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Dear Commissioner Eggers,

I am writing to ask you to **extend the face coverings ordinance until this pandemic is over**. Numerous studies show that masks are effective in reducing the spread of coronavirus (research linked below for your review).

Public health is your responsibility and you must be accountable to the community in the face of this GLOBAL pandemic. It might be different if carelessly not wearing a mask only jeopardized that individual, but not wearing a mask increases the spread and exposes us all. You cannot leave this simple life saving measure up to personal choice when that means endangering the lives of others.

Furthermore, we know that between 30-50% of the spread of this virus is from asymptomatic carriers (NY Times, The Guardian, Time). These carriers do not have any symptoms and are unaware they are spreading the virus. Masks would ensure everyone is protected.

Here are just a few examples of reliable evidence that prove wearing masks will save lives:

University of California

CDC

Stanford Medicine

MIT Medical

University of Maryland Medical System. About Masks and Coronavirus.

Hartford Health Care (2020). No Debate: New Study Shows How Masks Slow Spread of Covid-19.

You are elected to protect us as a community and in the face of a public health emergency the clear choice is to mandate and enforce public behavior that is proven to slow the spread and save lives. It is reckless endangerment otherwise.

Sincerely,

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