE TO PAY FOR THEIR INCOMPETENCE!!We need to fight this because our "Declaration Of Independence" begins with,"We The People" not "we the government".I believe in " Life,Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness" these words are not empty words...we need to believe in them and fight for them. I served my country for this freedom not so some lame ass politicians could take away our constitutional rights and our freedoms simply because they cannot get it together in government.

Email: kacorrell@yahoo.com

Message

Dear Bruce, Keep fighting! My husband and I stayed at your inn in 1995 and it was a wonderful place to heal after a personal loss. I'm so glad you are trying whatever means you can to stay open with all the dysfunction in Government! I can't wait to visit again and have wanted to for many years, but now with you fighting for you employees I'm more determined than ever to visit! You have a lot of Americans on your side!

Email: jkboaters@yahoo.com

Message

What the government is doing to you is appalling. I salute your courage and hope the situation is resolved for you soon

Email: craigandnickie@gmail.com

Message

I just read your article about defying the shut-down and staying open, and I say, "GOOD FOR YOU!" I wish you all the best in your legal fight and hope you will get to reopen soon. What the government is doing to you is terrible! I hope all voters do the right thing next go-around and vote them all out of office! We frequent your area as my mother-in-law lives in Greenville, SC. We will be looking for a night's stay the next time we're in town! Good luck!

Email: hhall@mitchell.main.nc.us

Message

God be praised that you stood for right principles. I saw your interview on TheBlazeTV yesterday and was so very proud of your determination. Keep on! Thank you so very much.

Email: clakeman@centurytel.net

Message

Looking forward to visiting your Inn one day. Just read about the situation you are facing. I just have to roll my eyes at the control we have allowed the government to have in our lives. Watch out for Big Brother 'cause he's watching you.

Email: williamsonc@suddenlink.net

Message

Way to go Bruce, stand your ground against the Gov idiots that only care about themselves if more would stand their ground and not be pushed around things wouldn't be like they are I am very proud of you and your Mom!!! Thank you for being an inspiration to us !!

Email: bella_lynda_1951@yahoo.com

Message

I applaud your stand against the closing of your Inn. If more Americans would stand up to this outrageous debacle this administration is forcing upon the people, maybe we would come back to vision our constitutional forefathers saw for this country.

Email: luckey_j@bellsouth.net

Message

Bruce- After all this Gov't crap is over with, my wife and I will be up there to visit your business and help you recoup the losses you are sustaining due to our incompetent officials. Keep the faith.

Email: lester@apollobrands.com

Message

Round up enough locals and place the park guards under citizens arrest for interfering with commerce of some other law, get enough people to arm themselves and have the rangers stand down, do not allow this tyranny, you are an American, those are your rights.

Email: abryjak@yahoo.com

Message

I read about your struggle with the government and its anti-capitalistic/tyrant ways. It looks like your Inn has reopened and you won this battle. Congratulations! I applaud your efforts and bravery to stand up to the "Goliath." I wish you a profitable season and many record profit years to come.

Email: mike.andreotta@gmail.com

Message

Just read that you are taking on the Mismanagers of the National Park Service. We love you in Vermont! Get that injunction and tell those armed Rangers to stuff it! It must be costing more to keep that parking lot closed than letting you stay open. They are such morons!

Email: sueliz_hunt@yahoo.com

Message

Go for it!! I admire your American spirit. The government is full of horse shit. They forget they work for the people not the other way around!!

Email: jjsenten@yahoo.com

Message

Keep up your fight to stay open, if I lived anywhere close I'd come and stand by you. We should stop paying taxes until the gov't backs off. There are thousands of citizens in your corner. Good for you for standing up to them!!!!

Dear Mr. O'Connell,

I saw you on the Glenn Beck show and wanted to let you know that I appreciate what you said and I understand what you are going through. Having been a restaurant owner myself, I know how it hurts to see your staff suffer. I especially enjoyed how you delivered a passionate message without degrading the park rangers.

For ten years I lived in Waynesville/Clyde area and frequented the Pisgah Inn. It is a special place and we always enjoyed our visits.

Today, I called the Pisgah Inn and ordered a gift certificate for family members who live in Hendersonville. I did this to show my support.

Take care, Cheryl Garrison, Marietta South Carolina

Email: lesah@sbcglobal.net

Message

Thank you for trying to defy the lunacy of the federal government shutdown. Please continue to speak out.

Email: carmieberg@sbcglobal.net

Message

God Bless You for standing up to our government. They have over-stepped their boundaries and are stepping on the people by trying to control them, NOT representing them. If there is anything that I can do, I will, and gladly. The people MUST stand up to the out-of-control politicians and take our country back.

Email: luvlytxgal@yahoo.com

Message

YOU (LOOKING GLASS) Rock Bruce. We all stand behind you. Thank for being a great example for all of us. YOU are a hero!!!

Email: klaskis@yahoo.com

Message

Thank you so much for standing your ground for your workers and our country. I watched the Glenn Beck program this morning from last night and you did a wonderful job and just wanted to let you know I stand with you. I also heard you the other day on the Sean Hannity show. It was great to hear a person from NC stand up for what is right. I am going to try and plan our vacation next year to come and visit the Inn. I am very upset with the bullying that the gov't is doing and I pray that the courts stand for the constitution and you will be able to reopen immediately. Thank you again for standing firm for truth, justice and the American Way!

Email: fr8trn64@yahoo.com

Message

Good day Bruce, I am an American citizen living in Santiago Chile and I am fully aware of what the American Government is trying to do, I do believe you are doing things in the right way, I read that you have filed an injunction against the tyrants that are trying to keep you closed, have you thought about trying to contact other people that have businesses that are affected by the Government shutdown? I think if I were you I would get in touch with as many as possible and start the process of filing a class

action lawsuit against the Government for the loss of livelihood, I strongly believe that if you did, you would be victorious, I commend you for trying everything in your power to keep your business alive, good luck in all that you endeavor to do, Warmest regards, Brian Marbach

Email: mystapring@yahoo.com

Message

Dear Bruce,

I'm a business owner in Tucson, (Sweeney's Barber Shop) keep fighting this shut down is ridiculous. I wish you well. Blessings and courage, Cynthia

Email: carissa.williams.mail@gmail.com

Message

Hello Bruce. I just read your story on Yahoo news pertaining to operating the Pisgah Inn during this ridiculous government shutdown. I want you to know you have my support....you are doing what more Americans should be doing....pushing back against our dysfunctional, tyrannical government. I'm sorry your business has been affected and is being guarded by Rangers 24/7. What happened to "land of the free"?!? Regardless, great job to you, sir, for taking a stand. I hope more people follow your example. God Bless!

Email: john.j.burke@att.net

Message

Keep up the fight, I am totally in agreement that you should be allowed to be open. Another example of an out of control administration causing pressure on private citizens and directing the blame on the Conservative elements of our government! Can I come by and get turned around sometime. What irks me is that we can spend our tax money on park rangers to keep citizen out of a business that would generate tax revenue! Nonsense. When they leave and you open back up let me know so Deb and I can be the first ones in line!

John Burke

US Veteran Retired

Email: kandl2@cableone.net

Message

You folks hang in there! I've not had the chance yet to come see your part of the country but I will for sure come to meet you and enjoy your Inn and area, Stand up for your rights and we'll all get through this mess the admin has thrown at us! We support you all the way- Kevin

Email: jamrpoi@gmail.com

Message

I have read about your plight with our so called government and would like to know how I can help. I don't know how much I can do but something needs to be done.

Thank you and good luck.

James Pointer

Email: RickT18@foxvalley.net

Message

Bruce, I hope that you can survive the Obama debacle ... hang in there. Our prayers are with you ... after hearing about your lovely Inn, we plan on coming down & staying next summer. We have been to Asheville several times & love the area ... Regards, Rick V.

Email: chriswelliver@bellsouth.net

Message

Bruce, you are a true American hero for fighting this tyranny. Brother, I pray the best outcome for you and your employees. One day I hope to head that way and meet a real American patriot!

Email: wadine70@yahoo.com

Message

I just wanted to say Thank You for standing up for freedom. I saw you on Glenn Beck and I believe in spending my money with like minded people. My husband and I go to the mountains every fall and I will be staying in your inn next time. Thank You again.

Wadine Smith

Email: mountainlyon95@gmail.com

Message

Just heard you on Sean Hannity, my favorite conservative talk show host. Good job! Glad the Inn is back open for business.

(I was a seasonal ranger WAY back in the late 80's and lived in the old trailer; gave talks in the old inn, etc.)

You did the Inn and WNC proud and it's nice getting national exposure, right?!

Sue

Email: blissful@sopris.net

Message

Thank you, Mr. O'Connell, for your courage. You are a true American hero and you have my sincerest gratitude for what you are doing to try and help your employees. God bless you.

Email: tjm1980@sbcglobal.net

Message

God bless you for appearing on Glenn Becks' The BlazeTV.

Blessings,

Linda and Terry

Email: bobkershaw@frontier.com

Message

Bruce,

I read the story about the Feds shutting you down and how you fought back until you had no alternative but to comply. I congratulate on your courage. If more of this country's citizens were follow your example, the government just might get the hint that it needs to get back to work and get things done rather than behave like a group of preschool children fighting over a toy. Hang in there, elections are coming up and some of those idiots in Congress are going to find themselves voted out of office.

