

**Bonenfant, Janice**

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**From:** DAVID MURDO <nhdm40@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 21, 2020 10:24 PM  
**To:** \* City Clerk; David Murdo  
**Subject:** Mask wearing

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Hi Janice,

Please pass this along to the City Council for Monday Nights public hearing.

Good evening City Council,

I have to say that I'm not a fond Citizen of wearing mask. As I work with the public, I didn't wear a mast for a couple of months until the home office required us to wear mask. As we deal with some doctors, one of my co-workers had a conversation with a doctors wife, and she was telling her that wearing a mask is not good. And the reason being you are taking your C20 back in. This can have a negative reaction to your body.

As I was listening to your conversation last week on WKXL, I have to agree with the host that what you are attempting to pass is very confusing. When I think of a mask Ordinance in Concord, I would think you would need to wear a mask whenever you are out in the public. But no, what the Mayor said if you are in crowds you would need to wear a mask. If you are just walking down Main Street, then you would not need to wear one. But in reality, if you are walking down Main Street, you are going to pass people. You also indicated that if you have health issues, then you don't need to wear a mask, and you do not need to show proof. So, as I see it, those who don't want to wear a mask, all they have to say is they have health issues.

I do understand the importance, but to be honest, this should of been done 3 months ago. As we listen to the Governor, the numbers in Concord and low. So, as for the past few months, we seem to be going out of it, but yes I understand that the surge could come back again. As for businesses, they have a right to require a mask. And if someone comes in not wearing one, they have a right to ask them to leave as businesses have a right to refuse do business with individuals. If I go into a business and they require a mask is worn, I do wear it, but not everybody does, and from what I read about what you are trying to pass tonight, is going to be the all end all.

On Friday, the Governor announced that restaurants can now open 100% BUT maintain the 6 Ft Rule. There is no way this is possible. So, in reality, they need to stay at 50% capacity.

As I talk to people, their answer is it will all be over once we a vaccine is here. But many many people are saying when a vaccine is available, they are not not going to jump to take it, until they see results. Right now businesses are hurting, and need the business. But the media is scaring the communities. As we have low numbers, what I would suggest doing is this.....require mask whenever in public, and also in businesses. But at the same time, let the businesses open to full capacity. For example: When you have a pipe that is leaking, you shut off the water until it is fixed. Once it is fixed

you turn the water on slowly to ensure it does not leak. Once you are sure it will not leak you then turn it on full force. The same goes with the businesses and restaurants, they were shut down, and then slowly opened with restrictions. It has been proven that the numbers have not climbed in great. So, now require mask be worn in public and in restaurants when not at your table, and let the business open completely so that they can in many cases try to save their business from going under.

I thank you for your time and your dedication to the City of Concord.

David C Murdo  
Concord NH  
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**From:** Roy Schweiker <royswkr@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 22, 2020 7:29 PM  
**To:** BYRON CHAMPLIN; \* City Clerk; Sexton, Amanda; Hatfield, Meredith; Keach, Fred; jpbouley@comcast.net  
**Subject:** Re: CITY COUNCIL UPDATE

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Hi,

I am opposed to the mask ordinance as written. It will just increase disrespect for city government, unless the city will actually enforce it.

There are a lot of gray areas here. Walmart supposedly requires masks but if you show up without one they send you halfway across the store to wait in line with people buying money orders to get one. This is safe?

For some reason, the city police department has no interest in enforcing Covid-19 regulations. If you see people in a park using equipment that has been posted "No Trespassing", it should take only a minute to politely tell them to leave, and if they don't write them a citation and suggest they tell their Constitutional arguments to the judge. According to a widely-shared video, it took them over 10 times that long to not write a citation and the people allegedly came back. And where a restaurant owner admits that his staff doesn't wear masks, they won't write a citation but instead just say they are investigating.

Other communities have the health department issuing mask citations because it is a health issue, why not in Concord? The city should make it clear that establishments where employees violate the state regulations will have their food and beverage licenses suspended in addition to the fine, just as they would be for other health violations. Maybe employees from other departments can be deputized as health inspectors.

As to the business owner's letter which wants a mask ordinance because they don't like to evict customers without a mask, why is it better to call the city to evict the person and will a city employee actually show up to do it? Businesses who insist on masks will possibly lose some customers but if they put up a sign "Masks Strictly Required", but if they stick to it they may gain more customers who don't feel safe shopping there otherwise.

I notice that the city is reopening senior activities which strict requirements including temperature checks. Providing safer activities for seniors is a far better idea than the previous suggestion that they walk outside in city parks regardless of rain, heat, humidity, and other users.

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**From:** BYRON CHAMPLIN <chamby@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 22, 2020 11:21 AM

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**From:** Nicole Fox <nicolech@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 23, 2020 2:00 PM  
**To:** \* City Clerk  
**Subject:** Face mask ordinance

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I would like to provide input for the City Council's consideration regarding a potential face mask ordinance. I am strongly in favor of requiring face masks in all indoor spaces providing public accommodation. We are in the middle of a pandemic where face coverings are both the best method of preventing community spread and an unnecessarily political issue. Our elderly and chronically ill community members are at significant risk of death and our children are not allowed to attend school. This is a serious issue and as a City, we should take significant steps to protect the vulnerable and do what we can to help our economy. The less community spread we have, the more businesses can operate, children can return to school, and parents will be more able to return to work.

We have been enjoying low rates of community spread while the weather is warm and we spend more time outdoors. As the weather grows colder, people will spend more time indoors creating more opportunity for community spread. We need this ordinance in place before that happens. I encourage you to follow the science and ignore the politics.

Thank you for your attention.  
Nicole Chouinard Fox



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**From:** John Gaudet <johnmarcgaudet@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 23, 2020 10:45 PM  
**To:** \* City Clerk  
**Cc:** Colleen Gaudet

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Dear City Council,

I am writing regarding the upcoming consideration by the Council of a mask ordinance. I reviewed the proposed ordinance and the public comments attached. Only one of those attached comments made any reference to scientific or medical input. The balance consisted of people's feelings and opinions. Herein, I will state our position and then provide the science to back it up. Thank you for reviewing this and placing it in the public record along with the other comments posted with the meeting agenda.

My wife and I are vehemently against such an ordinance, especially as it is written. Our stance has basis in both the law and in science. There are also religious implications, but I will not outline those here because the law and the medical science are so clear.

From the legal perspective, requiring face coverings at the local level is unconstitutional, and demanding escalating financial punishments to force compliance for an unconstitutional mandate is unconscionable. This proposed mandate as written would be rapidly overturned in court

However, even beyond the legal ramifications, the medical science simply does not support the efficacy of using facial coverings. There is a reason that the face covers and masks everyone are wearing come in packages that include disclaimers advising they don't stop covid-19 or any other virus....because they don't, and here is the proof.

- Let's start with the WHO guidance that I pulled from their site, quote and link provided.

"Non-medical, fabric masks are being used by many people in public areas, but there has been limited evidence on their effectiveness and WHO does not recommend their widespread use among the public for control of COVID-19."

<https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/question-and-answers-hub/q-a-detail/q-a-on-covid-19-and-masks>

- Next, let's turn to the study and subsequent update by the University of Minnesota. It's clear that the effectiveness of such masks is minuscule, at the most generous reading of this. Here is a quote in which they explain the abject failure of the CDC to acknowledge pertinent filtration studies that show that the face coverings are not an effective defense against covid.

"The CDC failed to reference the National Academies of Sciences Rapid Expert Consultation on the Effectiveness of Fabric Masks for the COVID-19 Pandemic (NAS 2020), which concludes, "The evidence from...laboratory filtration studies suggests that such fabric masks may reduce the

transmission of larger respiratory droplets. There is little evidence regarding the transmission of small aerosolized particulates of the size potentially exhaled by asymptomatic or presymptomatic individuals with COVID-19.” “

<https://www.cidrap.umn.edu/news-perspective/2020/04/commentary-masks-all-covid-19-not-based-sound-data>

- And then, we have this summary article that includes 42 supporting scientific studies and articles. Here is a direct quote that clearly shows that mask-wearing is detrimental, and the article provides all of the detailed references to support this.

