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**Subject:** Mandatory mask issue a violation of Charter of Rights and Freedoms

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**To:** DL - Council Only

**Cc:** Office of the Mayor; Johnson, Brenda; Clark, Brad

**Subject:** Mandatory mask issue a violation of Charter of Rights and Freedoms

Dear Mayor and City Council of Hamilton,

The reason for my email is to bring to your attention that as a voting citizen of Hamilton the forcing of citizens to wear masks poses a number of serious issues and concerns:

- 1 ) Many already have health issues that will worsen or exasperate by the wearing of a mask.
- 2) Forcing us to wear a mask is overreach and is very reminiscent of the days of communist Russia (USSR). It is against the Charter of Rights and Freedoms.
- 3) We are supposed to be a free society not ruled and dictated to by “Big Brother”. People should be given the choice not forced to wear a mask or any such thing.
- 4) The curve has already been flattened and is declining. According to the City of Hamilton website showing current active positive cases of Covid-19, as of this morning there are only 20 known and active cases, which means that **0.000082 %** of the population is currently knowingly affected. There are more cases of other viruses than of COVID-19. Where is the logic in this? Therefore masks are not necessary.
- 5) It is illegal that politicians allow medical people to run our country and society. They are not elected officials. They are essential and valuable but they know nothing about running society and a city.
- 6) My understanding of separation of church and state is that the state cannot tell the church how to worship, order of worship, what is preached and its beliefs. This is currently being done in China and was formerly done in the Soviet Union. The state has no right in the church to mandate whether or not it can worship.

A voting citizen of Canada and resident of Hamilton, Ontario.

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