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**To:** Ravalli County Commissioners Office  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Mask Compliance in Ravalli County

As a citizen of Ravalli county I'm am writing you requesting stronger action to be taken in our county to enforce mask wearing mandated by our Governor.

Many businesses do not require their employees or customers to wear masks. Even those businesses preparing food, which seems to me would be of vital importance to the health department.

My family and I have to drive to Missoula just to be able to shop where masks are being enforced. It saddens and disappoints us to have to take our patronage away from local businesses in our community.

Many business owners have expressed to me their concerns about enforcing masks at the risk of losing customers. Our local authorities need to shoulder that burden by enforcing the mandate so the choice is not left up to business owners trying to stay afloat during this pandemic.

Please do your job. The governor of Montana has mandated masks. Are we not part of Montana? Does that mandate not apply to us? Do we as citizens of the state of Montana not deserve the protection of that mandate?

I deserve to be able to go into a local grocery store knowing the establishment is doing everything in their power to protect me and others from catching a life threatening virus by enforcing safeguards issued by our governor. These are deemed "essential businesses " yet they aren't assessable unless you're willing to risk contracting Covid-19.

Please enforce mask wearing and all other state issued mandates to safeguard our community.

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