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From: Bob Martin <bobwmartin@yahoo.com>
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To: Assembly
Subject: Mask Mandate Enforcement

Dear Mayor and Assembly,

I respectfully ask you not to escalate enforcement of the mask mandate. I didn't express my reservations about the latest mask mandate because I assumed it would be unenforced like the previous one. Our local medical professionals testified that we were at risk of maxing out the medical capacity in town. It would send a strong message to the public. I could feel and understand the sense that something had to be done to address the crisis. However, now that enforcement comes into the picture, I realize that this is about as far down the road as I can go. Maybe it was a wrong turn. An unenforced mandate is already a sketchy thing. Selective, subjective enforcement of an ordinance seems generally like an even worse idea, but universal enforcement could trigger an overwhelming civil disobedience/protest situation that causes deeper and lasting division. There are many people who would love to get a ticket and look forward to challenging it. It might be a disaster. Beware. I get the frustration you are feeling. I understand your motivation to make the town safer, but the juice is not worth the squeeze.

-Bob Martin