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Lisa Hanson (left) criticizes Minnesota Gov. Tim Walz's COVID-19 shutdown policies. (Image: KAAL-TV / Getty)

A [former wine and coffee bistro owner jailed](#) after violating COVID lockdown orders imposed by [Tim Walz](#)

Lisa Hanson, a mother-of-eight and owner of the Interchange Wine & Coffee Bistro in Albert Lea, said [Walz "shut down and destroyed" her business](#) that had been operating for eight years.

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Hanson said that she had initially complied with the [Minnesota governor's lockdown orders during the COVID-19 pandemic](#) in 2020.

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But as time progressed, she said that she was growing impatient with Walz's refusal to fully re-open the state's small non-essential businesses such as restaurants, bars, gyms, and hair salons.

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"He shut down a lot of the mom-and-pop shops, those folks that were just trying to make a living and provide a great product and a great service," Hanson told [Fox News](#).

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Hanson said that she would like to see Gov. Walz "impeached." (Image: Getty) "In contrast, he allowed big box stores, etc. to stay open. Really incredible, an incredible use of tyranny against the people."

Hanson then reportedly decided to reopen her business for in-person dining in defiance of the state emergency shutdown orders six times from December 2020 to January 2021.

She was ultimately convicted in December 2021 on six misdemeanor charges of violating the state executive orders and was hit with the maximum of 90 days in prison, according to the [Albert Lea Tribune](#).

But while she was fortunately able to serve only 60 days behind bars, Hanson said that her battle is far from over.

"This is the story that America needs to hear, that Tim Walz is not some cuddly, joyful coach, like all the things that the MSMs are calling him," Hanson told Fox News.

"That is not who this man is. This man would like to take your rights away. He will take your rights away. Because what happened to me could have happened to anybody. What happened to me will happen to you.

"My family has paid a dear price. While I was in jail, I missed out on Christmas with my family, I missed out on my wedding anniversary, and I also missed out on the birth of one of my grandchildren.

"I can never have that time back. That time was stolen from me. My business was destroyed. My business is gone. After everything that happened, Tim Walz and Keith Ellison destroyed my business. They wrecked my life.

"I would like to see Tim Walz impeached. I would like to see him prosecuted for the crimes he has committed against the people of Minnesota."

With Walz joining Harris on the Democratic presidential ticket, Republican critics have since been questioning the Minnesota governor's credentials, including his military record and handling of the 2020 riots in Minneapolis.

JD Vance, a Marine veteran, had recently attempted to discredit the military record of Walz, who had served 24 years in the Army National Guard, by accusing him of "stolen valor."

The Republican running mate had also accused Walz of deserting his fellow soliders by retiring from the National Guard in 2005 to avoid serving in Iraq.

Walz was also criticized for his slow handling of the civic unrest following the murder of George Floyd by a police officer in Minneapolis in 2020, when he authorized the full mobilization of the state's National Guard three days after.