“Healthcare workers wearing cloth masks had significantly higher rates of influenza-like illness after four weeks of continuous on-the-job use, when compared to controls....

“The increased rate of infection in mask-wearers may be due to a weakening of immune function during mask use. Surgeons have been found to have lower oxygen saturation after surgeries even as short as 30 minutes.”

<https://www.technocracy.news/masks-are-neither-effective-nor-safe-a-summary-of-the-science/>

So, as outlined in the documentation I provided, medical science DOES NOT support a mask mandate. If individual private businesses want to refuse service to anyone not wearing a mask, that is their right as it would also be the right of any potential customer to choose whether or not to patronize the establishment based on the rules outlined. That leaves the decisions to everyone to decide for themselves. It is the current situation, and it is the right approach. This is not a contagion that requires a hazmat suit, after all.

Beyond the science, we also have practical societal experience. The consistent argument in the public responses supporting the ordinance was “I’m afraid, so make them protect me”. Our society has had immunosuppressed people for decades, and we have never constricted or punished the healthy to compensate because basic hand washing and distancing protects each of us, and the most at risk people take extra precautions. Influenzas killed 80,000 people in the US last year, and we did not shut down the country or put covers on everyone’s face.

If people are concerned, business can set standards and consumers can use online purchasing and car-side fulfillment or delivery if they choose that physically entering an establishment is not safe. And frankly, those of us that have refused to wear masks have been very deferential by maintaining spacing, etc. We have not been super-spreaders sneezing on everyone. I’m not sick because I wash my hands, keep my hands off my face, and give people their space. That guidance clearly works. The mask is not necessary.

(As an aside, the same complainants who demand masks for everyone are also driving faster than the speed limit all over town without and conscience or consideration for the scientific studies which show lower speeds save lives. Apparently, the “life-saving” only applies when it is convenient for them, but I digress.)

All that said, in the end, you must consider the risk versus the cost, and the statistics from the NH.gov site speak for themselves. There are approximately 1.4 million people in NH, and we have had about 425 deaths. Every death is a tragedy, but that equals 0.03% of our population. Only 23 of those deaths were in our entire county, so the risk here is even lower. Therefore, there is zero reason to restrain the liberty of our city especially with so much proof that the facial coverings do not actually stop any virus. Enacting this ordinance will needlessly create civil discord without actually having any positive impact on the health of our City.

Therefore, I respectfully request that every Council member follow the science here and vote to decline this mask ordinance.

I also respectfully request that this email be shared with the City Manager, the Mayor, and all of the City Council members with the expectation that they each review these attached details prior to the August 31, 2020, meeting. Our city CANNOT make decisions based on fear instead of facts. No member in any good conscience should enter this meeting without reviewing this detailed information. We need to act for the protection of the rights of all citizens.

I know that it may be deemed politically difficult to vote No, but I humbly ask that make that correct decision for the Live Free Or Die state in support of our state and federal constitutions.

Sincerely,

John Gaudet  
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PS: For your reference, this relates to the Aug 31, 2020, Council meeting agenda -  
<https://concordnh.legistar.com/View.ashx?M=A&ID=802694&GUID=8F6A5054-8260-4557-8E7B-1313089988D7>

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**Bonenfant, Janice**

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**From:** BYRON CHAMPLIN <chamby@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 23, 2020 8:40 PM  
**To:** Bonenfant, Janice  
**Subject:** Fwd: RE: CITY COUNCIL UPDATE

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Hi Janice:

Please share the email below with mayor and council.

Thank you.

Byron

----- Original Message -----

From: Michael Herrmann <[gibsons@gibsonsbookstore.com](mailto:gibsons@gibsonsbookstore.com)>  
To: 'BYRON CHAMPLIN' <[chamby@comcast.net](mailto:chamby@comcast.net)>  
Date: 08/23/2020 5:16 PM  
Subject: RE: CITY COUNCIL UPDATE

Hi, Byron--thanks very much to you and to the Council for taking this up. Retailers need this kind of support.

I have two questions (or perhaps they are suggestions).

First, the age requirement at 10 seems arbitrarily high--the CDC is very clear that everyone over the age of two should wear a mask. <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-life-coping/children/protect-children.html> Gibson's has a policy that any child walking around on his or her own has to be wearing a mask. (When the kids are in strollers, you enter a gray area--we ask parents to keep the strollers covered, and for toddlers to wear masks, but this is difficult to enforce.) It would put us and other retailers in an awkward position if our policy was so much more strict than the city's guidelines, especially on an issue involving children, which is likely to become emotional.

Second, Gibson's and other retailers have established accommodations for people who for medical or other reasons cannot wear a mask. We have curbside pickup and delivery by mail. We will not allow people to enter the store without a mask, even with a doctor's note or

equivalent. We will ask them to order from home and let us deliver their items to them. We have even used Facetime to show our inventory to people from a distance--we are very accommodating--but again, we don't want to be in a position where our policy is that much more strict than the city's new ordinance.

In our view, the city should adopt sterner rules and then provide accommodations as necessary, rather than starting out with a less rigorous set of guidelines and then getting more strict if cases spike. Let's not negotiate with ourselves and start out with half measures--let's adopt the guidelines that the CDC and other authorities suggest.

Thanks again to you and the City Council for your responsible action on this issue.

Michael Herrmann

Gibson's Bookstore

45 South Main Street

Concord, NH 03301

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[www.gibsonsbookstore.com](http://www.gibsonsbookstore.com)

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**From:** BYRON CHAMPLIN <chamby@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 24, 2020 11:30 AM  
**To:** Bonenfant, Janice  
**Subject:** Fwd: Proposed Mask Ordinance

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Hi Janice:

Could you please share this communication with the rest of City Council?

Thanks!

Byron

----- Original Message -----

From: Deane Morrison <[DMORRISO@crhc.org](mailto:DMORRISO@crhc.org)>  
To: BYRON CHAMPLIN <[chamby@comcast.net](mailto:chamby@comcast.net)>  
Date: 08/24/2020 9:28 AM  
Subject: Proposed Mask Ordinance

To all City Council Members,

As a senior leader at Concord Hospital I support the proposed city ordinance for wearing masks. The evidence is clear that wearing a mask has and will continue to slow the progression of Covid-19.

I'm sure most, if not all of us, would prefer to not wear a mask but it is undoubtedly in the best interest of all our citizens that we all do so.

Thank-you

Deane Morrison  
Chief Information Officer  
Capital Region Healthcare  
603-227-7000 X3521

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**From:** Hatfield, Meredith  
**Sent:** Monday, August 24, 2020 1:52 PM  
**To:** Bonenfant, Janice  
**Subject:** Fw: Mask Ordinance

Hi Janice:

Please include this email in the mask ordinance testimony.

Thank you,  
Meredith

Meredith Hatfield  
Concord City Council, Ward 4  
5 Perkins Street  
Concord, NH 03301  
[mhatfield@concordnh.gov](mailto:mhatfield@concordnh.gov)  
603-496-9451

----- Forwarded message -----

**From:** **Rorie Elizabeth** <[rorielizabeth@comcast.net](mailto:rorielizabeth@comcast.net)>  
**Date:** Tue, Aug 11, 2020 at 3:47 PM  
**Subject:** Mask Ordinance  
**To:** <[jpbouley@comcast.net](mailto:jpbouley@comcast.net)>, <[nfennesy@concordnh.gov](mailto:nfennesy@concordnh.gov)>, <[agradysexton@concordnh.gov](mailto:agradysexton@concordnh.gov)>, <[fkeach@concordnh.gov](mailto:fkeach@concordnh.gov)>, BYRON CHAMPLIN <[chamby@comcast.net](mailto:chamby@comcast.net)>, <[knyhan@concordnh.gov](mailto:knyhan@concordnh.gov)>

Dear Mayor Bouley and Council Members,

Please enact a mask ordinance!

Masks are essential to getting this pandemic under control. Without an ordinance, the welfare of our local economy and the hard-working members of our community are at greater risk.

An ordinance will be particularly helpful to those of us who must work outside of the home. For example, a local shop owner - of their teenage employee - may not feel comfortable requiring masks of those they serve without an ordinance to back them up.