Email: elkestars@yahoo.com

Message

My husband and I are former motel owners which were located in Ela, NC which is three miles from Bryson City we sold our businesses after 17 years moving to Montana. We are so proud of you for your stance. We saw you on Glenn Beck last PM and today we learned you have been allowed to reopen. We thank God for the courage you have shown. We pray that others in business will follow your lead, thank

you again for standing up for our Constitution. God Bless you, your family and all the staff at Pisgah Inn. We know very well the importance of a good staff. Elke and Robert Starks.

Email: thehortler@yahoo.com

Message

Hang in there Bruce! Sooner or later the federal officers that are guarding your parking lot will skip a couple of pay checks and they won't care about guarding a parking lot anymore. They will have families at home to feed and will soon start to look for another way to feed them. Guarding a parking lot that could provide them with tax dollars to pay themselves will soon become apparently absurd. I grew up in Charlotte and spent a lot of time in the Smoky Mtns as a kid, so I understand how important this season is your local economy. I hope that the govt gets its act together and you can reopen asap. Keep up the good and logical fight! Tim Harris

Email: rosesinthepass@yahoo.com

Message

Mr. O'Connell,

I appreciate your spirit. However, the park rangers are NOT your friends. Friends don't hurt others to save themselves from being hurt. By refusing to shut you down, they have chosen to avoid losing their jobs in exchange for using violence to keep you and your employees out of your jobs. By standing around armed, they are putting you and everyone you know and love in danger.

Hitler never killed anybody - he just found stooges to follow orders and do his dirty work. Put pictures and names of the rangers online and let them feel the shame they deserve. The only way to fight tyranny is for the men with guns to not comply.

Email: pmharland@yahoo.com

Message

Re: defiance of government shutdown. I'm proud of you and support you 100% Just because elected officials and a select portion of the republicans party can't get their way (i.e, Pres. Obama and the AFA) doesn't mean that We The Peopl are as stupid or intransigent. Congratulations and best of luck. Do not give up. Remember Occupy Movement. IT's still going and you are now a part of it.

Email: joemechele@yahoo.com

Message

Sir I salute you for trying to stay open. These parks belong to the people of this country not to the government. You are a patriot

Email: deisharosser5@bellsouth.net

Message

I wish I could be there to support you. I hope your doors open today! Armed guards blocking your parking lot, really??? Isn't there something more pressing that the few paid government employees can do? Good luck!!!

Email: bgreene@affectiveinfluence.com

Message

Bruce: Saw your story on the Blaze and want o buy a gift certificate. I may never get to come there but am going to try. If I don't get to visit you I would like to support you and yours. Please let me know how I may purchase a gift certificate. God Bless and You have our prayers. Billy

Email: ryan-ramsey@att.net

Message

Bruce, we will surely miss our three nights in the Pisgah Suite next weekend. That said, thank you for standing up for all us guests and all the Pisgahteers (our vacation family). You reveal those clowns in Washington to be the ass-holes they truly are. Thank you for that. Oh yea, tell Rob he, sadly, looks no better on TV than in person. See you all next season!

Email: georgiacats@yahoo.com

Message

Dear Bruce, Can you paypal an invoice to me for one night in the Pisgah room or call me to charge by phone? I'd like to support you and your mom even though we are too far away to be there in person. Thanks, Michelle

Email: pegasi1@yahoo.com

Message

Good Morning Bruce, I commend you for standing for your business and community well being. If you can't get your injunction, consider getting a temporary food vendor permit, set up a serving tent or food truck 1 foot outside the park. You will have great support I'm sure, be working and not a dime will go the government who shut you down :) :) Sends a strong message that they are an unnecessary part of your business and your payments to them are a courtesy of business and location only. Best wishes.

Email: ddesldm@santel.net

Message

Oh for pete's sakes... what is wrong with our government servants? Have they forgotten they quite frankly "work" (and I use that loosely) for the people. I wish more people were like you and would stand up to them....

Email: Cobbb@ftc.org

Message

I stand with you !!!!! If I can be of any help please let me know.

Email: eabc80@comcast.net

Message

Thank you for standing up!

Email: pmharland@yahoo.com

Message

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Email: joemechele@yahoo.com

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Email: tstirling@wombwithaview.com

Message

As a business owner I understand your concern and support you. The government does not understand how to run things and expects business to run as they do, but we just can't. I think what you should try to do is put it out there that you will open at a certain time/date and hope that hundreds or thousands of people show up to support you. If enough people show up they will be unable to turn everyone away, that will show the support that you have and the disdain that we-the American people-have for the way the politicians are Not running this country. If I was close I would be there to support you. I may even show up to support you anyway! Even if you have to serve picnic meals and just have people park in the parking lot to view the area, that's all you need to show the government that you have the peoples support and dislike what the government is doing. Don't spend the money on the courts!

Email: wardsharon56@yahoo.com

Message

Stand your ground! You're fighting for all of us, even tho' we can't!

Email: pjl2782@aol.com

Message

Hi Mr. O,connell,

I just wanted to know I admire and respect you for standing up to the O\bama administration\s unfair order to shut your business be cause of Government shut down.

Thanks,

Patricia LaSala

Email: brittnaygonyaw@yahoo.com

Message

Bruce,

I just read an article on Yahoo about your refusal to shut down your inn. I just want to let you know how much I admire that. In this day and age we CANNOT let the government dictate everything we do. That they had enough money to pay for those armed guards that robbed you of your livelihood even for a day, but not enough to keep the park open is amazingly ridiculous. Keep up the fight and know that there are others from all over that stand with you and support you.

Best Wishes,

Brittnay

Email: mikethompson1@bellsouth.net

Message

Hey Bruce, Saw the report of the BSNPS on the Blaze and wanted to know if it is possible to come up your way and spend some money. Please let me know the best way to support you and your employees.

Mike

Email: jamesvrazel@bellsouth.net

Message

Good morning!

Just felt compelled to send you all a message this morning. So utterly disgusted with all the government bullying going on, and wanted to send a little message of support. I feel like we should have a massive crowd up there at the Inn, protesting this gross violation of your rights. SO many people are angry on your behalf, and others like you. Who would have thought the American gestapo would come from the ranks of Smokey the Bear's friends?? Our prayers are with you and all your employees suffering from this ordeal. Hang in there, and please keep fighting!

All the best,

Kate Vrazel

Email: marcialmoore@yahoo.com

Message

Dear Bruce,

As fellow inn owners, we read in horror and anger at what the federal government is doing to your business. Having armed guards at your inn is probably a significant cost to the taxpayers. What sense does this make? We all know that the administration shut down the government in a manner that would cause the most outrage and receive the most publicity. Good for you for fighting back. Best of luck.

Marcia and Richard Moore

Graystone Inn

Wilmington, NC

Email: mws2010@gmail.com

Message

Sorry to hear that the lawless powers that be in DC (exec branch) are acting in such a petty and punitive way by shutting down your biz. Crazy and def designed to sway and I intimidate lawmakers who want compromise. I've driven past your place in the past and will make a point to stop in or stay in the future.

Email: kimkenney@hushmail.com

Message

We saw you on Glenn Beck last night. God bless you for standing up to keep your business open! We are cheering for you! Hope to plan a visit to your inn next year. Kim

Email: jlmartin93@yahoo.com

Message

Saw you on Glenn Beck. Keep fighting the good fight, Bruce! We have never visited but as soon as you are re-opened we will try to get a reservation. I have a feeling you are going to be booked, though! :-)

Email: StevenMcMillan.HRI@Gmail.com

Message

Bruce,

Just watched your interview on Glenn Beck and have been following the government oppression of your situation, and those of many others. I just want to say thank you for standing up for employees and for many across the nation on which governmental pain is intentionally being inflicted. I'm originally from the Chattanooga, TN and have ridden many miles through that area of NC. Few places in this world can

compare. Again, thank you, stand strong and God Bless you and your employees.
Steven McMillan

Email: mcnamara80@sbcglobal.net

Message

hope these storm troopers are taken away soon, keep up the fight, you are right, and I thank you.

Email: daw4971@comcast.net

Message

Hey Bruce,

Just watched you on Glenn Beck. Hang in there, don't give up! We all are in some position that the government is working against us. We all need to take a stand and show them that they work for us, we do NOT belong to them!

I wish you well in your fight and will pray God blesses you with a positive outcome.

God Bless,

Dee

Email: hack4@comcast.net

Message

Bruce, I read about your plight on TheBlaze.com, and I just wanted to let you know I have the utmost respect for your efforts to keep your business open and stand by your employees. I wish the Park Rangers at your establishment would consider how they will feel about themselves and their decisions 10 years from now as they look in the mirror. God Bless you and your staff, and I wish you all the best.

Sincerely,

Jeff Hackenberg

Email: webster.2020@yahoo.com

Message

I just left this on Yahoo News about your situation.

What the hell are you doing? Arm yourself, your family, your friends, co-workers, and so forth and march past the Rangers. It's NOT their property to dictate what goes on. Tell your visitors to go armed. Heck, if you weren't so far away, I would march up there with you.

Email: kbemail_02@yahoo.com

Message

Just saw a story about asinine government shutting you down. Can't understand how they justify shutting you down - but can afford to pay guards to keep people away from you?! Keep up the fight!

