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**To:** Assembly  
**Subject:** Support for continuing mask mandate

As the CDC contemplates recommending DOUBLE masks, this is not the time to ease up on our mask mandate! Our community has been very lucky, but we are one plane-load away from an outbreak, especially now that the more contagious variant is now present in our state.

Retaining the mask mandate is good for our businesses - when people feel that they will be safe to enter businesses, they will shop. When masks are treated as a joke, people don't feel safe and they stay away - they would rather shop online than Shop Local.

Now we just need more education, warnings and strong reminders. We need to cut down on the harassment by people unwilling to respect a 6' separation. I've experienced it more than once (particularly in the post office), and I'm sick and tired of it. Other friends have reported similar experiences.

I question the leadership on the education/enforcement side of the issue when the Pilot's Police Report has noted only ONE formal warning through either of our mandated masking periods... while at the same time, the Pilot also reported the circulation of a "selfie" by our Police Chief and an individual who just arrived on the jet - both without masks. Is that the example we want to set?

Covid is not political. It's a virus. Listen to the science, our fine EOC and our excellent PMC. Why are some city employees working incredibly hard to keep us safe while others are not? Take the politics out of keeping us safe - PLEASE!

Sincerely,  
Robin Roberts