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It is disappointing and embarrassing that Ravalli County Officials choose to not involve Dr. Calderwood in decisions regarding implementing Governor Bullock's directive requiring Montanans to wear masks. This directly led to her resignation and the absence of any informed public health leadership at the county level. It also reinforced a segment of the community to violate a public health directive and to defy efforts by business owners to implement this directive. Businesses and individuals have suffered during this pandemic. When county officials refuse to take basic steps to protect the public, they neglect the very trust that has been placed upon them.

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