I attended a kids' "championship" baseball game at the main field on Liberty Street less than a week ago. Aside from my companion and me, only one other person was wearing a mask out of what looked like 200 people there. Even worse, there was no physical distancing of the crowd; aside from my companion and me; people were jammed along the fence adjacent to the road and the one between the back of the field and the basketball court (even in one of the dugouts!). It was a bizarre and very unnerving experience. (Before you think that masks need not be worn outside, I am originally from Newport, Rhode Island, and masks are



mandatory inside and outside, and there is universal acceptance of, and compliance with, the policy. So, it can be done in a City- at least in the summer - with a much larger population than Concord.)

My mom is elderly and lives in a retirement community In Concord that has been locked down since March. She and the other residents spend almost all of their days and nights in their apartments, with no visitors allowed. I can't help but think that the selfishness of those who do not wear masks is keeping them isolated during a time in their lives when they need the most support.

Please lead our city to a safer future. Thank you for your service.

Rorie Patterson  
20 Rundlett Street  
Ward 7

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**From:** Amy Martel <banrc0313@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 25, 2020 5:53 AM  
**To:** \* City Clerk

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I as a Concord resident and along with my family will be very upset if you make this masks mandatory in Concord. As is we have stopped going to downtown Concord because most are very liberal and ridicule you of you choose not to wear. Then to go to Hermamos and be told you can't take off your mask until a waitress comes to your table and then has the nerve to make my family serve ourselves off a tray she drops on our table. This virus and mask mandatory stuff has gone too far. These masks do nothing to save a life. They are just a way for you in Gov't to pick out those that don't conform. And I personally feel that people that don't want wear shouldn't be ridiculed by those that feel it necessary. Having a picture taken or person up in their face screaming at them.

Amy Martel

Amy Martel

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**From:** BYRON CHAMPLIN <chamby@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 25, 2020 1:48 PM  
**To:** Bonenfant, Janice  
**Subject:** Fwd: Mask ordinance

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Hi Janice:

If you have not already been asked, please share this email with the remaining councilors and mayor.

Thanks.

Byron

----- Original Message -----

From: Richard Barry <[richard.barry.6179@gmail.com](mailto:richard.barry.6179@gmail.com)>

To: "[agradys Sexton@concordnh.gov](mailto:agradys Sexton@concordnh.gov)" <[agradys Sexton@concordnh.gov](mailto:agradys Sexton@concordnh.gov)>,  
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<[nfennesy@concordnh.gov](mailto:nfennesy@concordnh.gov)>

Cc: "[chamby@comcast.net](mailto:chamby@comcast.net)" <[chamby@comcast.net](mailto:chamby@comcast.net)>

Date: 08/25/2020 10:00 AM

Subject: Mask ordinance

Good morning,

I live in ward two of the city of Concord and just want to let you know that I am opposed to any ordinance that makes masks mandatory.

Thank you.

Richard Barry.

## Bonenfant, Janice

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**From:** Matson, Gail  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 27, 2020 6:38 AM  
**To:** Bonenfant, Janice  
**Subject:** Fwd: Masks

Dear Ms. Bonenfant,

Can you please forward this to the council ? Thank you.

Sincerely,

Gail Matson  
Sent from my iPad

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Brian Barton <[bbarton433@hotmail.com](mailto:bbarton433@hotmail.com)>  
**Date:** August 26, 2020 at 7:35:11 AM EDT  
**To:** "Matson, Gail" <[GMatson@ConcordNH.gov](mailto:GMatson@ConcordNH.gov)>  
**Subject: Re: Masks**

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Please feel free to use my note as needed.

You would actually fine people, not sure what happened to our great state or our country for that matter. The power I have is to take my time, money, and spent it in a more friendly city or town. You can't legislate this away by turning us into a police state.

The people in NH do have a brain.

Thank you,

Brian Barton  
603.724.1875

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**From:** Matson, Gail <[GMatson@ConcordNH.gov](mailto:GMatson@ConcordNH.gov)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 26, 2020 7:23:19 AM  
**To:** Brian Barton <[bbarton433@hotmail.com](mailto:bbarton433@hotmail.com)>  
**Subject:** Re: Masks

Dear Mr. Barton,

Thank you for taking the time to write.

It's important that residents give input on this issue.

The draft language proposes a fine not arrest, but I take your point regarding enforcement.

Would you permit me to forward your email to the rest of the council? I feel it is important that the full council get residents reactions, from both sides.

Sincerely,

Gail Matson  
Sent from my iPad

On Aug 25, 2020, at 8:27 AM, Brian Barton <[bbarton433@hotmail.com](mailto:bbarton433@hotmail.com)> wrote:

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Hello Gail,

My name is Brian Barton living at 59 E Side Drive.

I want to send my opinion of wearing masks in public as ridiculous. Our numbers are very low, people are doing a very good job wearing masks and distancing themselves. For the city to step in and start mandating things such as wearing a mask in public troubles me.

I would think the city councillors would have more important things to do, like all the criminal activity in the city, people are arrested, 15 minutes later they walk out on personal recognizance. They can be arrested over and over with little or no consequences. That's an outrage.

Seeing the police department send two officers for a mask complaint to restaurants in my estimation is very much a waste of "my" tax dollars.

Vehicles race by my house every day 50 to 60 miles an hour, the red light in front of my house is run through at least 5 to 10 times a day. I have never seen one police officer around here with radar. I would really like to see them use their resources in a lot better manner.

If you mandate masks are the police now going to stop people on the street and write him up or arrest them because they're not wearing a mask?

Small businesses along Main Street are already hurting, please don't put them out of business.

Thank you,

Brian Barton  
603.724.1875

**Bonenfant, Janice**

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**From:** BYRON CHAMPLIN <chamby@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 27, 2020 2:55 PM  
**To:** Bonenfant, Janice  
**Subject:** Fwd: Yes to mask ordinance, please

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Hi Janice:

Please share with the other members of City Council.

Thanks!

Byron

----- Original Message -----

From: Betsy McNamara <bmcnamara@fullcirclenh.com>  
To: "nfennessy@concordnh.gov" <nfennessy@concordnh.gov>, "Byron O Champlin (chamby@comcast.net)" <chamby@comcast.net>, "agradys Sexton@concordnh.gov" <agradys Sexton@concordnh.gov>, "fkeach@concordnh.gov" <fkeach@concordnh.gov>  
Date: 08/27/2020 2:16 PM  
Subject: Yes to mask ordinance, please

Hello Councilors Fennessy, Champlin, Grady Sexton, and Keach –

I urge you to support the proposed mask ordinance. Our merchants need this kind of leadership from our City Council so that they don't have to be the bad guy to their own customers. Plus, it's a common sense and profoundly effective common health strategy.

In good health,

Betsy McNamara

40 Roger Ave

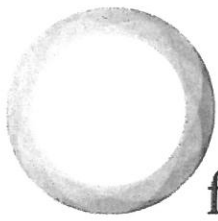
Concord

Betsy McNamara, Principal

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## Bonenfant, Janice

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**From:** Brent Todd <brenttoddconcord@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 28, 2020 2:18 PM  
**To:** Bonenfant, Janice  
**Subject:** Fwd: Mask mandate

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Hi Janice,

Could you please forward the below emails to Council and add to the record on the mask ordinance.

Thanks,

Brent

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **rebecca pranastrong.com** <rebecca@pranastrong.com>  
Date: Thu, Aug 27, 2020 at 11:32 PM  
Subject: Mask mandate  
To: [brenttoddconcord@gmail.com](mailto:brenttoddconcord@gmail.com) <[brenttoddconcord@gmail.com](mailto:brenttoddconcord@gmail.com)>

This is a great article about wearing(or not wearing) a mask.

<https://www.mind.org.uk/information-support/coronavirus/mask-anxiety-face-coverings-and-mental-health/>

I understand personally and can relate to others that wearing a mask can be traumatic, it can bring up past trauma, it can cause anxiety and so much more. I have post traumatic anxiety from anesthesia by mask. As a child, I had numerous surgeries that required anesthesia by a "gas" mask which was standard back in the 1970s-80s. For most of my life, I would be triggered when going into surgery, putting on a mask for scuba diving/snorkeling and now going to a store/ business during the pandemic. The first time I went to the grocery store in April I had a mild panic attack and had to pause, become present (get out of my head/panic)and breathe. This may seem like an easy thing to do for many but not all. I believe we can do this as a community; to protect us all. It may not be easy or comfortable but it can be done with presence and awareness. I support us wearing masks in Concord and in the USA. If we all wear a mask, we can stop the spread of this virus.

