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To whom it may concern,
Berlin City Council
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We want to take an opportunity to make our thoughts heard on this "mask mandate" going before the city council. First of all, I'm still struggling from a common sense standpoint why we seem to have an obsession with the mask mandates. When the pandemic first hit our shores the man (Fauci) who has worked studying infectious diseases for decades said that the public should not be wearing masks. Why would he say this? This is certainly not the first virus, cornoavirus or otherwise, to appear in this world. Is it perhaps that there has not been any scientific evidence over the entirety of his career that masks help protect from a virus? Look at the boxes themselves of the masks all these businesses push on us to wear. They say on the box that it does not protect you from a virus. Look at these masks under magnification compared to virus particles, it's chicken wire fence keeping out the mosquitoes. Why are there 'outbreaks' 'surges' 'virus spikes' in Europe where mask mandates have long been in place and stricter lockdown measures enforced?

Secondly, look around at everyone wearing these masks, homemade and otherwise. It's disgusting. They store them in their pants pockets, purses, backpacks, dashboards, kitchen counters, center consoles, etc....Then, while wearing them they are constantly touching the front of these masks incessantly with their fingertips, the dirtiest part of your hand! So now we are supposed to be constantly breathing in our damp (from mucous I might add), trapped air all day; while also having the germs from our fingertips directly in front of our nose and mouth all day long! I find it humorous that me, not touching my face, breathing calmly, am now to be targeted by the hosts of people who are wearing germ factories on their face that they can't keep over their noses, can't keep their fingers off of, aren't properly stopping virus particles, and often are pulled down to talk over anyway.

Third, who will enforce this mandate? I for one am utterly disgusted and outraged when I see peaceful people at their children's sports activities, church gatherings, walking down the street, etc..being accosted by local police over a mask. I do not see a scenario I want to assist with in having 'mask police', in the way that we have seen across the country. We are turning our society against one another over this virtue-signaling, self-righteous feeling we now have to belittle or scorn someone over their personal choices. I'd hate to go off into the weeds, but isn't the phrase "my body, my choice" so often used by some (with two lives at stake I might add).

While in this instance the same phrase seems to fall on deaf ears. Regardless if you believe it involves just you, or you and others.

Let people have some individual responsibility and decision making. Let businesses take measures they find reasonable and appropriate, let people make the healthcare decisions they find reasonable and appropriate for them.

We are certainly concerned for everyone's wellbeing, and over these last 8 months my family has quarantined at times, reduced gatherings at times, worn masks at times, etc..All I ask is that we don't "mandate" "order" "impose". Let's give common sense guidance, suggestions, and proposals; then allow people to make decisions for themselves in a way that affirms their freedom, rights, and responsibilities as citizens.

Thank you for your time and consideration, Respectfully, Zach and Kayla Howry Berlin, NH

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