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Good afternoon Gentlemen,

I know that the Commissioners have received significant backlash for their recent joint public statement regarding enforcement of the Governor's mask mandate. Times are crazy and people are angry. People are scared. People are more polarized, vocal, and opinionated than ever, but I wanted to take a moment out of my busy schedule, and yours, to commend you.

A significant portion of my practice is devoted to administrative law, which focuses on the relationship between the government and its citizens, and adherence by both parties to the rules of the game. I practice administrative law throughout this state.

I recently appeared in front of the Commissioners, and I have, on occasion, appeared in front of the Board of Health on my clients' behalves. I also track notable decisions by the Commissioners and assorted local government boards. Our County Commissioners, local agencies, and our Board of Health conduct themselves with consideration for the needs of Ravalli County citizens and the rule of law.

This is not to say that I always agree with a ruling or finding, but on every occasion I have found reasonable, available, forthright human beings on the other side who are trying to get it "right". I cannot say the same for agencies, boards, and municipalities in other jurisdictions.

Thank you for being reasonable and considerate in your approach to matters of local government. I'm proud of our local agencies, commissions, councils, and boards here in Ravalli County. Keep up the good work.

Sincerely,
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