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**To:** Assembly  
**Cc:** Stephen Giesbrecht  
**Subject:** Masking

Greetings,

I support your vote to re-institute the masking policy city-wide.

After listening to the testimony from many school and health care leaders I am willing to do what I can to help keep our schools open and support our health care professionals as they do their best to continue providing the best care possible for all who are in need.

However as I did my shopping and conducted business about town this weekend, masked up, I was disappointed to see a large number of citizens coming and going out of stores and other public buildings without any regard for their fellow friends and neighbors by ignoring the recent masking rules.

I feel that local businesses are not doing their part by requiring customers to be masked in order to enter establishments and be served. Is there no way to encourage enforcement of this mask mandate? If not, why did you waste your time voting it in? I think some form of fine levied on a business that does not enforce the masking may be helpful.

I just got home from a month in Washington state, and ALL businesses were enforcing their mask rules, some even having a person standing at the door ensuring all who entered were properly masked. I would think that a business would want to encourage mask use to help protect their employees from transmission of Covid.

Any way to encourage people and businesses to respect the masking rules, for the good of the community, would certainly have my backing. In the past the police chief stated that he would rather 'educate' than issue citations. I am wondering what the department has done to 'educate' the public about masking? I have seen no evidence that they have done anything. Maybe it's time to start issuing citations, with fines, so that our schools and health care workers are given the respect that they deserve.

Regards,

Randal Henderson