Thanks for all you do,  
Becca Stephens

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **R Daniel** <[rdanl@comcast.net](mailto:rdanl@comcast.net)>  
Date: Fri, Aug 28, 2020 at 8:18 AM  
Subject: Proposed Mask Ordinance - Concord  
To: Brent Todd <[brenttoddconcord@gmail.com](mailto:brenttoddconcord@gmail.com)>

Dear Brent Todd,

I just wanted to let you know that I am not in support of a mask ordinance in Concord. From what I have seen most people are wearing masks in businesses and crowded environments. Walking outdoors be it in a parking lot, sidewalk or trail we should not be required to wear a mask it should be an individuals choice.

I don't think a city mask ordinance is warranted. Just my opinion.

Sincerely.

R Daniel Ford  
275 Elm St  
Penacook, NH 03303

## Bonenfant, Janice

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**From:** Stevens, Suzanne  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 30, 2020 3:25 PM  
**To:** Aspell, Thomas; Bonenfant, Janice  
**Subject:** Mask Ordinance

**Importance:** High

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**From:** James [mailto:seamus17@comcast.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, August 28, 2020 1:44 PM  
**To:** Stevens, Suzanne  
**Subject:** RE: City Manager's Newsletter - 8/28/2020

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Hi Tom,

PLEASE DO NOT IMPLEMENT A MASK MANDATE! THIS IS A FREE COUNTRY AND I WILL NOT BE ABUSED BY BIG BROTHER. IF PEOPLE DESIRE TO WEAR A MASK 24/7 KNOCK THEMSELVES OUT. LET INDIVIDUALS DECIDE FOR THEMSELVES; NOT A MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT! MY DOCTOR SAID NON-STOP MASK WEARING IS A HEALTH RISK AS WELL. THE CITY IS GOING TO FACE NONSTOP LITIGATION FROM A MYRIAD OF VANTAGE POINTS IF THIS IS IMPLEMENTED! I AM FOR LESS GOVERNMENT INTRUSION AND THIS WOULD RISE TO A THRESHHOLD I WOULD NOT ACCEPT UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCE. WHAT IS NEXT – FINING AND JAILING ITS CITIZENRY?? IF SO WHAT IS NEXT AFTER THAT?? A SLIPPERY SLOPE INDEED!! TOTALLY UNACCEPTABLE.

Many thanks.

Jim Watt

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**From:** [City of Concord, NH](#)  
**Sent:** Friday, August 28, 2020 10:02 AM  
**To:** [seamus17@comcast.net](mailto:seamus17@comcast.net)  
**Subject:** City Manager's Newsletter - 8/28/2020

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## Bonenfant, Janice

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**From:** BYRON CHAMPLIN <chamby@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 30, 2020 10:27 PM  
**To:** Bonenfant, Janice  
**Subject:** Fwd: Re: CITY COUNCIL UPDATE

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Hi Janice:

Could you please share this with the mayor and council?

Thank you. Hope you're well.

Byron

----- Original Message -----

From: David Cawley <dcawley7@gmail.com>  
To: BYRON CHAMPLIN <chamby@comcast.net>  
Date: 08/30/2020 7:58 AM  
Subject: Re: CITY COUNCIL UPDATE

Byron:

First, an overdue thanks for these emails/updates. I really appreciate your effort.

To the issue of the mask ordinance....

I have no concerns about the motivation for the ordinance. Given that a-symptomatic people can infect others, who potentially either become ill themselves or infect someone else who becomes ill, requiring that masks be worn in public is unquestionably reasonable.

While it is always appropriate to ask if such a requirement is necessary, the deaths of ~175,000 of us in the US from the virus certainly meets that standard. To those who object to the ordinance because it "it takes away my liberty" I would suggest that the requirement to wear a mask is an extremely minor burden and a failure to wear a mask can result in major imposition--serious illness, hospitalization and, in some cases, death--on others.

As someone who held leadership positions in NH health insurance companies and hospitals, the "financial cost" of a failure to make and enforce such a requirement is a very real burden. My fellow citizens who object to wearing a mask seemingly have no compunction about the rest of us to share in paying for the care that they receive from the health care system when they become ill.

I am sensitive to the fact that the ordinance places yet another enforcement requirement on public safety officers. While I do want them to enforce the statute aggressively, I'm hopeful

that it can be done in a way where our homeless and/or persistently mentally ill citizens aren't incurring fines and penalties that make their lives even less tenable.

My thanks to you and the rest of the Council for taking this issue on.

Dave Cawley

## Bonenfant, Janice

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**From:** Stefan Mattlage <stefan.mattlage@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 31, 2020 8:41 AM  
**To:** Bonenfant, Janice  
**Subject:** Masks in Concord

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Masks have proven to be incredibly effective in suppressing the transmission of the Covid 19 virus . Why would we stop using masks only to have the rate of infection return to a higher rate ? You only need to examine the statistic of new cases as large numbers of infections are breaking out as people return to schools and colleges . Unmasks people threaten the health and life of my family . Unmasked people threaten the entire community . The quickest most effective way to control Covid 19 is to wear masks , test for cases at a very high rate and track carriers .

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## Bonenfant, Janice

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**From:** Stefan Mattlage <stefan.mattlage@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 31, 2020 8:44 AM  
**To:** Bonenfant, Janice  
**Subject:** Masks

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## Bonenfant, Janice

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**From:** Cathy S. <cloudycow@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 30, 2020 2:42 PM  
**To:** \* City Clerk  
**Subject:** Mask Ordinance

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Dear City Clerk,

Thank you for all you do. I appreciate you.

I am writing in regards to the mask ordinance hearing this coming Monday. I will not be able to attend, so I would like you to have my written testimony.

I have been a resident of Dunbarton, NH for 16 years. I do quite a bit of shopping in Concord, NH. I enjoy shopping in Concord over Manchester, as I find it more welcoming, safe, and easy to get around. I love the shops in downtown Concord. Concord has kept up it's beauty and I am grateful for so much about it.

Since the pandemic started, I have shopped in Concord. I am not afraid to shop. However, due to health reasons and my constitutional freedoms, I can not wear a mask. Because of this, I keep a distance from others. I am healthy. I am not a risk to others.

The numbers of deaths in NH are extremely low. The numbers continue to stay low. The numbers do not warrant a mask ordinance. Any death is sad, but to make a mask ordinance is not only unhealthy, it is against our constitutional rights. We live in the Live Free or Die State, and sadly NH is becoming like any other state. Our rights are imposed on. The science does not support this mandate.

If this goes through, I will not shop in Concord. I will shop in a town or store that welcomes me.

Please vote for freedom. Please vote for business owners to be able to let customers shop with freedom.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Cathy Schlottmann  
Dunbarton, NH



Virus-free. [www.avg.com](http://www.avg.com)

## Bonenfant, Janice

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**From:** Gloria Nelson <gloshalo65@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 30, 2020 9:53 PM  
**To:** Bonenfant, Janice  
**Subject:** Mandated Masks

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I'm from Concord but currently reside in North Carolina. I do have friends in Concord still. Here in North Carolina masks are mandated and I totally agree with this.

If all cities/states had a mask mandate the spread might be controlled. Some may argue that it's their right not to wear masks but it's not only for their protection but the protection of others.

Just one person's opinion. Stay safe everyone in Concord.

## Bonenfant, Janice

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**From:** Lana Kangas <lanakangas@live.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 30, 2020 10:10 PM  
**To:** Bonenfant, Janice  
**Subject:** Masks

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I just read the article about making face masks mandatory in Concord. I would like to express my approval for that ordinance. Though NH seems to be doing relatively well right now, the fall and winter could bring another uptick in cases. Wearing a mask is a small sacrifice to make and one never knows how that simple act might help us keep one another well. For those who feel their personal liberties are being compromised, we do not have the liberty to put our fellow citizens at risk. Live free or die does not mean you can live free while I might die if you happen to be carrying the virus. Let's just use common sense based on science and wear masks. Show concern for others, not really that hard!

