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Dear Lake County Board of Supervisors,

I write to indicate my support for Item 6.5, providing temporary enforcement measures to support masking and social distance requirements at this time during the Covid-19 public health emergency.

We are now several months into this crisis. Cases are skyrocketing in many areas of the State and Country. They are increasing even in our little corner. Many government officials are scaling back openings and shutting down certain businesses again.

We are all hurting. When people do not mask, or gather too closely, or have large gatherings, this mess just gets pushed out further. People feel more isolated and depressed. Kids are inadequately educated, businesses close, unemployment increases. The last thing we need is more shutdowns. But it will happen if people don't, yes, comply.

I am disgusted that people who don't follow the rules couch it in political terms, as infringement of rights. This is blatantly ridiculous. There is no right to be unmasked in a store. There are limits to the rights enumerated in our Bill of Rights (you can't untruthfully yell "Fire" in a crowded theater). Our collective public safety demands it.

In no other situation, do the compliant get told to "stay home" and the non-compliant get to endanger people without recourse. Oh, stay home if you don't want to get hit by a drunk driver. People have a right to drink and drive. We won't cite. That is how this sounds. That is what this is.

We want the Country to stay open. The biggest risk to that happening is non-compliance. We can't wait. By the time it happens, compliance enforcement measures will be too late. The toothpaste will be out of the tube.

Unfortunately, educational approaches to enforcement have not worked; there are people and businesses openly refusing to mask, and people continuing to gather in groups, thus endangering us all. Those people and businesses need further consequences.

Thank you for your consideration of supporting this item.

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