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Dear Assembly Members,

First and foremost I want to sincerely thank you for your willingness to assume leadership during what has been and continues to be the most difficult time I have ever experienced here in our community. No matter what you do or how you do it, you will be criticized. Open and ongoing respectful discussion seems the only way forward as we work through this together.

Out of control Covid infections are inflicting a heavy toll on our community particularly in the schools and hospital where the burden for safety of others is not an optional duty. It is clear that without a directive from our assembly there would be little or no safety measures taken to slow the spread in the community at large and now at least I see the majority of people in public places are wearing masks.

I have just returned from travel to Central America where the economy is thriving with fully open stores, restaurants, public transportation, and hotels. What I saw was everyone putting a mask on and getting on with an unrestricted life. There was no complaining about doing what needs to be done to be healthy and protect others as opposed to emphasizing fear and anger.

That said I do not have a great answer for improving compliance, I do not feel that the owners of businesses should be placed in the position of enforcement but I believe that they may have some good ideas on how to get their customers to act with the common good in mind. I am sure they have been thinking about it as they and their employees are on the front line and at most risk to become infected and then spreading it to other vulnerable residents.

The vitriol and disrespect for others I have read on social media does not serve our community well and each hurtful sentiment put out in that sphere will take a very long time to heal. Our recent elections support thoughtful leadership where different ideas and proposals can be shared and reasonably examined.

I thank each and everyone of you for your time and effort.

Yours,
Sharon Hunter

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