Thank you for the chance to express my views! Lana Kangas

## Bonenfant, Janice

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**From:** Thomas Burrill <tburill45@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 30, 2020 10:43 PM  
**To:** \* City Clerk  
**Cc:** jpboulay@comcast.net  
**Subject:** City Mask Ordinance Public Hearing Thomas & Betty Burrill 11 Guay St.,Concord,NH Ward 8

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Sent from my iPad

Dear City Clerk and Council Members,

It recently came to our attention that the City has created a mask ordinance in response to the Covid19 Pandemic. We strongly support this ordinance as it is essential to insure that all people wear masks in all areas outlined in the proposed ordinance. We both are over 60 and have underlying conditions which put us at high risk for severe illness should we contract the virus. Despite this we find it imperative to shop and move around town to obtain the basic essentials. We applaud the local businesses for requiring masks. However we see individuals without masks all the time many of which do not social distance, a very disturbing situation for us. I am a strong believer in science and have two Family Practice Doctors in our family our daughter and Brother in law who have over 50 years of practice between them. Our PCP and the both of them advise that masks are vital to controlling the virus. Also the majority of people have no issues breathing with a mask in fact our Grandsons runs High School cross country with a mask on and won his first meet. Due to allergies to environment and allergy medicine I have worn a mask while mowing the lawn and even walking on high allergy days for the last three years without any problems.

Beyond this as retired City of Concord Fire Marshal I have 29 years of experience with administering and enforcing loss prevention Codes and Ordinances. For a mask policy to be effective there needs to be some legal backing to insure compliance.

Thank you,

Thomas & Betty Burrill

## Bonenfant, Janice

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**From:** Sheila Zakre <szakre@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 30, 2020 10:49 PM  
**To:** Bonenfant, Janice  
**Subject:** I support a city wide mask ordinance

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I would like my views to be considered when the City Council considers a proposed mask ordinance on Monday, August 31. I live and work in downtown Concord. I am 62, and my husband is 65, and I avoid going into downtown stores because there is no guarantee that the other patrons, or even the employees, will be wearing masks. I would feel much patronizing these businesses if I knew that everyone had to wear a mask. Also, I follow the new coronavirus data from the state website on a daily basis, so I know the numbers here in Concord are small, but the virus still exists here. We should not be satisfied with that. We should want to get down to no new cases. If a mask mandate can help us get there, that should be our goal. We should not settle for having low numbers – our goal should be no cases. Thank you for bringing this email to the attention of the City Council, Sheila Zakre, 99 Warren St. (Ward five) 603-229-7711.

Sent from my iPad



## Bonenfant, Janice

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**From:** Tom Piper <tompiper@sanelNAPA.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 31, 2020 12:42 AM  
**To:** Bonenfant, Janice  
**Subject:** Mask ordinance

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Definitely support. Being cautious, caring and living is far more important than selfishness. My goodness, it is a simple step that can increase the likelihood that someone does not possibly die. Why would anyone not want to do that?

Do you think the 65 people in Millinocket, Me. do not wish they had worn masks and socially distanced? A woman who did not even know the couple and was no where near Millinocket has died because of their cavalier attitude and yes they should feel guilty. That one person's life is worth far more than anyone's weak and callous claim that no one can tell them what to do. It is a mask for crying out loud. It takes only one super spreader to create a domino effect that infects upwards of a 100 people. By the way, Millinocket had not had a single Covid case until then; no reason to where a mask right?

As for the underlying issues.....how many of you have hypertension ( high-blood pressure ), diabetes, cholesterol issues, over weight? Those are all underlying issues that a major portion of society live their lives with everyday, and most live long productive lives. They are also the underlying issues that Covid exploits and causes many people to die when they contract Covid. We are not talking about people already on their death beds.

I for one do not need anyone, Republican, Democrat or Independent, living in this state if they are that heartless to not wear a mask to protect our elders, parents, family and friends; I was born in Manchester and have lived my entire 64 years here, other than the 4 years that I served my Country. I care about everyone.

Please vote to enact the mask ordinance, for your fellow Citizens.

Respectfully,  
Thomas Piper  
6 Oakmont Dr  
Concord, NH

Sent from my iPad

## Bonenfant, Janice

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**From:** Jayme Simoes <jsimoes@gsinet.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 31, 2020 8:05 AM  
**To:** Bonenfant, Janice  
**Subject:** Public input on masks for Concord

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Does Concord need a mask ordinance? The answer is “yes” — and here is why.

First off, this is a public health emergency. And yes, we have avoided the worst of it so far in NH, but unless the majority of folks wear a mask in public places, we won't be that lucky forever. Wearing mask is good science, it just cuts the chances of infection by a huge percentage, and that helps us get to a place where we have better treatments and maybe a vaccine.

Yes, it is an inconvenience, but so is telling smokers not to smoke in public places, or telling drivers not to drink before driving, or telling kids to wear a bike helmet. But that saves lives.

And, if everyone did it voluntarily, we would not need to. But, I have been in a few stores over the last months, and I am still amazed to see folks not wearing masks, or not wearing them properly. One man told a clerk that he “forgot” to put it on. If these folks are engaging in reckless behavior, not protecting others against the spread of a virus, then they are endangering us as a community.

Look, we are the state capital, and while the federal and state government have clearly punted, it our town that is a magnet to protestors who feel they are not be part of our society. They refuse to social distance or wear a mask, endangering our kids, our grandparents, our community.

So yes, it is an inconvenience, and yes, no one likes wearing a mask, but let's just take the politics out of a common sense public health issue — please act to protect the health of community, and save lives.

Be well,

Jayme H. Simões

Concord, NH

V: 603 620 1453



## Bonenfant, Janice

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**From:** Jayme Simoes <jsimoes@gsinet.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 31, 2020 8:09 AM  
**To:** Bonenfant, Janice  
**Subject:** Revised input on masks

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Does Concord need a mask ordinance? My answer is “yes” — and here is why.

First off, this is a public health emergency. And yes, we have avoided the worst of it so far in NH, but unless the majority of folks wear a mask in public places, we won't be that lucky forever. Wearing mask is good science, it just cuts the chances of infection by a huge percentage, and that helps us get to a place where we have better treatments - and maybe a vaccine.

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And, if everyone did it voluntarily, we would not need this. But, I have been in a few stores over the last months, and I am still amazed to see folks not wearing masks, or not wearing them properly. One man told a clerk that he “forgot” to put it on. If these folks are engaging in reckless behavior, not protecting others against the spread of a virus, then they are endangering us as a community.

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So yes, it is an inconvenience, and yes, no one likes wearing a mask, but let's just take the politics out of a common sense public health issue — we need to act to protect the health of community, and save lives.

Be well,

Jayme H. Simões  
47 Warren  
Concord, NH

V: 603 620 1453

## Bonenfant, Janice

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**From:** Teresa Noone <jady@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 31, 2020 8:31 AM  
**To:** Bonenfant, Janice  
**Subject:** Mask Ordinance

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I am writing to oppose the mask mandate ordinance. Covid deaths and hospitalization are down and continue to decrease at this time. Increasing restrictions when data does not support it is government overreach. Mask mandates only hurt business' and incite violence among the divided two groups. The need for masks in NH is not needed based on Covid-19 deaths and hospitalizations and should not be mandated with an ordinance.

Sincerely,  
Teresa Noone  
Sent from my iPhone

**Bonenfant, Janice**

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**From:** Jock Irvine <jock.irvine@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 31, 2020 8:58 AM  
**To:** \* City Clerk  
**Subject:** For the city council re. mask ordinance

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I live in Ward 4 and I support a city-wide mask ordinance for Concord. A recent study by the University of Cambridge concludes that "Population-wide use of facemasks keeps the coronavirus 'reproduction number' under 1.0, and prevents further waves of the virus when combined with lockdowns..." One of the coauthors of the study goes on to say that "We have little to lose from the widespread adoption of facemasks, but the gains could be significant."

I've read some comments regarding this ordinance and those people who say that it's their right whether or not to wear a mask are actually infringing on the rights of others in our community. We should all feel safe in Concord, whether it's walking down Main Street, visiting a city park, or entering local businesses. I don't feel safe doing any of these things around people who aren't wearing masks.

