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County Board of Commissioners,

I just learned that the Leelanau County Board of Commissioners is holding a special meeting tonight with the only discussion item on the agenda being the Benzie-Leelanau District Health Department's COVID-19 mask order. I can only hope the discussion will result in resounding support for the hard work our Health Department staff have been doing the last year and a half to keep our community safe. Since none of you Commissioners are public health experts, I trust you will respect the opinion and recommendations of those folks who are. I have read the Public Health Order and it is science based, well supported and clearly the right thing to do for the safety of our children, parents, educators and support personnel.

This is a medical issue, not a political issue. No shirts, no shoes, no mask no service. It is that simple. If you personally don't want to wear a mask you don't have to; but stay home and don't impose your unsafe dress code on others; especially our children, parents, educators and support personnel. Every day we all follow public safety requirements: you have to wear a seat belt, stop at red lights, adhere to the speed limit, etc. or face a fine. You can't smoke in a restaurant, walk around town without pants on or go to school without a mask. It is that simple. The only way we are going to beat this virus is through massive vaccination and personal safety measures including masking, distancing and hand washing.

Please put this in the public comment record.

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