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Dear Honorable Mayor Grenier and Members of the Berlin City Council:

I write on behalf of the Board of Directors of Coos County Family Health Services to urge the approval of the 2020-6 Emergency Ordinance for Face Coverings.

It has been made abundantly clear for some time now that one of the most important steps for the containment of the spread of the Covid-19 virus within a community is the simple act of wearing a face covering. Doing so helps to minimize the individual's own spreading of the virus and also helps to protect the individual from contracting it.

We as a community are clearly on the cusp of a worsening spread of the Covid-19 virus. The enactment of the above referenced ordinance is a positive step toward limiting the community spread of the disease.

Not only is wearing a mask an important step in preventing the spread of the virus, it is also an important way to help protect health care workers and community responders such as firemen, policemen, and first responders.

There is now also clear evidence that one of the most pernicious sources of spread of the virus is in small gatherings and family units. The wearing of face coverings is going to become even more important as we head in the Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons.

It is our belief as a Board that it is vitally important to pass this ordinance. We strongly urge you to do so.

Sincerely,

H, Guyford Stever, Jr.
President of the Board

For the Board of Directors