Thank you

Jock Irvine

## Bonenfant, Janice

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**From:** Ginger Sheehan <vlsymmes@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 31, 2020 9:21 AM  
**To:** \* City Clerk  
**Subject:** 9/31/20 hearing on mask mandate

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Dear Ms. Bonenfant,

I wish to express my support for a mask mandate in public places as necessary to save our wonderful stores and businesses on Main Street. I believe a mandate can be drafted to allow certain businesses, such as gyms, to continue functioning under the current rules, while requiring masks to enter stores, restaurants and other such places where social distancing is not possible. I have hardly visited downtown since March because I do not feel safe being indoors with unmasked people. I hope the City Council will support our local economy and pass a carefully drafted mask mandate to be effective during this pandemic.

Thank you,

Ginger Sheehan .

**Bonenfant, Janice**

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**From:** Marcy Charette <marcyinnh@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 31, 2020 10:35 AM  
**To:** Matson, Gail; \* City Clerk  
**Subject:** Mask Ordinance

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I am a property owner in Ward 8, taxpayer and voter in the city of Concord.

I am vehemently opposed to a mask ordinance. Please ensure that my feedback is provided to the City Council.

Sincerely,  
Marcy Charette  
128 Loudon Road #24R, Concord  
[marcyinnh@gmail.com](mailto:marcyinnh@gmail.com)  
603 491-9528



**Bonenfant, Janice**

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**From:** Susan Emerson <seaturtleted@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 31, 2020 12:09 PM  
**To:** Bonenfant, Janice  
**Subject:** Proposed Mask Mandate

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To: Concord City Clerk

I am writing to tell you that I am strongly against the proposed Concord mask mandate. I am also strongly against recommending or requiring that anyone wear a mask or face covering while exercising at any time. I have read articles and watched videos by nurses, M.D.'s and surgeons that clearly point out that the evidence that masks stop or slow the spread of coronavirus is lacking.

Sent from my iPhone

## Bonenfant, Janice

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**From:** Councilor Erle Pierce <pierce4council@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 31, 2020 12:20 PM  
**To:** Bonenfant, Janice  
**Subject:** Fwd: Regarding Monday vote on mask mandate

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Hi again Madam Clerk.  
Here is more testimony for the record.  
Thanks again.  
Erle

The above memo represents my opinion and actions only. Unless otherwise stated, it does not represent the opinions or actions of the Concord City Council. Please feel free to contact me anytime at: [pierce4council@comcast.net](mailto:pierce4council@comcast.net) or on my mobile at 603-496-1665. Thank you.

> ----- Original Message -----

> From: Sarah Strycharz <[sarah@nhforever.com](mailto:sarah@nhforever.com)>

> To: Sarah Strycharz <[sarah@nhforever.com](mailto:sarah@nhforever.com)>

> Date: 08/30/2020 10:38 PM

> Subject: Regarding Monday vote on mask mandate

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> Dear Concord City Council Member,

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> I would like to thank you for your service to our city. I know that it is a thankless job at times. My family appreciates your dedication and hard work.

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> I have lived and shopped in the Concord area for almost 30 years. I lived in Penacook from 2005 - 2018 and now Concord from 2018 - present. I personally cannot wear a mask due to health reasons. Regardless of that fact for myself, I am opposed to a mask mandate and ask you to vote no for a mask mandate in Concord. I will not require my children to wear masks as I believe that it is detrimental to their health and abusive. They are more likely to get sick by touching the mask and not breathing normally. I mostly try to shop without bringing them with me.

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> It is already very intimidating to shop in town as is with the pressures people are feeling. People are afraid of being yelled at or mistreated for not wearing a mask. I personally only shop when absolutely necessary, and I only shop at stores that allow me to shop without a mask on. The more that masks are mandated, the more fearful people will be. People become more afraid to go out. I love to support local business as much as possible. Each business should be able to run their store as they see fit and not be told who can and can't shop in their stores. The number of cases in the state of NH and specifically in our county and city do not warrant a mask mandate. I choose to distance to respect others and to be cautious as I see most everyone in town doing. Many, actually most people, are already wearing masks most of the time while in public places near people. I was the only person in the grocery store without a mask on this past week. This is a personal choice for taking care of our personal health as well as looking out for our neighbors/others. I have heard that this decision is being made for "business" reasons. This should not be. Try another way to remove fear and encourage

shopping. I personally would go out and shop more if there weren't so many places requiring masks and if I felt confident that I wouldn't be mistreated for not wearing a mask. There needs to be more spread of facts and truth rather than fear and mandates. Let's make more hand washing stations available at stores. I won't get too far into it, but it isn't about health when no one even cares about what type of masks are being worn and how they are being handled and worn. Most masks do not protect from the virus anyway. Wearing a mask is a personal choice, not something for the government to force. Many reputable medical websites state that masks do not prevent the spread of the virus. The surgical mask box says it right on the package. I do respect other peoples choice to wear a mask if they choose to.

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> Thank you for considering what I have shared. Please do not use your position to overstep our human and constitutional rights in hopes of increasing business. Let's all work together to make this community thrive.

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> Sincerely,

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> Sarah Strycharz

> 39 Hot Hole Pond Rd.

> Concord, NH 03301

> 603-344-6826

> [Sarah@NHforever.com](mailto:Sarah@NHforever.com)



## Bonenfant, Janice

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**From:** Councilor Erle Pierce <pierce4council@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 31, 2020 12:19 PM  
**To:** Bonenfant, Janice  
**Subject:** Fwd: Mask Ordinance Meeting - 8/31/2020  
**Attachments:** Mask ordinance letter.pdf

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Good afternoon Madam Clerk.

In case this has not been forwarded to you, please include it in public testimony records.

Thanks you.

Erle Pierce

***The above memo represents my opinion and actions only. Unless otherwise stated, it does not represent the opinions or actions of the Concord City Council. Please feel free to contact me anytime at: [pierce4council@comcast.net](mailto:pierce4council@comcast.net) or on my mobile at 603-496-1665. Thank you.***

----- Original Message -----

From: JENNIFER BEAUDOIN <jenniferbeaudoin@comcast.net>  
To: "jpbouley@comcast.net" <jpbouley@comcast.net>, "zricehawkins@concordnh.gov" <zricehawkins@concordnh.gov>, "rwerner@concordnh.gov" <rwerner@concordnh.gov>, "agradys Sexton@concordnh.gov" <agradys Sexton@concordnh.gov>, "chamby@comcast.net" <chamby@comcast.net>, "cityclerk@concordnh.gov" <cityclerk@concordnh.gov>, "cwbouchard@concordnh.gov" <cwbouchard@concordnh.gov>, "lkenison@concordnh.gov" <lkenison@concordnh.gov>, "jkretovic@concordnh.gov" <jkretovic@concordnh.gov>, "nfennessy@concordnh.gov" <nfennessy@concordnh.gov>, "fkeach@concordnh.gov" <fkeach@concordnh.gov>, "brenttoddconcord@gmail.com" <brenttoddconcord@gmail.com>, "pierce4council@comcast.net" <pierce4council@comcast.net>, "mhatfield@concordnh.gov" <mhatfield@concordnh.gov>, "knyhan@concordnh.gov" <knyhan@concordnh.gov>, "gmatson@concordnh.gov" <gmatson@concordnh.gov>  
Date: 08/30/2020 11:46 PM  
Subject: Mask Ordinance Meeting - 8/31/2020



Dear Mayor Bouley and Members of the Concord City Council,

We are the administrators of Maskmakers for Concord, NH, a group of 125+ caring volunteers that has made, donated, and distributed more than 11,000 fabric face masks in and around Concord since March. Regular recipients include Concord Hospital, Dartmouth-Hitchcock, Community Bridges, Families in Transition, Granite State Independent Living, and many other organizations that urgently need community support.

Our volunteers sew and share the masks knowing that *wearing* masks is one small, simple thing that members of our community can do to protect one another during the COVID-19 pandemic. If an infected (even asymptomatic) person doesn't wear a mask, even those wearing masks are at risk of infection; therefore, requiring masks may be the only thing that can prevent the kind of spikes in Concord that communities across the nation are seeing following small and large gatherings. In other words, one infected person without a mask can negate the sacrifices that mask-wearers (and mask-makers) have been making for months now. It's not worth it.

