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I am writing this in opposition to the proposed mask mandate for the city of Berlin. I realize that the number of cases of Covid-19 has risen locally in recent weeks. There are already safe-guards in place to minimize the risks to local residents set forth by the State and Federal Government. I am opposed to the use of a face mask. In my personal experience, I exhibit symptoms after extended use such as anxiety, fatigue, nausea, dizziness and impaired brain function. Makes Covid-19 seem not so daunting as most symptoms are those I already experience with mask use. As with any other type of health issue there needs to be those who build up an immunity to the disease in addition to any form of vaccine. That being said, I am a firm believer in allowing those of us who are willing to accept potential exposure that right. Creating a herd immunity is a viable solution to this pandemic. As for those private establishments that have a mask requirement then that is my choice to patronize their business or visit their residence. I am not asking others to refrain from wearing their mask if it makes them feel protected, but that is their choice just like it is their choice to remain at home if they do not feel safe in public. As someone who works in the service industry, I firmly believe that this mandate will only serve to deter potential tourists which will be detrimental to our local economy. Let the private establishments police themselves. The city does not need to get involved where the state and federal government are already imposing safeguards. Thank you, Christina M. Morneau