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To Whom It May Concern,

I'm writing to express my support for Item #7.4 on the BOS agenda, which would enable enforcement of masking and other precautions intended to mitigate the spread of COVID-19.

I don't understand why asking people to mask up and physically distance in public spaces is considered an unbearable hardship. I do understand that a small percentage of people have actual conditions that preclude them from wearing a mask for long periods of time. For the rest of us, who find them too hot, a little hard to breathe in, or simply irritating - well we need to get over it and engage in the mild inconvenience that could (will) save lives. I'm all for opening up the county responsibly - enforcing mask wearing is an essential part of this process. Even if you don't consider masking up to be lifesaving, just do it to be polite. Even if you don't care to be polite, consider how many people will be taking their business - grocery shopping, etc - out of county to places that DO enforce COVID-related guidelines, in order to protect themselves.

There's no point in having a Health Officer if their recommendations are going to be ignored by county officials. And there's no point in having health and safety guidelines if there's no way to enforce them - it would be nice if people followed the rules out of general respect and concern for their fellow citizens, but we've shown ourselves to be more interested in partisan bickering.

Please allow enforcement of these guidelines, for the health and safety of everyone in our beautiful county.

Thank you for your time,

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