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To the Leelanau County Board of Commissioners:

This is to let the BOC know that I support the Benzie Leelanau Health Department and appreciate their efforts to keep our residents safe over the past nineteen months. Their actions are to be commended.

This is not the time to cut the BLHD's budget or undermine their authority over our citizen's health. They are the health professionals. Don't buy into the anti-maskers' unscientific agenda. These are people who don't seem to understand the science behind the pandemic, even expressing doubts about vaccine effectiveness. This virus is deadly, and our health department has put in place protocols to protect us.

***Below are the facts about how the virus is spread from the World Health Organization (WHO). Our health department knows these facts and acts accordingly. If they recommend mask wearing, please acknowledge that they have the best intentions and the facts behind the efficacy of masks in preventing the spread of Covid and protecting the lives of our citizens.

Thank you for your time.
Rebecca Reynolds
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- ***Current evidence suggests that the virus spreads mainly between people who are in close contact with each other, typically within 1 metre (short-range). A person can be infected when aerosols or droplets containing the virus are inhaled or come directly into contact with the eyes, nose, or mouth.
- ***The virus can also spread in poorly ventilated and/or crowded indoor settings, where people tend to spend longer periods of time. This is because aerosols remain suspended in the air or travel farther than 1 metre (long-range).

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