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Hello Board Members,

It is with much disappointment to hear that you are considering fines for businesses who are not compliant with your useless and tyrannical Covid 19 business guidelines and mandates. Yes, our cases in Lake County have risen but that isn't a surprise given that testing has increased. Are you, the board members, insinuating that local businesses, many who are just trying to stay afloat, are responsible for the uptick in cases due to non compliance with the overreaching and unjust policies placed upon them? Are our hospitals overflowing with patients who are hospitalized due to Covid? What about deaths? I do believe the one death attributed to Covid still hasn't been an identified as being caused by Covid. If it has, I missed that revelation. While I don't frequent a great many local businesses, what I see are 99% of folks being masked or wearing face shields. It is kind of odd that so many people are in so called compliance, both employees of a business and customers might be wearing their precious face covering, but are only covering their mouths and they are constantly touching their masks with unclean hands. Listen, the mask ordinance went into effect on May 21, yet cases have ticked upwards, which would indicate that they are not effective at protecting one from Covid, but from spreading it as well.

I am an individual who has yet to wear a face covering. Every establishment I have entered has asked me if I need a mask or if I have a mask...EVERY SINGLE ONE. I state that I have an exemption, which has not been questioned. I am usually the only person in an establishment who is not wearing a face covering. For those businesses who have employees who are exempt, are the same establishments who strive in cleanliness and sanitation. Their employees are well versed in proper health guidelines. Why punish any business with fines when they are, clearly, abiding by county health guidelines?

I would also call into question on the obvious targeted businesses who are being caught up in vindictive reporting of a competitor or the so called mask police. Businesses are trying to survive. Invoking fines will only make them less likely to survive.

What would happen if a business simply ignored a fine? What would be the repercussions of an unpaid fine? We, the People of Lake County are voters. We will be reminded of the overreaching demands and lack of common sense at the polls. You, the County Board of Supervisors need to stop fearing Newsom's threat of withholding disaster funds if you do not comply with his tyrannical demands. It is illegal for him to do what he is threatening to do, as proven by his successful suit against Donald Trump, who threatened the same a couple of years ago. Do the right thing and do not pass this agenda item. It will only cause further divide among the business owners, residents and policymakers. Please vote no on agenda item 6.5.

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