Email: carolkim32754@yahoo.com

Message

I never heard about you or your Inn. Go bless you and your business with this foolish shutdown. I will try to visit your Inn in the future for sure now just to support you. Take care.

Carol Kim

Email: lynda@mapcycle.com

Message

stay strong- we are with you. My husband and i are planning a trip to stay at your beautiful inn.

Email: jchdguy09@yahoo.com

Message

Keep up the fight against the government. They have no right to shut you down. I'm in full agreement with your actions. As a Vietnam vet, I've dealt with the government for many years and it is becoming more dysfunctional every day. It's time to stand against big government.

Jerry Cook

Email: michaelwilliam1974@yahoo.com

Message

just read the article about you on yahoo. As a Veteran of the navy I am more than angry with this government thug mess. I support you Brother and I hope hundreds of people show up and force there way in to support your business if you have anything online to buy id be happy to purchase!

Respectfully,

Michael W. Troehler

Email: fredmanfamily6@gmail.com

Message

Good morning sir,

My and I would just like to express our anger and disappointment in our government in regards to closing your inn. Although, we have never been to your Inn, we visit the Blue Ridge Parkway annually. We are appalled at the way they are treating you and others. Please stand firm and know you have MANY people supporting you. IF this is not a sign of communism in the making I don't know what is. I apologize for the "rambling" but we are really furious over it as well. God bless America and you (and your family) We will keep you in our prayers

The Fredman Family

Email: moneyandequity@yahoo.com

Message

they know they are doing wrong by closing you down, they are scared for their jobs, retired veterans we are not. we need to keep pressing because it is wrong what they are doing... I thought this was the land of the free, what happen to the Constitution? Where did we went wrong?

Email: victory128@yahoo.com

Message

Dear Mr. O'Connell:

I read an article about you in the news. They quoted you as saying,

" If not now, when; and if not me, then who?"

Sir, I find that to be a powerfully inspirational sentiment. Many should have the opportunity to also hear

those words and reflect upon them. Thank You.

Best of Luck, Be Safe, and take good care of your Mom! I miss my own dear Mother everyday and would give much to see her just one more time.

Email: firstco14781@yahoo.com

Message

Sir

Good on you for standing your ground, don't let them get you down. You are right, how did we ever get here to begin with. Looks like you have a great place and sorry for the flack you are getting - we all support you!!

Take care

Al

Email: bellyclams@gmail.com

Message

Saw your story on "The Blaze" just moments ago. Isn't it amazing that in a time of "shutdown" due to a budget crisis that the government would use their "meager" resources to make sure that you were shut down. I don't have anything to lose either man, and I stand with you!

Email: klong1000@gmail.com

Message

If I were closer to you I'd help you out. Do you think that the park rangers are going to shot perhaps a 100 people showing up at one time? Obama has gone to far and these park rangers are backing him 100%. This email is probably being monitored also.

Email: jfsargent@comcast.net

Message

I am writing to tell you that I am horrified and disgusted by the actions of our Federal government, in particular the National Park Service and those above it in the Interior Department and White House, in blocking access to your facilities. It is a tyrannical display of petty political minds. Know that there are many patriotic Americans in your corner and proud of the stand that you have taken. You are not alone.

Email: nancysky13@msn.com

Message

We are remembering you and your family and employees in prayer during this time. We are saddened that great americans are being bullied by the government...what a sad day for America.

Email: tenorii@hotmail.com

Message

Saw you on Beck today. I hope you win. I don't think it is right what is going on. May God Bless you and your family during this time.

Email: osvet_gordo@yahoo.com

Message

Bruce,

Don't give in in. I'm retired military, and I can vouch for how insidious the people you face are.

Remember one thing, the armed guys in the parking lot are subject to a code of conduct and rules of engagement. Whatever interaction you have with them, get a video record, and post it. Good Luck my friend, I wish I were there to help, you are a true American.

Very Respectfully,
Christopher P Goidich, USN (Ret)

Email: dennygmcgrath@verizon.net

Message

Bruce, Keep up the fight We support you and not the government in this hostile act

Email: snyder6280@att.net

Message

Bruce, I watched your interview w/Glenn Beck tonight and want you to know how much I support you in what you are doing. Will be visiting your Inn as soon as I'm "allowed" into it. Hang tough! My thoughts & prayers are with you!

Email: jacque.templeton@gmail.com

Message

Thank you for your defiance! You are a hero to those of us Americans who are tired of this governments injustices, keep fighting the good fight! What the government is doing to you is wrong and I am outraged with your situation. Keep giving them hell! Hooyah!

Email: PatOren@gmail.com

Message

<http://news.yahoo.com/shutdown-rebels-defying-federal-orders-close-155647228.html>

Are you still able to get US Mail?? Please send me your mailing address, and I'll send you some cash, and encourage as many as possible of my friends to do so. (If they say they'd prefer sending a check, who should they write it to, Pisgah Inn or Bruce O'Connell?) I know lawyers are expensive. And I can't get to DC for any of the protests and marches - but I can help you fight.

Damn the Barricades! Can't even imagine what it would be like to have freaking government cops outside my door 24-7. Let me help.

Yours sincerely,
Patricia Oren in California

Email: medskerfamily@gmail.com

Message

Just saw you on the Glenn Bewck program. I am proud of you!
Ate at your restaurant a few years ago--will make it a point to come again.
You are a patriot. I will stand with you.

Email: bkosa@access.k12.wv.us

Message

God bless you brother! Keep up the good fight. I wish now I had an opportunity to be an enemy of the state. Even their oppression of free enterprise makes me shake my head. Since you're closed but the road is open. And it's all because Obamacare cannot be relenquished by the liberal Senate and White House. Bruce I think your inn will be the next stop I make for a vacation, since I admire your patriotic stand.

Email: eebedah@excite.com

Message

I commend you for standing up to what amounts to governmental tyranny. I know how hard this must be for you, just wanted you to know that a lot of people who can't stand up are proud of your trying to do so. Thank you very much

Email: btatham@windstream.net

Message

I wish I had the money, time and good fortune to have a reservation. I have eaten at your restaurant. Considering the stand you are taking against the NPS, I wished I live closer and had more money. You are a patriot!

Email: daydawning2010@yahoo.com

Message

Dear Mr. O'Connell, words cannot express the shock that I felt when I read the ABCNews article on Yahoo tonite. I would NEVER have thought I would read an article about our Federal Govt. treating a hard-working Citizen of the United States so shabby and wrongly! We all have to pray to God to save us from this Administration's toxic impact on our rights and stand up with you to fight this tyranny. If there is anything I can do to help, let me know. I hope to hear that you are open and operating at least by this weekend. Our President's actions are unconscionable. Will check your website often-besides looking for an update, I just love the pictures. Take Care & Good Luck!

Email: edewitt@tfc.edu

Message

Hey Bruce,

I heard you on Sean Hannity today and I really appreciate your honesty. When he said you were descended upon by police and raided or something like that, you responded, "Let's not blow it out of proportion, we were told we could not stay open and they blocked the drive." Thanks for speaking the truth.

Having said that I think what they did was ridiculous and needs to be addressed.

Anyways, just wanted you to know I appreciate you and congratulations on being open. I hope the days that follow are great for business.

Ernie D.

Email: vproctor@nc.rr.com

Message

Just read the Blaze. God bless you and this country. We need more like you. May the Pisgah Inn have all the business you can handle! Hang in there! True Americans support you.

Best regards.

Email: scpatriot64@yahoo.com

Message

We would like to come visit your Inn and offer our support and your stand against a tyrannical Pres.

It makes me sick that they think they can get away with all the stuff they do.

May GOD Bless you and your staff.

Email: gaspipe109@yahoo.com

Message

God bless you. Keep up the fight against tyranny.

Email: Holliday2709@gmail.com

Message

Thank you for standing up for your employees. You are very courageous and I pray everything works out for your business. We all need to stand up for what we believe. I hope your stance will inspire others to do the same. God bless!

Email: mjackman3284@hotmail.com

Message

My grandparents fell in love with NC at your Inn, after a random stop for lunch. They moved to Brevard. I had the best 6 weeks of my life in those mountains all because of your good food and pleasant service. Now I'm a small business owner and can't imagine the disruption that the feds are causing to your livelihood. I'm so sorry and hope to see you on a future vacation. Mary

Email: kristhetalker@live.com

Message

I am wondering what the most secure and direct way to send a donation to the Inn would be. I would like to help cover the loss of revenue for the staff during this tough time, and I would like to ask others to help me as well. Can I send a check straight to the Inn?

Email: njohn@yahoo.com

Message

STAY OPEN! Dont let the governments falter mess with your private business. We need less government as is, power to the private sector!

Email: Willswainil@att.net

Message

Hi Bruce. Thanks for trying to stay open during the shutdown. I would like to donate to your cause as you are being forced to close your doors. How may I do this ?

Thanks,

Will

Email: aadd210@yahoo.com

Message

Hang in there Bruce, the incompetent politicians in Washington are practicing 5th grade economics and the American people is footing the bill. Since non-essentials services are not allowed then all of the Washington senators and house members should not be paid one cent.

