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To the Commissioners of Ravalli County,

Just some thought regarding the true meaning of the word “Freedom” and whom among us are entitled to freedom (wouldn’t that be all of us?). Therefore, please read below.

“Freedom means the freedom NOT to get infected by the idiot who refuses to mask up. Freedom emphatically does not include the freedom to get someone else sick. It does not include the freedom to refuse to wear a mask in the grocery store, sneeze on someone in the produce section and give them the virus. That’s NOT freedom for the person who is sneezed upon. For that person, the first person’s “freedom” mean chains – potential illness and even perhaps a death sentence. No society can function on THAT definition of freedom.” – Michael Tomaski

Net/net: We should all try to be decent humans to our fellow humans and neighbors and work to cause no harm. Montana and its people have always been known and revered for taking care of each other regardless of politics, religion, etc. It’s that simple. All freedom matters but no one has the right to cause intentional harm. Do you run stop lights just because it’s your “freedom” or “right” to do so?

Food for thought. Let’s all try to cause no harm and help our fellow neighbors. The sooner we do this, the sooner we can resume some sense of normalcy, decency and respect towards each other. Let’s not politicize a pandemic. It really makes us look ignorant to the entire world and I believe we are better than that. Prove me right.

Sincerely,

Laurie Ruffner

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