We did a one-question poll in our Facebook group on Friday; of the 38 volunteers who answered the question, 37 checked: "I support a carefully crafted citywide ordinance requiring the use of facemasks in public spaces in Concord, NH." The 38th wrote their own answer: "Masks should be required in public, period. This is what Maine requires." No one checked the option saying they did not think a mask mandate is needed.

Here are some comments we received from volunteers, many of which illustrate that the lack of a mask mandate is hurting, not helping, local small businesses as they struggle to survive:

- "I would like to support our downtown businesses. However, without a mask ordinance I have been making purchases online." --JT
- "We should do everything in our power to make it safe enough for school." --CB
- "I'm a Concord resident, concerned voter, and deliver these lovingly handcrafted masks as often as I'm able to throughout the city. I fully support a mask ordinance as our city needs to protect our most vulnerable from this potentially lethal virus and masks-wearing is an essential objective in achieving that goal." -- Brian Harlow
- "Concord should consider a mask ordinance because we care about our community. Wearing a mask is an act of love and respect and will help reduce community spread. If there is an ordinance, it is less subjective and right now we need a clear stance." --JB
- "As a small business owner in Concord, I support the mask ordinance. It's imperative that we keep Covid numbers down so that we can stay open through the fall and winter." --CZ
- "We must continue to flatten the curve! I am continuing to sew for schools, hospitals and anyone who needs or wants a mask!" --KM
- "The science on wearing a mask to prevent disease transmission is evident and real. Masks were worn during the 1917 Spanish flu pandemic to decrease infections. Mask wearing is a proven intervention. There should be no question that masks are needed to keep us safe during this deadly pandemic. Pass this ordinance." --DL
- "I do not frequent any shops/stores where people are not wearing masks." --SS
- "I have been unable to visit certain downtown businesses and events due to the lack of masks on people. I am in full support of the Concord mask ordinance." -- MH
- "Without a mask ordinance, many of us cannot do business in Concord, and this prevents the economy from recovering. We can have a safe place and full economy if everyone wears masks." --SS
- "I too have stopped going to Main Street with the frequency that I would go prior to March. I have also stopped going to the Saturday market. Even though it is

outside, I am uncomfortable standing in line with non mask wearing people. If the masks can help slow the spread of Covid-19, we should all wear them to help our town and country return to normalcy." --MD

- "The lack of individuals voluntarily wearing masks has played a large role in our decision to avoid places like Main Street and casual recreation or dining areas in town. We shop for essentials, stay home, or find off the beaten path places to recreate." --JP
- "I support a mask ordinance. Without it, I will continue to avoid any large gathering including farmer's markets. We are still in the midst of a pandemic- we should all continue to maintain an awareness of that and maintain all the prescribed precautions. Without it, we are doing harm. By having an ordinance, people will know what is expected of them during this time, and those (like me) who avoid businesses where people don't wear masks, will be more inclined to venture out. We all want some sense of normalcy - we can have some of it back - if we can all abide by common rules, such as the simple act of wearing a mask. Please support this so we can all get through this trying time." --LB
- "The United States has 25% of the World's Covid-19 cases yet represents 2% of the World population. Mask wearing has proven to be effective in reducing transmission. I support a mask ordinance as a public health and safety measure to minimize the spread of Covid-19 and save lives." --DB

On behalf of our hardworking member-volunteers, who have selflessly spent thousands of hours and thousands of dollars making and distributing masks for the betterment of the community, we support a face mask ordinance for Concord. The science is clear, the need is great, and it's the simplest, most affordable way for us to get back to school and work sooner rather than later.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Beaudoin  
Kim Beers  
Melissa Hinebauch  
Donna Lannan  
Liza Poinier  
Erin Stewart

Maskmakers for Concord, NH -- Concord & Penacook

\*\*Attached as PDF as well\*\*

## Bonenfant, Janice

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**From:** Susan Emerson <seaturtleted@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 31, 2020 12:32 PM  
**To:** Bonenfant, Janice  
**Subject:** Comments about Mask Mandate

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To: Concord, NH City Clerk

I am writing to let you know that I am strongly against the proposed Concord, NH mask mandate. I am also strongly against recommending or requiring that anyone wear a mask or face covering while exercising at any time. I have read articles and watched videos by highly respected doctors about this topic. All those videos and articles clearly point out that the evidence that masks stop or slow the spread of coronavirus is severely lacking.

Masks pose hazards to many people, especially to children. If they vomit with the mask on, they could choke. Masks also cause people to have shortness of breath because they cause them to breathe their own carbon dioxide back in. This is a great danger to asthmatics, who may decline to use their inhalers when needed in order to avoid being disciplined for removing their masks.

Clearly there is strong evidence that mask mandates put public health at risk. Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Susan T. Emerson

Sent from my iPhone



## Bonenfant, Janice

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**From:** Byron Champlain <chamby@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 31, 2020 1:02 PM  
**To:** Bonenfant, Janice  
**Subject:** Fwd: Face-mask ordinance

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Hi Janice:

Could you please make this email part of the public record and share with mayor and council?

Thanks!

Byron

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Mattleahy4 <[mattleahy4@aol.com](mailto:mattleahy4@aol.com)>  
**Date:** August 31, 2020 at 11:46:22 AM EDT  
**To:** "[chamby@comcast.net](mailto:chamby@comcast.net)" <[chamby@comcast.net](mailto:chamby@comcast.net)>, "[nfennessy@concordnh.gov](mailto:nfennessy@concordnh.gov)" <[nfennessy@concordnh.gov](mailto:nfennessy@concordnh.gov)>, "[rwerner@concordnh.gov](mailto:rwerner@concordnh.gov)" <[rwerner@concordnh.gov](mailto:rwerner@concordnh.gov)>  
**Subject:** Face-mask ordinance  
**Reply-To:** Mattleahy4 <[mattleahy4@aol.com](mailto:mattleahy4@aol.com)>

All: I support the proposed ordinance to require the public to wear a face covering. I understand some people in the City oppose this kind of rule but this proposal is necessary. Since I cannot participate in the Council meeting tonight, I want to pass along to you a few comments about it:

1) Requiring someone to wear a mask if they enter a private business or a public facility does not infringe on their rights. I would argue that refusing to wear a mask in those areas actually infringes on the rights of others to live in a safe, healthy environment.

2) Although I don't enjoy wearing a mask, it is currently the most effective way to limit the spread of Covid-19, short of instituting a strict stay at home order. In fact, wearing masks hopefully will prevent the need to reinstitute a stay at home order.

3) Just based on my own anecdotal observations, most people are wearing masks already in public. The proposal should not present much of an added burden on anyone, especially since it does include several common sense exceptions.

4) I am hopeful that since so many people are wearing masks, enforcing the ordinance will not require extraordinary work for the police department.

Thank you for considering my comments.

Matt Leahy

## Bonenfant, Janice

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**From:** Karen Lee Reese <kl.reese@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 31, 2020 1:19 PM  
**To:** Bonenfant, Janice  
**Subject:** Mask mandate

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To who it may concern,

First, I thank you for taking the time to read my email.

I am writing to express my concern about a mandate on the mask in Concord or any area. There are people who have medical conditions who are unable to wear masks. The conditions are covered by the HipAA laws for these people.

The CDC just announced last Wednesday not to pressure people coming into stores without a mask.

So I would like you to carefully consider the anxiety or pressure you are going to put on people who are already having health issues from having to wear masks all day in their job place.

Thank you,

Karen Lee Reese

Sent from my iPhone

## Bonenfant, Janice

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**From:** Hawkins,Zandra-Rice  
**Sent:** Monday, August 31, 2020 1:13 PM  
**To:** Bonenfant, Janice  
**Subject:** Fwd: 3/31/20 meeting fwd to Council

The Southers would like this forwarded to the full Council, thank you!