Email: rkjbwebb@gmail.com

Message

Saw your interview on Glenn Beck and was very proud to hear a fellow North Carolinian stand up for what is right and fight against the bullies in Washington. Praying for you and your stand and that your support

becomes astounding. Our next trip to the mountains we will certainly try to support your business. Thank you!!

Email: jrleveille@gmail.com

Message

Bruce,

You keep doing what you're doing. I am very proud there are other citizens willing to stand up a bunch of adults acting like children running our country. Keep the faith!

Justin & Rebecca

Email: marksrone@charter.net

Message

Fight Tyranny

Email: arnie@taxhelpco.com

Message

I read about you on Yahoo news. Keep up the good fight. Our federal govt has become dysfunctional. Somehow we need to fix this. Today on the radio a small business owner said that if 1/2 of all small business closed up/went on strike for 1 week it would bring the feds to their knees. I hope we can do that.

God Bless you & all patriots.

Email: tanmanyz426@gmail.com

Message

FIGHT ON! DO NOT LET THE FEDS TRY AND SHUT YOU DOWN, THEIRS 100\`S OF THOUSANDS OF US TRUE AMERICANS AT YOUR BACK AND ON YOUR SIDE! THEY CAN ARREST US ALL OR SHOOT US ALL!

Email: deputygirlfoster@wbcable.net

Message

I read about your inn and you trying to stay open during the shut down. I can't be there..but I wish I could! I'd stand in your parking lot with as many people as I could and form a STAND IN. They can arrest some of us...but they don't have enough jail space for ALL of us.

You have my support!

Debbie

Email: jason_humbert@hotmail.com

Message

Thank you for standing up to the gov't bullies. What they are doing is despicable. We need more people like you in this country.

Email: wes@weswhitelaw.com

Message

Hi Bruce,

I've just been following your story regarding the government shutdown., I'm an attorney in Charlotte but grew up in foothills and spent a lot of time in the Pisgah. I'm happy to offer my services for free if you

need an attorney. Best wishes,

Wes

Email: jf.sparky@yahoo.com

Message

I just want to wish you Good Luck in your fight against the idiots in Washington. The narrow minded, selfish, pompous jerks that are responsible for this don't consider how it will affect anyone but them!

Jeff Blair

Email: csweeney26@comcast.net

Message

Just wanted you to know that I am sharing your web site. And praying this stupid shut down is stifled before too long. God Bless you Bruce. And we are fighting to stop this take over. Char Sweeney a fellow American sick and tired of Obama and his Nazi regime.

Email: bobnlou@bellsouth.net

Message

I just read the story about the government closing you down. What kind of communist state is the White House portraying? Keep up the good work, stay defiant! Say hello to Mrs. Prevost from Bob the former Fitness Center Courtney Cart driver!

Email: tawnatoo11@yahoo.com

Message

Just read of your dedication to the freedom battle down there! Don't give up!! We too are a restaurant affected by the Natl Park BS. Though not closed, we are seriously missing the Yellowstone visitors. Thank you! May we all, like you, serve as an example of true patriotism. our govt agenda is to see our free citizens buckle and give in as the last bit of independence is sucked from our souls! FREEDOM LIVES ON!!!

Virginia and Matthew E.

Email: lpyeager@aol.com

Message

Hey Bruce! YOU GO MAN! Saw you on Glenn Beck and just have to say I appreciate your standing up. I know you are busy but I think there'd be a lot of support for your employees. I know I'd be willing to pitch in to help them out. Isn't that what it's all about? My parents live in Brevard and are patriots. My Dad even wrote a book about the Federalist Papers. Would love to hear from you when you have time. Let me know if you have any needs.

Email: Rmharrity@aol.com

Message

The next time tyranny in the form of the federal government darkens your door, give them a copy of The Constitution and a copy of the Gettysburg Address.

YOU are America.

They are tyranny - the new King George III.

Tell them also that if you are not protected by The Constitution, then they have absolutely no authority and, because of that, they are trespassers.

Even us \"liberals in Massachusetts\" are behind you 100%.

Email: Philtoddriet@yahoo.com

Message

Bruce

The federal lands are supported by the tax payers. They are not anyone's but our land. It is sick and disgusting what is going on in our country. I like many other prom support you.

God bless and some day we hope to know what freedom is once again as we have lost it under the dictatorship are now under.

Phil

Email: equillen@suddenlink.net

Message

Bruce,

Saw you on Glenn Beck today, hard to believe that this President is so small minded & vindictive that he goes out of his way to hurt Americans the way he has while "flexing his muscles" to show that he can do anything he wants - never mind how much it hurts your 90 employees who were looking forward to a great closing month, with the foliage season! He needs to be reminded of Yamamoto's greatest fear on the way to attacking Pearl Harbor - that he would awaken the "Sleeping Tiger". It's past time for the American people to wake up! My prayers are with you as you fight the battle to right a the injustice initiated by the President.

Email: sagehopper2000@gmail.com

Message

Hang in there, Bruce!! Wish we lived there to support you in your "disobedience". My wife is a Tarheel, Lumbee, from Robeson County. Hang in there..you will come out of this smelling like roses!! GBY !!

Email: benwebb.geo@yahoo.com

Message

How much is the federal givernment paying the armed guards who are currently blocking your parking lot? Is it possible they might be spending more to pay these guards than they would just to keep the park open?

Email: russellb@swbell.net

Message

I saw you on Glenn Beck this evening. I spent some time in the Pisgah National Forest during my time with the 7th Special Forces Group at Ft. Bragg. Thank you for standing up for liberty. I am with you although I can't come help you in person. God Bless You and God Bless America.

Email: warnsemgr@yahoo.com

Message

Bruce, I was shocked to read the news on Yahoo. We live in America...how have we allowed these kind of things to happen? Stand firm, I am amazed at the strength of Americans all across the country these days. Tyranny in any form must especially from our own gov't cannot be tolerated!! God Bless America. I will be praying for you

Email: wapage@comporium.net

Message

Bruce,

Thank you for standing up for yourself and your 90 employees. We watched you on the Glenn Beck show

and each day become more disgusted with the current administration. We sent an email to Rep. Meadows to ask him to help you and your employees.

Thanks you for standing up

For Liberty!
Maxine & Bill
Brevard

Email: gcecil@sbcglobal.net

Message

I was just reading about your fight with the Federal Government. Shouldn't be that way. Do you mind if I send you a small donation to help with legal expenses?

Email: elizabeth_1977@att.net

Message

Mr. O'Connell,

I just want to applaud you for trying to re-open the inn and am sorry this is hurting your livelihood.

Keeping you closed is unconscionable. I really am sorry our lawmakers are doing this to you. They should be ashamed of themselves. All of them. Republican, Democratic and Independent.

Email: Wttarp@msn.com

Message

Keep fighting our fight.

I farm and hope I never get shut down. How can I help.

Thanks for going the extra mile.

Bill

Email: tennantc@sbcglobal.net

Message

Sending our support from the Mitten-State!!! We read about you and are proud to call you a fellow Patriot!!

Email: Rebel4845@yahoo.com

Message

Hello, saw you on Glenn Beck. Do you sell tshirts or anything online? Would love to buy something to support the great people that work with you. God Bless

Email: harpersheros@yahoo.com

Message

I read about what has been happening there with the government shut down and I just wanted to send some words of support to you. Stay strong

Email: dab@photonicsgrp.com

Message

Bruce,

Assuming that the story I read on Yahoo is accurate--and I realize that's a big assumption--then I can only contribute this: If you voted for Mark Meadows (presumably you reside in the 11th NC Congressional

District), then you are reaping the fruits of your vote and you have no one to blame but yourself and your fellow voters on the NC 11th. If you didn't you should be vocal in your opposition to the Representative and call him out by name (perhaps you have already). I share your frustration over the shutdown but if the extent of your revolt is to stay open because you feel personally aggrieved, then you haven't done enough. We all have to be motivated by more than just personal grievances. Do your part at the ballot box and vote Meadows out, if you haven't already contributed to that effort. If you want to start a picket line, I'll be happy to join in to voice your displeasure over the tactics of the Tea Party caucus in this instance, I'll be happy to join in. O!
therwise good luck with affairs at the Pisgah Inn.

Dave Bradley
Rougemont, NC

Email: jana@jananicol.com

Message

You go Bruce! Fight the good fight. I'll support you in any way I can.

Email: Gimtired@gmail.com

Message

Bruce, I support you trying to keep the Inn open! I hope you get the injunction, or find another way to reopen before the fake Gov. shutdown is over. When this is over you should sue the park service for loss of income. I'm sure you would find plenty of lawyers to help. You make me proud to live in NC, when you take a stand for what is right when so many others cave in at the first push from "Big Brother." Thanks for taking that stand.

Greg Dickey,
Apex, NC.

Email: jcclark411@yahoo.com

Message

Those parks belong to the american people. I believe in what you are doing. Its not right what bomba is doing. That Turd should go back to where he came from. Cross fingers for you and good luck..

Email: mkinfo10@gmail.com

Message

Sir

I read about the federal gov't shutting you down. I admire you're going against them to try to keep your restaurant open. I'm angry at obama, reid and pelosi, and I've told them so. I blame them! I told them I'm against obamacare because it's hurting too many people, and they should pass the CR that funds the gov't but not obamacare. My mom is going to lose her doctor due to obamacare, as it's either that or she pays him \$1,6000 a year just for him to be her doctor. This is unacceptable for our gov't to be forcing this obamacare on us, and forcing the gov't shutdown if the House does not send a bill to fund both the gov't and obamacare. I find your stance admirable, and that these "so called rangers, armed" are siding with this un-american government. I hope all goes well for you, and again, I stand by you!

