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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Gov mask mandate, resignation of Dr. Calderwood and Karen Johnston

Ravalli County Commissioners Burrows, Chilcott, and Hoffman:

I am writing today to ask...**what the heck is wrong with you...?**

Why is the Sheriff's office - with the Commission's approval - being allowed to undermine the Governor's state wide mask mandate? And nice job about announcing it publicly, just yesterday a Darby business owner said "when Holton wears a mask I will."

Whatever happened to setting the example by acting responsible? Burrows and Chilcott I might understand have no level judgement but you Comm. Hoffman and Sheriff Holton know all too well what it means to stand in the face of adversity.

Are there other laws/directives you are allowing the Sheriff to selectively not enforce? It would be nice to know which ones I may no longer choose to follow.

As the County Commission it is your job to oversee the entire County, not just the noisy minority that feel victimized by this simple request to grow up, put on a mask/face covering, and demonstrate some personal responsibility.

Now, your actions have led to the resignation of our public health officer Dr. Calderwood and nurse Karen Johnston - two of many individuals in the Public Health Dept. who are sacrificing themselves to help us in the middle of a pandemic.

We are facing a virus that is looking for a host to destroy, the Commission must demonstrate leadership and encourage participation in this simple task of masking up to curb the spread and help keep our community a safe place to live and work.

Please reconsider your stance and actions and either ask Dr. Calderwood and Ms. Johnston to rescind their resignations or refuse to accept them...our lives literally depend on it.

Respectfully,
Diane Davis

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