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**From:** Will and Christy Ware <info@akcedarbox.com>  
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**To:** Assembly  
**Subject:** Ordinance 2021-19

Good afternoon,

From previous assembly meetings, I see that the assembly references email communications from constituents as being impactful on decision making. Therefore, I make this in attempt to provide you consideration to what the above referenced ordinance will do to businesses.

This mandate by the Borough has already seen businesses place signage on our storefronts that state "Masks Required." We already provide hand sanitizers and masks at our own expense. (Although the Chamber has done an amazing job at providing some of these resources.) We sanitize our stores daily and make sure that we and our staff are protected so that we can maintain our health and keep our businesses open in an already dire economic environment. To ask us to now "Police" mask wearing to customers is not something most business owners are willing to do. For nearly two years each brick and mortar store on our Main Street has sacrificed beyond what each and every one of our assembly members have had to contemplate or experience.

If the Borough is wanting to police mask wearing in businesses, then provide us the revenue to do so. Even the borough advocates against "unfunded mandates" by State and Federal governments. If you don't, you should...it's wrong.

Our businesses have suffered too much. And now our assembly is contemplating asking us to police our customers. This is asking from a class of people that give so much to our community already. And before we hear that this is to keep our businesses open...consider for a moment just what it has taken to keep our businesses open during this pandemic already.

Don't ask of us more than what we have already given. Don't make us the bad guys for a decision that is beyond our control.

If the Assembly decides to fine non compliance of masking, then so be it. But make sure that you are willing and have the courage to take the heat of such a decision and not place that burden on someone else, specifically the business owners.

Respectfully,

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