Michael / Illinois

Email: entrepreneurchristy@yahoo.com

Message

I thank you for thinking clearly and legally about your actions. I applaud your re opening and following up on this matter. Your staying closed costs your family business and its the small business of America that

built this country! Slaughter of Main Street America is not acceptable no matter where it is located. My thoughts and prayers are with you and yours!!

Email: rharris547@yahoo.com

Message

My prayers and heartfelt support as you try to do business in spite of \"the feds\" I wonder why, if the Government is shut down the Federal Park Rangers can still \"work\" by waving guns at tax payers looking for a nice vacation spot? Land of the free, Home of the brave!

Email: eaelmore@swbell.net

Message

Thank you for taking a courageous stand against a tyrannical government. It's about time we ALL say \"enough is enough\" and let the people in DC know We The People will not be bullied by the dictator in chief and his co-horts in crime.

I am behind you 100%. What this nation needs is millions more just like you.

Thank you for making me proud to be an American,
Ellen Elmore
St. Louis, MO

Email: Bagadini@gmail.com

Message

Congratulations on your Reopening!!! My husband and I travel to this area a lot, but we have not visited your Inn before. You can bet that we will be there next season. Looking forward to meeting you all!

Email: jdixon@thehausergroup.com

Message

I am very proud of you and your passion for your Inn and the guests you have fulfilled. Although, my wife and I have not visited your Inn, we will make in the future....

Best to you and your staff.

Jeff and Vicki Dixon

Email: kbboggs@att.net

Message

I am glad you are getting to open back up. You should have never been closed at the whim of a dictator. Our government is sick. God help us all in this time of need.

Email: jtproffitt@aol.com

Message

Thank you so much for standing up to the bully! I am so proud of you Mr. O'Connell. I have never been to your Inn, but I am going to make it a point to try and get there. I have 4 kids (ages 9, 13, 14, 23) so

finances can be tough...but doggone it - Im gonna look through the couch cushions to get us there for lunch one day. Congratulations on this victory...it is one for all of us. Sincerely yours, Julia

Email: lmcewen4@gmail.com

Message

Hi Bruce:

Just want to thank you for taking a stand for your employees. What a backbone! I saw your interview on the Blaze with Glenn Beck. We are big fans of his and always try to support his guests. We look forward to reserving a room soon in your inn. Thanks again for being a true PATRIOT!

Sincerely,

The McEwen's
Thomasville, NC

Email: columbiaeducation03@gmail.com

Message

Dear Bruce,

My kids & I have been following your story & in complete support of you & other small business owners trying to keep their business runnin while our govt does what it can to run our nation in the ground. Anyway, I was thrilled to see that you opened back up on Wednesday. My children & I love the mtns but the last time we were there last year my son became chronically ill. He will never get better & I've spent the last year struggling to get him quality medical care. Anyway, I had hoped to surprise my 2 kids (17 & 12) with a trip up, but it was looking like it would be a day trip bc of finances & the govt making 'mtn life' so hard. But I thought that I would check & see if you had any availabilities before you close? I know that with the temporary closing at the govt's hands you may have had some people with reservations that cancelled bc they didn't know what to do. I would hate for you to have rooms open bc of the 'children' in DC arguing over who's right vs wrong. !

Please let me know if you have availability, if so when & the rate. If I can afford it, I would love to book it. Just sitting on the balcony rocking & looking at the mtns (due to my son's limitations) would be an incredible break. I homeschool, so our schedule is very flexible & would love at least a day or two. If you are booked up, congratulations & way to go! And hopefully we will see you next year!

Many blessings!

Email: mrdave1289@gmail.com

Message

Give them hell. We pray you come out okay. Stand your ground. We are getting shit here from the government, and it is time to say NO MORE!

Email: mmoe@wi.rr.com

Message

Bruce, thank you for standing strong against the "regime".
I would like to contribute \$25.00 to any defense fund you may require.
Let me know. We have your back!!!

Email: tminersr@carolina.rr.com

Message

Yeah Bruce - way to take a stand - we have a cabin near Clyde and will patronize you soon for doing what is right!

T&L

Email: mapleman61@gmail.com

Message

Just wanted to say \"THANK YOU!!!\" for standing up to the bullies. Although I am not anywhere near your Inn, I am hoping morale suEmail: raztaz@tds.net

Message

Stay open. Keep up the good work. we are behind you all the way. Good American's have to pull together. State park rangers at Devils Lake State Park & others in Wisconsin were told to shut down by the feds b/c they got fed money and the rangers are keeping the park open b/c the people want it open, not the feds who want it closed. After that volunteers have kept everything open for the last 17 federal govt shutdowns since 1970 but the feds today won't allow volunteers to man their stations. What's up with that? AMERICANS have to pull together even if the feds tell us to close it up. God Bless America. pport will \"help.\" I have a feeling you will benefit greatly from your actions.

Email: stormie@preschoolbystormie.com

Message

We just saw you on Glenn Beck, and for what it's worth, we just wanted to say thank you for speaking out against what our government is doing to your business and to others. We stand with you. We have stayed at the inn several times over the years and love it dearly. We recently retired to Tennessee so now our favorite inn is also one of our neighbors and we all must stand together. Should you start any kind of petition or something similar, we will be glad to sign it.

Email: svkuyava@att.net

Message

You go boy! you're right--when==Now. hang in there.
sylvia

Email: cestrada@prg.com

Message

Keep fighting brother! My father didn't fight against Nazi's just to have our own leaders turn against us. Don't let them bring tyranny to our great country! You are an inspiration.

Email: centurion_ps@yahoo.com

Message

I wonder how much money the Federal Government is spending, paying for armed Rangers, in their attempt to keep you closed and restrict their own income from the Inn. Paying more money out so that they can lose money; just does not make any sense at all!

Email: terrischrot@gmail.com

Message

Hi Bruce,

Just wanted to let you know I just saw you on the Glenn Beck show. Thank you for what you are doing - you were so articulate at expressing what so many of us are feeling!! We live in Waynesville and have been to your place many times. We are praying for you and all your employees! God bless you!

Terri Schrot

Email: vlwilson63@gmail.com

Message

I watched you today on the Blaze with Glen Beck. I have never had time to visit there but my family are making plans to visit!!! Praying for your business. We wanted you to know we support you!!!

Sincerely,
Vicky Wilson

Email: ab319320@yahoo.com

Message

Bruce. Ask your lawyer if he understands that Federal Jurisdiction is very limited. AZ Rep Barton has stated, "where are our Sheriffs to oppose fed's." Pres Eisenhower commissioned a panel for the 1954 Report on Federal Jurisdiction.

Good luck Dan

Email: codyharrison08@gmail.com

Message

Way to go Bruce! Don't let tyranny win!

Email: reichmanj@sbcglobal.net

Message

Read of your plight. Hope your able to prevail. The Gov't is simply full of Republican and Democratic shitheads (unprofessionally). And I typically vote Republican. My apologies and best of luck to you. Jeff Reichman

Email: Sheila@RedLodgeLand.com

Message

Bruce,

I just read about the closing of your Inn on Yahoo just now. Keep fighting the good fight. I live at the edge of Yellowstone and can feel your pain about closing in the midst of your fall season. I hope you get your injunction and can re-open.

Sincerely,
Sheila Noel

Email: mike67333@yahoo.com

Message

Its about time! If we did what we were told all out lives America wouldn't be what it is today. I highly doubt they would arrest a person that owns property for trespassing on his own home. Sometimes a person has to stand up and do whats right even if the leader is wrong. Good for you!!!

Email: Scouts76053@yahoo.com

Message

Dear Bruce and staff,

I am so saddened at what is happening to you and all over the country. This has gotten out of control. I applaud you for trying to stand your ground. I'm so proud of you. I worry the repercussions that may befall you. Know that you have support and prayers. I'm sorry this is happening to you, but I believe we must stand firm. I'm not suggesting you try to re-open, I'm just saying we can't continue to roll over. If

we don't stand now as a country, then when will we? May God bless you and keep you.

Sincerely

Pamela

Email: b1johnson@sbcglobal.net

Message

Outraged at the news of your closing with armed guards at the site... insanity... make sure you refuse to let THEM into the establishment to pee, etc... make them do so off of the property for sanitary reasons... And if you need someone to back you up in a court case... email me... I'll have 100 people sign a petition to pay you for your losses for every day you had no visitors... out of Obama's private account.

There is no reason for profitable business portions of government to shut down for any reason. I could see if you were taking money from the feds during the year that it might be a drain and you would need to close... but you pay them... unreal... how utterly brain-dead government entities really are.

Bruce

Email: misty.mtn@sbcglobal.net

Message

Are you aware of this Yahoo news article about your inn?

<http://news.yahoo.com/shutdown-rebels-defying-federal-orders-close-155647228.html>

The link to your website mentioned in the article shows a "Service Unavailable" when you click on it.

Are there really fed cops blocking entrance to your parking lot?

