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Honorable Supervisors

Please accept my letter of strong support for the proposed Urgency Order that establishes the enforcement and administrative process for the COVID-19 public health orders. So far, Lake County has prevented high rates of illness and death from CoVID-19. I attribute this to your early action and to compliance with orders by *many* of our residents. However, there are some vocal opponents to these very same public health orders - people who feel that death by the vulnerable is not too much of a burden on the county at large. These people and businesses put all of Lake County at risk for a substantial COVID-19 outbreak and the resulting consequences, and prevent our businesses from safely reopening. Speaking for myself, these anti-masking folks keep me out of our local businesses: people without masks means that I leave. I'll either spend my money in stores who are committed to keeping us safe, or not spend my money at all.

The best science and medical experts tell us that we aren't "out of the woods" yet with this virus - that we CAN expect a second wave to hit sometime late summer to fall 2020. How bad the second wave will be is dependent on the behavior of people respecting physical distancing and mask wearing - prevention efforts that do not impose serious hardship on anyone no matter how loudly they complain. Efforts made by the Board of Supervisors to educate the community have been helpful, but not 100% effective, and frankly some of the messages from your chamber have been perceived as "mixed" or unclear. It is time to make sure that people know that you are committed to keeping the community safer. Let's keep our numbers very low and impose consequences on those people who choose to behave irresponsibly.

Please pass this Urgency Order and insure that those who choose to behave recklessly have some consequence for doing so. Thank you.

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