Zandra Rice Hawkins  
Concord City Councilor, Ward 10  
(603) 892-2150 (text/call)  
zricehawkins@concordnh.gov

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "chuck@applehillfarmnh.com" <chuck@applehillfarmnh.com>  
**Date:** August 30, 2020 at 7:56:09 PM EDT  
**To:** "Hawkins,Zandra-Rice" <ZRiceHawkins@ConcordNH.gov>  
**Cc:** "jpbouley@comcast.net" <jpbouley@comcast.net>  
**Subject:** 3/31/20 meeting

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Apple Hill Farm  
580 Mountain Rd.  
Concord, NH 03301

City Councilor Zandra Rice Hawkins  
Mayor Jim Bouley

Zandra, I am writing to express some concern about the mask mandate ordinance to be discussed at the 8/31 City Council meeting. My wife Diane and I own and operate Apple Hill Farm on Mountain Rd. Like many small businesses we have struggled with how to deal with the Covid-19 situation. Our priority concern is the safety our employees, and our customers. When we opened for Pick Your Own Strawberries we instituted the following rules:

- \*Our employees are required to wear a mask when in close contact with customers.
- \*We installed a sneeze guard on the check in building
- \*We did not allow the use of customer owned containers to reduce the exposure of our employees and provided containers to customers. (this was met with some complaints about recycling etc.)

We asked customers to follow some rules as well

- \*If you are sick perhaps this is not the day to be here

- \*When checking in and out please wear a mask and maintain a social distance of 6'
- \*When out in the field if you could maintain a social distance of 6' or more a mask was optional
- \*We had hand sanitizer available at several locations

As the season progressed to blueberries we kept the same rules in place.

When we opened our farm stand we installed sneeze guards at the cash registers and re configured the farm stand to more easily allow customers to shop outside and space out inside. We require that masks be worn in the farm stand, period.

Now we are preparing for our pick your own apple season, which is the major part of our business. We have been working with UNH Cooperative Extension and others to come up with a plan to keep everyone safe and allow what is a great NH tradition, Pick Your Own apples. If you have been to our farm or others in the area you know that trailer rides are a big deal. In our case the greatest variety of apples are approx. ½ mile uphill from the farm stand. We have thought about this a lot and we have decided that trailers are a must, and we feel that to not offer them would be a deal breaker for many customers. So, we have a plan in place. We will closely monitor loading of the trailers, (which we have several), only family members will be allowed to sit close to each other, we will ask that others space out as much as possible, if they cannot be 6' from others they must wear a mask. There will be non touch automatic hand sanitizer stations on each trailer and we will encourage customers to use them before loading. Our employees will be under the same rule, if you can't be 6' away from others wear a mask.

Wearing a face covering, face shield, hand washing or sanitizing, and social distancing all provide a certain level of safety. But what we feel is the best level of achievable safety is fresh air and distancing. Pick Your Own provides that in acres. Our experience with Pick You Own berries this year has proven that people are weary of being inside and are looking do something to regain some normalcy in their lives. With approx. 30 acres of apples to roam and distance in, we feel that Pick Your Own is one activity that the public can still participate in, and be safe. Just this last week Gov. Sununu was here to pick the celebratory first apple of the season. He witnessed firsthand our plan for Pick Your Own, he was impressed and mentioned that our plan was a model of what could be done to continue a small business in these times with well thought out rules.

We have some issues with the ordinance as written in the on line agenda.

Particularly starting at section 4." Members of the public entering any business, including any outdoor area where business of any sort is conducted (except as stipulated herein), work site, or City of Concord government building must wear a face covering. Members of the public shall also wear face coverings in the elevators and stairwells of all City- owned parking garages."

We respectfully submit that outdoors is exactly where we should be in these times, to require a mask when outdoors is the wrong way to go. In section 5 the proposed ordinance begins to recognize this;

5. "Members of the public utilizing the city trails, sidewalks and other pedestrian public ways, or public recreational lands, are strongly encouraged to wear face coverings when a physical distance of six feet cannot be maintained from other individuals, but not required. Face coverings are also not required for persons playing a sport or sporting activity. "



It seems that it is ok to play sports, hike on the city trails, sidewalks, and recreation lands without a required face covering but reading section 4., masks or face coverings would be required for our pick your own customers. We deal with customers on a daily basis a feel strongly that presented with our plan they will and indeed have complied. We can say with great deal of certainty that if the Concord P.D. is going to camp out in our drive way giving out warnings or fines, customers will go elsewhere.

What we would ask is that you amend section 5 to read;

“Members of the public utilizing the city trails, sidewalks and other pedestrian public ways, or public recreational lands, **or participating in a Pick Your Own activity** are strongly encouraged to wear face coverings when a physical distance of six feet cannot be maintained from other individuals, but not required. Face coverings are also not required for persons playing a sport or sporting activity. “

Thank you, Chuck and Diane Souther

Chuck's cell 731 1829

Diane's cell 730164

## Bonenfant, Janice

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**From:** Kristina Mitchell <mitchells@onemacworld.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 31, 2020 1:33 PM  
**To:** \* City Clerk  
**Subject:** Tonight's meeting...

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Dear Public Servants of Concord,

Thank you for your time and service to the city and it's people. Your attention to matters of the public are greatly appreciated!

I am a resident of Weare, NH and do much of my shopping in Concord. I do not wear facial coverings for reasons of health and freedom. During this time of shut down and increased regulation I have been seeking out stores where masks are not required and have been forced to shop online. I would prefer to frequent small businesses as they have been unreasonably targeted by the standards placed on all of us throughout this time of concern.

If a city wide ordinance is put in place, I believe it will further inhibit traffic in Concord and send the wrong message to the public. Decisions should always be made considering facts and information, not fear and feelings. Please don't misunderstand me, all things should be considered. If the goal is to bring business back to the town, further regulations are going to keep people like me away and could increase the fear people are currently experiencing.

Again, thank you for your time and attention to the matters of the city of Concord. Your work is important.

Sincerely,  
Kristina Mitchell

## Bonenfant, Janice

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**From:** Nancy Schofield <nancysko@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 31, 2020 2:00 PM  
**To:** Bonenfant, Janice  
**Subject:** Mask Ordinance

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My town of Concord is holding a town hall meeting (via Zoom) today to discuss a proposed ordinance for making mask wearing an enforceable requirement, with escalating fines and penalties for non-compliance. You may be surprised at what I say next, but I am against this. I wear a mask because I believe they are a part of keeping the spread flat. I wear a mask knowing that it can potentially prevent someone more vulnerable from contracting the virus if I unknowingly am contaminated and/or contagious. It behooves me that others don't choose to do the same, but all the same, I believe that the policies already in place in the state of NH are sufficient without being overreaching. We are asked to use common sense. Businesses can require mask wearing in their establishments. Social-distancing measures are in place in restaurants and other public places, and some restrictions are still in place that keep certain businesses closed down. Here are some facts. "As of Sunday, Concord has five cases and 149 accumulative cases in the city across more than six months — or a little more than three-tenths of 1 percent of the city. There have been 23 deaths in the entire county which has a population of around 150,000. The city has had between 1 and 10 active cases during the last five weeks. Nine positive test results were reported in the entire state Sunday." (Concord Patch) What this says to me is that what we are already doing with the Emergency Order that is still active is working. We are keeping the virus under control while slowly recovering businesses and jobs. We are never going to completely eliminate the virus until a real, tested vaccine is found, and until then, we can be smart, safe, and still keep the economy from collapsing. I think the only reason this ordinance is being proposed now is that the tension and politics are running high, and some think that making masks mandatory will stop the fights or win points for their side. I disagree, but that's not my chief concern. I lean libertarian, and I believe that every liberty we give away erodes our freedom and sets us up for the next one. In the case of masks, people say my freedom ends when it negatively affects others. But go back and read those statistics. What we are already doing (and there are those who believe THAT it is too restrictive) is working as well as anything short of total lockdown and isolation can. Going any further in Concord's situation is, in my opinion, an overreach that sets a precedent for future overreaches in these days of a divided population and a climate fraught with political correctness. And the ironic part of all of this to me is that if people just wore their masks voluntarily, temporarily inconveniencing themselves, we wouldn't be in the position of giving lawmakers a

chance to restrict our freedoms. I say wear a mask because it's the right thing to do for others—before we no longer have the right to choose.