From Bruce in Arkansas

Email: paul81c7@yahoo.com

Message

Read about your struggles in the news with the shutdown. You are an inspiration.

Email: marloff@cox.net

Message

Hang in there - I can't believe our freedoms are being taken away - more and more everyday. Armed guards no less....I wish you the best and keep fighting to stay open. Your fellow American's will help support your efforts!

Email: ogleshill@email.com

Message

We're behind you to get the injunction!!!

Email: cindyk4@yahoo.com

Message

I just want to say that I applaud your efforts with regard to the government shutdown!!!! Keep up the fight!!!!

Email: catatonic@yahoo.com

Message

Everyone is a friend visiting and all friends stay as a guest. Donation otherwise to help out on food etc would be appreciated. Obutt Head is a Dictator or Dick-tator

Email: davidzemaitis@gmail.com

Message

I just read the article on the park Service closing you down, I'm willing to stand against the tyranny of the government to allow guest to partake in the park

Email: tracystreasureseekers@gmail.com

Message

Hang tough! I have just heard about your story. We love to vacation in the Blue Ridge, so I guess I know where we will be staying on our next visit up! Feel free to add me to any e-mail list you may have for the inn.

Email: mlschuz@msn.com

Message

We all support you folks during this time of our governments over reach with you and your mother. Tyranny that most of us never believed we would see here in the US is being forced on all of the citizens of the USA!

Email: givemeliberty@optonline.net

Message

Just saw you on Glenn Beck's show. Thank you for standing up. If you have a PayPal account I would like to send \$10.00 to help with the cost this Gov shut down is causing. I wish I could send more but if you send me your PayPal info, I'll post it on facebook & twitter and let my local Tea Party know also. There may be enough people willing to lend a hand for someone who stands up. You're not alone.

Email: renee@nwia.biz

Message

Hi Bruce, If you have an on line store I will order something in support of your "civil disobedience". Please keep giving the press your info.

Renee' Suwanski

Email: lrsirises@yahoo.com

Message

You go Bruce. I am from NC and I am so behind your stance with the park/government. Losing so much money and people want to come. SHAME on them

Email: shauna.lewis@cleburne.K12.tx.us

Message

I read about your closure on my ABC News App on my phone. I agree with you 100% in your view that you need to stay open. But, Look at it this way....the press it has generated for you makes me want to plan a vacation just to meet you and shake your hand. I am a school teacher and I am always looking for topics of discussion with my students. Your actions of wanting to defy the government and keep your doors open for revenue simply to pay your bills makes for a wonderful topic. Students in America need to think about this when considering our freedoms. What the govt. is doing to you sounds very much like other forms of govt. NOT AMERICA. Don't put yourself or your family in harms way. I owned a motel for 15 years before I started teaching and your story really made me stop and think about how difficult your situation really is. The Pisgah Inn is now on my list of places I have to visit. Take care.

Sincerely,

Shauna Lewis
6th grade ELAR
Smith Middle School
Cleburne, TX

Email: kristi.dawson@gmail.com

Message

where are the checks and balance in our government...we have a dictator running loose.

Email: tavernkeepers@gmail.com

Message

Mr. O'Connell. My name is John Daniels and I run the website www.tavernkeepers.com. I would love to do a phone interview with you about your experiences with the government shutdown and the plight of your employees. I hope I can help to get the word out.

God bless you, your family, and your staff.

John Daniels

Email: fizzygod@yahoo.com

Message

Mr. O'Connell,

You have my full support and appreciation for trying to stand up for your rights as a private citizen. I find it abhorrent that the park service would pay armed rangers during a government shutdown to block an enterprising American from simply working. Hang in there, and know that you are far from alone in your endeavors.

Sarah Ann Glen

Email: peanuts2002@hotmail.com

Message

Keep up the good fight Bruce. Thanks for standing up for the rest of us!

Email: webb.roberts@hotmail.com

Message

Way to go Bruce - proud of your actions and ashamed of our politicians. Keep fighting!

Email: r_snason@yahoo.com

Message

Thank you for your stand against the federal government shutdown of your Inn. My husband and I aren't rich but if you need help with legal expenses, let us know and we will do what we can.

Email: dedriannes@yahoo.com

Message

Thank you for being a brave and courageous American. You are teaching the next generation a lot!

Email: roclithblankets@hotmail.com

Message

Bruce - My family saw your segment on the Glenn Beck Show. I know a lot of people want to support you and your staff during the Govt Shutdown. What if you started selling \"virtual dinners\"? I would like to order 3 right away. If you could send a menu from the Inn, we'll order. Perhaps you could send a picture of a sample of one of your lunches or dinners and that's what we'll order. We could pay through PayPal or by phone. You would be selling pictures of food, not the actual food through your website. How can they shut that down? I bet hundreds, if not thousands of people would be lining up online to buy lunch or dinner \"virtually\" from the Pisgah Inn to show our support!

Email: donnybrookfarm@yahoo.com

Message

Just a quick note to say we support you Bruce! We live over in northern McDowell Co. If there is anything we can do to help, please let us know! Thank you for standing up! You are in our prayers!

Email: peggymorrisla@yahoo.com

Message

just read, online, about your problems with the government. It makes me SO angry. I can't afford much but will be sending you a little to help with keeping afloat. The thought that they are PAYING someone to keep your customers away makes me furious. Good luck and God Bless!

Email: cracker61568@yahoo.com

Message

Are you the folks standing up to the Federal shut down? We read you are going to court to try and stay open. If you need financial assistance. We'd donate to support your fight!

Email: jeanniferi@yahoo.com

Message

Dear Bruce,

It is unbelievable to me that this is happening to you. What is more strange is that your \"Daily News From the Inn\" section is unavailable?! I'm sorry that you and your family are going through this. When will America wake up? You are in my families prayers. God bless you, & God protect America.

~Jeannfer

Email: diverrene@yahoo.com

Message

Hang in there We are with you. In other words, screw Obama

Email: placy30@yahoo.com

Message

Fight! We have all had enough. You must fight tyranny!!!!

Email: sgjoseph1701@yahoo.com

Message

As soon as the government allows you to reopen we are going to come stay at your Inn. Thanks for trying!!!

Email: baldmountainhouse@yahoo.com

Message

Thank you for standing up to these bullies!

We are all getting a taste of what is to come if we don't take a stand now. I own a small B&B here in NC and I feel for you and your employees being shut down during peak season.

You have our support. You are a true Patriot! We will keep all of you in our prayers.

Monica Martin

Bald Mountain House

Email: flubyeu@yahoo.com

Message

Way to go Bruce about time We The People Start standing up and letting our Government know we've had enough of their foolishness. You have my support. God Bless America.

Email: luke.koetje@gmail.com

Message

I unfortunately am unable to come stay with you, but I did want to stand in solidarity with you against the tyrannical federal government. It is an absolute outrage what is happening. We've got your back. So sorry to hear about what the park service is doing. Everyone with a brain is on your side.

Email: tomdannheisser@yahoo.com

Message

From: thomas dannheisser <tomdannheisser@yahoo.com>

Date: 10/07/2013 7:43 AM (GMT-07:00)

To: captmikemakowski@yahoo.com

Subject: closing the ocean

Captain Mike:

You and other effected parties may well want to consider geting an injunction against the Dept of Interior regarding the \"closure\". Hardly seems that \"closing the ocean\" in these circumstances constitutes an \"emergency situation\".

good luck

Tom Dannheisser

850-3777240

relevant Code of Federal Regulation:

Sec. 1.5 Closures and public use limits.

(a) Consistent with applicable legislation and Federal administrative policies, and based upon a determination that such action is necessary for the maintenance of public health and safety, protection

of environmental or scenic values, protection of natural or cultural resources, aid to scientific research, implementation of management responsibilities, equitable allocation and use of facilities, or the avoidance of conflict among visitor use activities, the superintendent may:

(1) Establish, for all or a portion of a park area, a reasonable schedule of visiting hours, impose public use limits, or close all or a portion of a park area to all public use or to a specific use or activity.

(2) Designate areas for a specific use or activity, or impose conditions or restrictions on a use or activity.

(3) Terminate a restriction, limit, closure, designation, condition, or visiting hour restriction imposed under paragraph (a)(1) or (2) of this section.

(b) Except in emergency situations, a closure, designation, use or activity restriction or condition, or the termination or relaxation of such, which is of a nature, magnitude and duration that will result in a significant alteration in the public use pattern of the park area, adversely affect the park's natural, aesthetic, scenic or cultural values, require a long-term or significant modification in the resource management objectives of the unit, or is of a highly controversial nature, shall be published as rulemaking in the Federal Register.

(c) Except in emergency situations, prior to implementing or terminating a restriction, condition, public use limit or closure, the superintendent shall prepare a written determination justifying the action. That determination shall set forth the reason(s) the restriction, condition, public use limit or closure authorized by paragraph (a) has been established, and an explanation of why less restrictive measures will not suffice, or in the case of a termination of a restriction, condition, public use limit or closure previously established under paragraph (a), a determination as to why the restriction is no longer necessary and a finding that the termination will not adversely impact park resources. This determination shall be available to the public upon request.

(d) To implement a public use limit, the superintendent may establish a permit, registration, or reservation system. Permits shall be issued in accordance with the criteria and procedures of Sec. 1.6 of this chapter.

