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To the assembly in regards to mask mandates and enforcement

This is from Jesse West owner of Rainforest contracting INC here in Petersburg. I want to voice my concerns about the mask mandates and enforcement with fines to businesses and individuals not in compliance.

This is a gross overreach of government power and is very tyrannical in nature. It makes me think of a parent that physically takes their child by the hand and forces the child to pick up all their toys in the room. And later sits back with a smile at how well their child cleaned their room. This is not a good precedent on how things should be run in our community. I believe that you guys are doing what you think is best for the community and that is the scariest part because you believe that any means justify the end. I am saying there is no room for tyranny and even if what your proposing would actually make a difference in the outcome Covid in our town it still isn't justified. I will end with a quote from

CS Lewis

Of all tyrannies, a tyranny sincerely exercised for the good of its victims may be the most oppressive. It would be better to live under robber barons than under omnipotent moral busybodies. The robber baron's cruelty may sometimes sleep, his cupidity may at some point be satiated; but those who torment us for our own good will torment us without end for they do so with the approval of their own conscience.

Jesse West

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