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To: Assembly

Subject: Assembly Stanton-Gregor Closing Comments

Assembly member Stanton-Gregor's comments at the end of last nights meeting deserve an apology to local businesses. As does Assembly Member Trembleys for instigating uproar for nothing more than to get the attention of our community at the expense of local businesses. Not one business commented against masking, and yet we were faced with fines and penalties. To add insult to injury, Chelsey went on to state she had no intention of her authored ordinance passing!

No business was holding our community hostage. But as our local government was flexing it's muscles of overreach, business resorted to the ONLY action of equivalent response, and that was to close!

I suggest to Assembly member Stanton-Gregor that maybe his frustration and should lie with his colleague for instigating a frivolous, scare tactic that created such an uproar. Not with the businesses that have struggled for nearly two years to keep our heads above water for an ever and continuing growing plethora of reasons.

I am appalled at some of the Assembly members' lack of concern for our retail businesses considering we are the backbone of this community!

Again, Jay and Chelsey, if you are people of your word and have concern for this community as you both have stated, correct the wrong and apologize!

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