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Subject: Letter in support of health department
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Dear Board of Commissioners,

I am writing to you in support of our local health department and the work of the Health Board. Times like these are when we need public health professionals working on our behalf, and when they need their full funding to do this important work.

It seems like the current threat to our local health department's funding is in response to its universal mask mandates for schools, which I support. Universal masking, vaccinations and social distancing all work to keep kids learning in school. At Glen Lake Community School, where I have a child in middle school, many students who have been identified as close contacts of an infected student have been able to continue attending school because they were both wearing masks. Without universal masking, a vaccinated student would still be able to continue learning in school, while an unvaccinated student would need to quarantine at home for at least seven days. The child loses in this scenario.

Some commissioners may oppose vaccinations and the wearing of face masks, and you have the choice whether or not you do either of those things. However, as I see it, your duty as a commissioner is to the greater good of the county. In the case of a pandemic that means following the evolving science of this novel coronavirus and keeping the health department, which is trained in public health initiatives, fully funded.

Sincerely,
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