(e) Except in emergency situations, the public will be informed of closures, designations, and use or activity restrictions or conditions, visiting hours, public use limits, public use limit procedures, and the termination or relaxation of such, in accordance with Sec. 1.7 of this chapter.

(f) Violating a closure, designation, use or activity restriction or condition, schedule of visiting hours, or public use limit is prohibited.

[48 FR 30275, June 30, 1983, as amended at 51 FR 29470, Aug. 18, 1986]

Email: kaydt3104@sbcglobal.net

Message

Saw a ABC internet report about how you re-opened your business after the government shut down. Good for you!!! Sad that the government will prevent someone from making an honest living - but will pay to have armed guards preventing you from making a living. Seems so anti-American. If I ever am in your neighborhood, I'll be sure to book a room.

Email: jamienadgrant@comcast.net

Message

Keep fighting!!!!

Email: ehunt@ur.com

Message

Keep up the fight Bruce! This defies all logic and common sense. It is the administration flexing its muscles illegally and I can only pray that more people can see it and hold them accountable. God Bless!

Email: kvherbert@gmail.com

Message

I've been keeping up with the news about your forced shutdown. Appalling, simply appalling. Our government has no right to do this to private citizens or private businesses. Hopefully, it won't last long and you can reopen for the Fall foliage.

Email: brucelawson@windstream.net

Message

I wish to say Thank You for trying to keep your inn open after the government shut down. My wife and I have stayed at your inn a number of times in the past and enjoyed it very much, and I wish all the taxpayers would rise up and take a stand against the stupidity of our government and maybe they would make an attempt govern for the people rather than themselves. I sent an e-mail to Senator Saxby Chambliss expressing my discuss with the blocking of your inn and foolish actions taken. I wish you and your business well

Bruce Lawson

Email: r.d.shea@charter.net

Message

Can't find a way to publicly support you, but KEEP FIGHTING TO STAY OPEN!!! Who's paying those guards that are keeping your customers out????

Email: stormy373@gmail.com

Message

I just read about your plight. I hope to visit you one day! I cant leave my contact info because i am a federal employee. Hang in there!!

Email: dolphindancer1218@yahoo.com

Message

says 'Service Unavailable' for your Daily News page. Did the Republicans shut that down also???

Email: TKamus@aol.com

Message

Bruce, you hang in there. This just shows how stupid and punitive the White House is towards private enterprise. They don't understand that this is a money making business, especially this time of year. We have stayed with you several times. Let us know what we can do to help you.

Email: tonyakd@gmail.com

Message

I just wanted to show my support for your stand against the closing of your business. Please stand tall never give up and show them they can not rule with a iron fist like this. Wish you the best and keep us informed. Bless

Email: mikej@forneyssupply.com

Message

Bruce: Keep up the pressure---there is no reason to close your inn because of Washington's silliness.

Mike Jacobson

Email: jveatvoorhees@msn.com

Message

Heard about the shameful behavior of your park rangers.

You and everyone you know should refuse to serve them in restaurants, gas stations, grocery stores, etc.

If you know where they go to church, talk with their pastor.

They should be shamed in the community.

No violence though, that time has not yet come.

Good luck. We'll stop the next time we're up on the Parkway & help make up for any lost business you have.

Email: jamestaylorbooks@yahoo.com

Message

Bruce, just wanted to say I was so impressed that you stood up to them and re-opened. Good for you! No matter that they shut you down again. You set an example. The more of us stand up and say NO, the

more will follow.
Amy

Email: rschoales@cfl.rr.com

Message

I have something to say: Good for you. You can't fight armed guards and you don't want to do anything to cause retaliation. Enjoy your view.

Email: 613goodwin@gmail.com

Message

Hello To All,

Just wanted to send my support and a few words of encouragement to everyone.... sorry that the Inn has become a "hot topic" since the Rangers showed up. I do worry that the "strong armed tactics" will continue. I read somewhere that your lease is due to be renewed soon, is a refusal being held over your head? Could you actually lose your lease? Can we call/write/email/yell ? If so, who/how/when?

Email: douglas.john.bell@gmail.com

Message

Well done opening up for business.

The rest of us applaud and appreciate your actions.

Douglas

Email: donmosely@gmail.com

Message

You are a patriot sir, next year we will visit.

Email: jtharp43@gmail.com

Message

Sorry to hear the news about closing the Inn & Restaurant, great place to eat and stay. Hopeful the Feds will let you stay open and be there next year and years to come

Email: traci_kemp@yahoo.com

Message

Bruce, I just wanted to tell you that I support what you are doing 100%!!!! I don't understand what makes the govt feel like they can make you shut down and make your employees move off the land. When you open again, I will make the trip from Maryland to stay at your hotel. The view is AMAZING and the rooms are so cute!!

Email: woodsjc@live.com

Message

It has been a few years since I have been able to stay at the inn and also enjoy the restaurant. Its like missing an old friend or relative.

I admire your conviction to stay open. It might be business to you, but it was always the love and the

beauty of a special place for me and people shouldn't be denied of such precious things by the government for no good reason other than to be a self serving bully that we Americans pay for anyway. They have allowed our economy to be ruined over the past several years for their own greed and special interest so I can't afford the things I used to enjoy and a visit to Pisgah Inn though now out of my reach is still the same pleasure for several others who can afford the special occasion now and then. I would be there but I still feel deprived as an American and see no logic or financial savings to the poor poor government between last week and November 1.

Best Regards
Jerry Woods

Email: liasreyne@yahoo.com

Message

Bruce...Heard about your plight AND the D-Senator from Arizona suggesting halt to oil/gas exploration on National Parks land until visitor's are allowed back in. Have you thought about using the argument that "THE WHITE HOUSE" is also listed as a "national park" and suggest the Obama's and entire WH staff move to Motel 6 until visitor's are allowed back into our national park known as THE WHITE HOUSE. Am so sorry you got caught up in this ridiculous game Obama is playing with the people's will as our House has represented us. When we are in your area, we will surely stay in your inn to try and make up for what you are going thru. Hang in there and fight for your rights as an American Citizen and privat business owner. God Bless You!

Email: rhett.bedwell@gmail.com

Message

Mr. O'Connell, Like thousands of others this morning, I read the article about the forced closure of your Inn. I want to say, what you did by attempting to keep the Inn open to guests, it was inspiring. None of us "common folk" can possibly know how this shutdown gets resolved. Furthermore, it is reprehensible that the life of ANY American citizen should be adversely affected due to the arrogance (and ignorance) of our elected "officials". Today, in between the daily dissappointments concerning our government, you reminded us of what the "American Spirit" is. What you did was needed. Thank you for standing up, standing out, and making an effort to stand up and say, "enough". You ARE America. I'm pulling for you. We all are.

Email: cme@comcast.net

Message

Stay Strong Bruce! You are showing great courage in the face of tyranny. I will pray for you.

Email: penny@just1morebarandgrille.com

Message

I would like to write a letter to your state representative telling them I don't think it was right for them to close you down. Do you have any email addresses? I was at Yellowstone when it was being closed. The rangers were very ugly and mean to people. There were lots of international visitors there that just really got a bad deal.

Email: edangel620@gmail.com

Message

Bruce,

It's been several years since we've visited Pisgah Inn, but we recall visits with much pleasure.

Hang in there and continue the fight against tyranny!

Ed

Email: elaine4321art@yahoo.com

Message

So sorry for what the WH did to you. To help make up for it I will plan a stay at your Inn and encourage my friends to do the same. sincerely ,Elaine

Email: MHUBER@CAROLINALUMBER.COM

Message

Sorry to hear the feds are trying to close your business during the shutdown. I hope they are unsuccessful! Hang tough and give 'em hell!

Email: wyaconda@hotmail.com

Message

Just read the news article about the \"shut down\": WAY TO GO and HANG IN THERE!! Moron fools in DC are doing their best to aggravate us all and you're right and justified in being offended, angry and defiant! We come up every fall - were just there weekend before last - and count the Inn as one of our favorite destinations. We support you in your resistance.

Email: spbusa@yahoo.com

Message

Bruce,

We are very proud of you and your action,Eva ,David and Steve Bartok

Email: jasony3131@yahoo.com

Message

Just saw the vid that's circulation (I'm doing my part to help it go viral). If we're ever in NC rest assured we'll be staying with you.

Stand strong, Bruce. I'm so glad that some people are standing up. That's what it'll take.

A bully will often back down when he's met with resistance. Acquiescing will only make him bolder.

Email: sdbarham87@gmail.com

Message

Hi Bruce,

I just wanted to send you a quick note of encouragement. I am sure you are receiving a ton of these, but we are thinking about you and would like to help if there is anything we can do. We were supposed to be up there last week camping, but got kicked out of the campground on Tuesday. My heart was broken. We always love to go and eat at the Inn and shop at the gift shop, even if we are just camping, and we did not get the chance to do that. I hope you are able to open up again really soon. I would love to try and go back for a few days and stay at the Inn, but I know you all close for the season as of Halloween. I cannot believe they are doing this to you - it is truly unbelievable. I never could have imagined this would happen. We hope we will get to see you soon.

Sincerely,

Stephanie and Tony Mathis

Email: margsizejohn@gmail.com

Message

Are you open? I've never had the opportunity to visit but wish I could some day. Keep up the good work.

