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Subject: RE: BOC agenda item and public comment
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Please enter my letter in the comments for tonight's meeting.

Thank you.

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Dear Leelanau County Commissions and Mr. Janik,

It is my understanding there is a "special" meeting tonight to discuss the recent Public Health Order given by the Health Officer and Medical Director of the Benzie Leelanau District Health Department regarding universal masking in K-12 schools in the County. Please support this important step taken to keep our school children, teachers and staff safe and so they are able to remain in school, in person.

This Public Health Order was not made lightly, rather it was thoughtfully considered due to the rise of positive cases of Covid in our area and in the state. Most of Michigan and certainly Leelanau County, are now in a "high" transmission category for community spread of Covid. The latest variant, Delta, is dis-proportionally, seriously, effecting children and the un-vaccinated for Covid. Hospital admissions for Covid are on a rapid rise as well. Vaccination, masking, hand washing and social distancing remain our best tools for stopping the spread of this deadly virus.

Public Health experts not politicians or individuals who do not base decisions on science and evidence based research are the people our communities need to be looking to for guidance related to Covid. This has been a long 1.5 years of a pandemic and we are not at the end nor will we be any time soon. The guidance for addressing a Covid response should be based on the latest information from the Center for Disease Control (CDC), the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) and our local Public Health Department.

This virus has caused a pandemic, which translates in my words to , “we are globally in this together. What affects me, affects my neighbors, here and far across the planet”. Please, let’s all do our part to keep everyone safe. Support the Health Department, they are more than doing their part.

Respectfully,
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