

I am writing in support of HB 1323 to limit requirements to wear a mask. It is very evident by the many scientific studies that have been conducted that mask wearing in the public, in school, in the community is not efficacious. Rather, the mandating of masks has been having quite the opposite effect with many unforeseen consequences. I am disturbed by the knee-jerk decisions the government and health agencies have made regarding mandating a mask when no risk/benefit analysis had ever been conducted. It was assumed that wearing a facial mask would be no big deal and everyone could make this sacrifice for the “greater good.”

I work in health care and I understand the importance of a when a mask should be worn and what type of mask needs to be worn to protect against airborne diseases. Annually I underwent a “Fit-Test” with a trained professional to discuss my medical history and then engaged in a series of activities while wearing a specific mask to determine if the mask had an appropriate seal, that it provided appropriate protection, and that I could physically handle using the mask while caring for my patient. If any of the tests failed and/or I could not physically handle the stress it put on my body, then I would fail the Fit Test.

Cloth masks, surgical masks, and all the home-masks are quite different than the N95 respirator mask I was testing in. They do not form any protective seal to protect the person wearing the mask or for breath to escape the mask. They are completely ineffective and useless! The N95 mask also will not protect you from viruses as the particles are too small. The N95 mask does protect against Tuberculosis (TB), which is a bacterial infection. Bacteria are much larger in size compared to viruses. This was the main reason I was fit tested in the medical field was to be able to care to TB patients.

The human body was not designed to have a facial covering wore for extended periods of time. I’m outraged by the school district mandating children wear masks in order to obtain a “free” education that my tax dollars support. Choosing to wear a mask is a personal decision that every person or guardian needs to decide. A risk/benefit analysis needs to be conducted to appropriately guide these decisions. Did anyone bother do this before mandating masks? Or did ignorance and politics cloud the judgement?

The science and decisions of leaders has been contradicting and disturbing! The over-reach of government with mandating ineffective, non-proven, harmful decisions must stop! Allowing Public Health to continue to make recommendations based on scientific evidence is the path that should be taken. Mandating with a “one-size-fits-all” approach, especially at the government level is wrong, reckless, and a freedom violation!

I ask that you strongly support HB 1323 with a DO PASS vote!

Respectfully submitted,

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