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To: Ravalli County Commissioners Office
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: Masks

Good evening,

There were 45 new cases of COVID 19 today. Ravalli County is roughly the size of Delaware with .044% of the population of Delaware. Ravalli County has 2.5 more times the rate of infection per 100,000 residents than Delaware has. I have written before to protest the decision to not enforce the mask mandate in Ravalli County. On 7/21, there was 1 new case and the total cases were 15. Today there were 45 new cases and 176 active cases. Two local restaurants were closed due to COVID-19 outbreaks in their employees. Customers are no longer comfortable dining in these restaurants. People have lost confidence in local services and are shopping in Missoula where there is an enforced mask mandate. Schools have had to close classes and quarantine both students and teachers. Even if you choose to ignore the short term damage, the long term damage to the Ravalli County economy, the lack of confidence in local business, local government and law enforcement is irreparable. Do the right thing and enforce the mask mandate.

Thank you for listening,

Melinda Smith
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