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Subject: Mandatory Mask By Law

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Good afternoon,

I would like to send this email because of the mandatory mask by law to be voted on tomorrow.

From a personal stand point I am begging you to NOT pass this by law. As one who suffers from anxiety and panic attacks wearing a mask is so difficult for me. Are we that suffer from this not considered? And if we say we have a medical condition and cant wear one will we be ridiculed, name called, given dirty looks?? I already only do the essential shopping I need to and keep physical distance when I am out. Why is that not enough anymore? Our current numbers are so low, we are doing so well already they way we are.

Recently I was in a fairly long check out line at Pet smart. The only people physically distanced and not touching everything at the end of aisles....the ones NOT wearing masks. Wearing masks are giving people a false sense of security and I find that is more of an issue.

Can we PLEASE keep the mask wearing to RECOMMENDED and NOT MANDATORY???

Please think of us that are having legit issues with this. Please don't make it so we have to up our medications to function. Please don't make doing essential shopping an even more stressful thing to do.

And as a mother of kids that are asking to go out today and tomorrow before they have to wear masks and don't want to go out anymore if they have to wear masks....please consider kids....yes ones older than 10. That is heartbreaking as a mother to hear.

If needed I guess myself (as well as plenty of others I have talked to) will have to take our business to areas where masks aren't mandatory. Sure that wont help stores in our area that have already struggled. Something else to think about.

Thank you for your time,

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