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Ravalli County Commissioners,

I am a registered independent so my comments do not come from a partisan point of view. Rather my comments are reflective of my view that democracy is best served when we think not only of ourselves but also of the collective good. I am appalled that you could not support issuing a joint statement with the County Board of Health that encouraged people to take personal responsibility not to spread the virus. The county's public health staff are doing everything in their power to deal with this pandemic and in this action(or more accurately inaction) you undercut their message. In your failure to fully support the public health staff's efforts you bear a measure of responsibility for the escalation of the virus spread in our county. It is indicative of the professionalism and dedication of Dr. Calderwood and the other public health staff that they continue to work tirelessly to care for the citizens of our county without meaningful support or leadership from you. Putting Covid cases aside, the impact of the pandemic affects the entire health care system in the county. As medical resources are stretched thin Covid negatively impacts citizens who have other health issues needing attention.

We all have personal responsibility for our actions as citizens. But in this most serious situation you are failing to provide leadership by encouraging people to accept personal responsibility for the collective good.

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