Email: dynasty.travel.partners@gmail.com

Message

Bruce, I know this is hard but I have faith that Obama will see the error of his ways. I will keep your inn in my data base and recommend that my customer's stop in when they are in your area. I am a travel agent I work for myself and this is hitting me too. I know this has to happen but it does not mean that our business don't suffer. We help each other out and we do what we can. I am looking at what I can advertise right now and where I can get my customer too. Know that we are here for you!

Email: teamcaspian@hotmail.com

Message

STAND TALL Bruce - don't let these tyrants push you around.

A lot of America has your back.

Email: dgparker57@gmail.com

Message

I pray that you can get inn opened back up! I hope you can sue and make the goverment pay for lost income. I cant understand how the governor and other town officalls are not raising hell over what is going on not just here but all over our nation.

Email: clkell@sbcglobal.net

Message

I read about the trouble you are having with the Government shutdown. It is absolutely ridiculous. Those armed guards should be out protecting the citizens, not intimidating them. This is very scary indeed.

Email: cpigg@jsmithlanier.com

Message

Bless you for standing up to the craziness going on in this country!! It is sickening to see what is happening and more people need to do something like you.

Email: JenniferLeighIrby@comcast.net

Message

Reading your story on Facebook. This is incredible! We The People MUST take a stand against this... can you keep us posted on FB how you are handling this and how we can support you?

Email: Kirkbc@att.net

Message

I heard you in the radio and was touched by your conviction to stand up for your employees and your business against the intimidation of the federal government! If you are still shut down I would like to make a small contribution toward back-pay for your business.

Email: Alkoran@bellsouth.net

Message

Congratulations for winning against the lunacy of the federal government shutdown. I admire your tenacity in finding a workable solution to the problem. I hope the next month is fruitful for you and your business. And thank you for taking a stand that needed to be taken.

Email: bikerpreacher7@gmail.com

Message

How many rooms do you have ?

I want to get a bunch of bikers to ride up together and stay at your hotel in defiance of the Government...

Email: don4744@gmail.com

Message

You keep fighting your business is not funded by government therefore they have no right to close you down. Stand your ground.

Email: wgg2@alumni.duke.edu

Message

Hi Bruce, my wife and I had reservations to spend the weekend at your inn on the nights of 25 and 26 October. While I really hope that Congress and the President have their act together by then, if they do not then I want you all to hang on to our deposit until we return either in the spring or the next fall season. I know that a lot of your business occurs during October and hate that you all are unable to operate. In my opinion, that National Parks should not be used as a political bullying tool. Good on you for peacefully resisting the close order. Good luck through this difficult time; you have our support.

Will

Email: Oldjoemoranrd19040@hotmail.com

Message

We did not vote for Obama. We voted for life liberty and the pursuit of happiness, so help us God. We love your Inn, your staff and your attitude. We've turned our friends on to you and they have told their friends. I hope his ear is burning. How childish. God be with you all. Steve and Sal.

Email: dwhittier@dbkenyon.com

Message

So glad you are back open. First heard of the closing on the Hannity Radio show Friday. We have got to stand up to these people! My husband and I plan to come dine with you guys around the 26th. Look forward to meeting you. God Bless the USA

Email: Rick@hfelc.com

Message

Thanks for taking a stand against tyranny. You have exhibited the courage of a true Patriot. May God continue to Bless You! We wish you great success.

Email: sharon.bowen@interface.com

Message

Just want to say SO HAPPY YOU'VE REOPENED!!! We love the Blue Ridge Parkway and mountains and have been so frustrated with all that's happening. Blessings for a great remaining season.

Email: klalo@tds.net

Message

Dear Mr. O'Connell...BRAVO to you!! Pro Sport Inc. that runs 23 privately operated campgrounds in the NH White Mts. was just shut down. I'm trying to reach Owner Kent Tower (63 by the way) to NOT stand down, but to contact you for encouragement and obtain who your counsel was when you filed an injunction. I called what I believe is his home number - (603) 726-7737. Maybe if you leave a personal message he will call you. The local papers here could not reach him for a comment. I'm sure he is disgusted and discouraged. God Bless you Mr. O'Connell. You are a true Patriot, and I hold you in such high esteem. You have led the way for all others to be able to follow. I pray deeply that they do. Sincerely and tearily.

Email: alclary@windstream.net

Message

I am so glad to see you have opened again. I feel this never should have happened in the first place. I had no gripe with the rangers doing what they were told they had to do. I will now wait to see what they decide to do about the citation they gave me. Hopefully they will drop that also but if not I plan to ask for a jury trial. Hope to get up there for that wonderful chicken pot pie next week.

Email: sjtaylor@wildblue.net

Message

God bless you for ignoring shut down orders. We need more people like you to stand up for all of us!
Thank you!

Email: ralph.carnley@lpsvcs.com

Message

We were happy to hear that the park service wised up and you were able to reopen. The Pisgah Inn is one of our favorite places. We spent our honeymoon there 35 years ago and a few years later did a second honeymoon there. The last three years we have vacationed near Banner Elk. Each year on the way home we stopped to spend a night at the Pisgah. We always enjoy it so much. It is truly a beautiful place. I hope everything will run smoothly now.

Email: PatOren@gmail.com

Message

<http://www.foxnews.com/politics/2013/10/09/businesses-forced-to-close-during-slimdown-fight-for-rights-reopen/>

Are you open again? Hooray! STILL, let me know if you could use money for lawyers - if you send me the correct mailing address, and who to write checks to, I will mobilize my friends.

Fight tyranny like it's 1776!

Best wishes,
Pat Oren in California

Email: dougweller145@gmail.com

Message

Thank you for standing your ground! If I lived closer,(Seattle) I would be a patron for life.

You are a true patriot!

Doug

Email: garlandlabat@yahoo.com

Message

Bruce, God bless you for standing up and confronting the tyranny of the Obama administration. I'm in your corner!

Gjones0@gmail.com

Message

Bruce, you stood up for your ideals, withstood a set back (federally forced closure), but in the end, prevailed! Congrats!

"Smoke" in Cherokee is pronounced "tsugasvdi".....The tsugasvdi (signal) from your mountain pass was seen and understood by millions, both here in Georgia and around the world!! Although a relatively short shut down, I hope that this pays dividends the balance of October and the coming years.

Email: michael_bibb@msn.com

Message

Thank you for taking your stand and going on Glenn Beck. We are with you. We believe in small government and individual freedom. We will win. Sounds like you are winning some ground back.

Email: PerfectPeaceNJesus@Juno.com

Message

Have never had the pleasure of visiting your Inn, but would love to do so. While browsing the internet regarding the shutdown and its effects on national parks, I saw an article regarding your business. Unbelievable that this is going on in America and my family and I applaud your efforts. Praying for you and your family.

Email: bjwzcool@yahoo.com

Message

Bruce

thanks for standing up to our skewed idea of government right now..I'm glad you're open and my next time out on the Blue ridge Parkway I will stop to stay eat and check out the store. I hope you recoup your losses.

Email: genex7@att.net

Message

Bruce I wanted to congratulate you on staying open against this tyrannical government decision you are standing for truth and what is right. It is a shame that the Park Rangers are not like you and tell DC to stick it. We need everyone to stand up like you!!!

From Mark Twain

"Government is merely a servant – merely a temporary servant; it cannot be its prerogative to determine what is right and what is wrong, and decide who is a patriot and who isn't. Its function is to obey orders, not originate them."

I would add orders from is people. This is all turned upside down your stand is true and right. I pray God will lift you up with your decision.

Email: Accfdken@aol.com

Message

I hope I have the right person . If I don't please get it to him .

I just watched the news and I see they are trying to close you down . Please stand up and fight . I wished I could in some way , but do not know how . I have tears in my eyes knowing that someone is finally going to stand up for there rights . Please don't give up . You can tell the rangers don't want to do this but they have no way out of it . They could lose there jobs . Thank you

Email: shearhair2005@yahoo.com

Message

Just seeing your video on the Tenn Eagle Forum....just wanted to say ...thank you for standing for our rights....please dont back down. will be keeping you and your business in my prayers

Email: hatz1958@hotmail.com

Message

Bruce, We saw your interview on theblaze tv....we LOVE your courage and fortitude under this most oppressive government! Bravo to you. My husband and I will be dining at your restaurant for the first time next Sunday, the 20th...very much looking forward to our trip there for lunch and what looks like some gorgeous autumn scenery.

God Bless,

Cynthia and Jerry Lee Valentine

Email: agr2@comcast.net

Message

My husband and I saw the youtube clip concerning The Pisqah Inn standing up for the rights of Americans to carry on business as usual during the shut down. We commend you on your initiative to keep the Pisqah Inn open and provide for your employees. God bless.

My husband and I spent 5 nights at the Pisquah Inn in June of 2012. We speak from experience. Thank you for your stand during the shut down.

Email: poorfarmer@poorfarmersfarm.net

Message

Hey Bruce, I have a country store 5 miles EAST of the Blue Ridge Parkway (exit 177.7) on U.S RT. 58. Our business as well as all the others in the area have been effected by the government shutdown on the parkway. October is our peak season, as it is yours. I admire your boldness to stand up for your rights and I am glad you have reopened along with other businesses along the parkway that had been affected. I plan to visit there sometime in the future.

Joyce