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Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Wearing Masks and Social Distancing

Victoria,

I am motivated to keep numbers and spread low. The Commission supports encouraging citizens to follow guidelines and to be respectful and courteous to businesses and individuals in our community.

The Board of Health and Health Officer met last week and the BoH voted to encourage citizens to follow the guidelines and mask mandate, but were not interested in enforcing compliance. Dr. Calderwood said she was not advocating for enforcing mask compliance at this time.

The Commission will be discussing a public message this week.

I am genuinely interested in health and safety of our community and your implications otherwise are disappointing.

Thank you for your concern and I will not continue to dialogue through group email, if you have a question or concern, please call or email me directly.

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Mr. Burrows,

I heard you say on KPAZ news Thursday morning, 10/15/20, that you are "aware but not alarmed" at the rise of covid numbers in Ravalli County. You then began saying that our numbers are below a lot of other counties in our state. Knowing how this virus spreads exponentially, why wouldn't that be motivation to keep us in that category rather than encourage the increase in numbers by not enforcing a mask/social distancing policy.

My question to you is, when would your alarm sound? Would it be a certain "magical" number that might encourage you to act? Would it be numbers of deaths, perhaps some of our school age children? What might that number be? How many deaths would cause your alarm to sound?

Please enlighten me for I cannot understand why you commissioners feel it's vitally important to wait for "something" before you act. You have the authority to mandate masks and distancing in Ravalli County. I know the Health Department is supposed to be a major component in that "authority". However, I also believe if the Head of the Health Department was confident in the knowledge that this group of commissioners would support the recommendations of the Health Department, you would not have received a letter of resignation weeks ago. I can only imagine the level of disappointment and frustration with your group that office must surely have. If their authority is only recognized with your approval, where does that leave anyone with the title of Public Health Department Official in Ravalli County. The governor has granted you the authority to mandate masks and social distancing, and control the numbers of people attending social gatherings. Why can't you be cognizant enough to enact that mandate - we might not have to have anyone else die? Why on earth would you not act?

You are ignoring science. You are ignoring best practice. After corresponding with your group since August, I can only assume that this is a political issue with you all. Evidently you are content to make all of us "live?" with your personal politics rather than enact best practice and science suggested by the leading infectious disease expert in our country.

I could not possibly care less about your politics. I am trying to get you to do the right thing. I care about kids and doing whatever it takes to ensure them a long and healthy chance at life. It seems so simple to me and - it is always simple to do the right thing.

Surely there must be some kind of pledge you have to agree to that precludes you inflecting your personal politics into decisions made in the public service office you fill. Aren't you required to make decisions based on what is best for most of the citizens of Ravalli County? I just now watched the video from the masks protest two weeks ago. How ridiculous - I am not trying to interfere with their freedom. I am trying to save lives! Their "freedom" should not give them carte blanche to infect the rest of us.

Is your bubble so small that you have not witnessed the discourse you have created in our Valley? I have seen and heard "grown" men and women cursing at essential workers who simply asked them to wear a mask.

It's about science - NOT POLITICS.
Why don't you understand that? How are you going to feel if even one child dies in this county? How many would it take to make an impression on you? Why isn't the health and safety of these children and citizens of

this county uppermost in your thoughts and actions? Where is your moral compass? I am truly at a loss. I thought all of you were better men.

WHAT YOU REFER TO AS NUMBERS - I REFER TO AS PEOPLE. I refer to as children and staff trying to navigate the cess pool that has become their daily lives. Business owners, physicians and staff, the hospital and all the staff required there, day care centers who also bear the responsibility of caring for children, all of us who have done the right thing from the beginning. I am asking you to use the authority granted you by Governor Bullock and do the right thing. You continue to refuse.

An entire county of PEOPLE are forced to "live?" based on the lack of conscience and the failure of action committed by three men.

Thank you for your time,
Victoria Moore

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