

December 4, 2024

Dear Chairman Mathews, Vice Chair Stewart, Ranking Member Liston, and members of the Public Health Policy Committee:

Thank you for allowing me to provide support testimony for HB 617; "UN-Mask Ohio." I have been fighting against mask mandates, vaccine mandates, lock downs and isolation since the beginning of COVID 19. Out of all of the letters I have written, I think that the letter that I wrote below to the City of Mason Board of Education on August 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021 best encompasses the reason why I support HB 617. This letter that I wrote was in defense of my children, but I have personally experienced being denied service by numerous establishments and endured hatred because of my refusal to wear a mask. As you will read in the letter below it will become evident why I urge the committee members to please vote yes on HB 617.

Thank you for your consideration.



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Mr. Charles Galvin  
Mrs. Connie Yingling  
Mrs. Desiree Batsche  
Mr. Matthew Steele  
Mr. Kevin Wise

Dear Mason Board of Education:

I understand the extreme difficulty you have in making prudent decisions for the entire school district. You obviously had put a lot of thought over the summer in the decision to not require masks at the beginning of the school year. However, there is no conceivable possibility that any data or observations in the first two days of school could show you that it is necessary to require masks as Mr. Cooper suggests. Let us keep in mind that the quarantining and mask protocols released by the Ohio Department of Health are recommendations; not mandates or laws. In fact, the Ohio legislature passed HB22 in order to stop Governor DeWine and the Ohio Department of Health from medical dictatorship. Mr. Cooper also admits no one wants to wear masks. If that is mostly true then why not give people a choice? In general observations when I am out in public I have never been in a place where any less than, by my estimate, 90% of the people decide to not wear a mask and I am sure you have to admit the same. What does that tell you? That tells you that either people don't think masks work or aren't worried about the virus. Why can't we leave it up to a personal decision? Are you just following what other districts are doing? Are you caving into the peer pressure or have you really thought this out?

My children and I were so excited to find out that Mason was going to be a trail blazer and not require students to wear masks, but now I am sadly mistaken that they are just like all of the other sheep around town. A once happy family excited to attend school is filled now with dread to go. How dirty is that to change your policy immediately after you have hooked everyone into school? There is only one reason that I can surmise as to why you are changing your

policy only two days into school. Are you caving in to the pressure of the medical tyranny and parental bullies who threaten to sue the district unless you require masks? Should I threaten to sue for requiring masks? Will I get my way if I do? I grow weary of getting bullied by the vocal minority and the tyrannical-so-called “medical experts”. If Mason is so against bullying then stand up for yourselves against those bullying you. Be an example!

Forcing a child to wear a mask is child abuse and those who require it are child abusers. The poor children are defenseless in this situation. They have to do what others tell them to do even if it hurts them. Adults need to grow up and be responsible and brave. School-aged children are most resilient to this virus and have a 99.9% chance of surviving the virus if you look at the data from the CDC. Collectively as a population we still have a 99% chance of surviving the virus looking at that same data. We are forcing masks on our children because of this? I haven't seen any evidence that children are significant spreaders of this virus in comparison to adults. If you are scared, stay home and lock yourself in the basement. Let the rest of us live our lives free from punishment. To think that a cloth mask can stop or slow a microscopic virus where people are touching their masks to adjust them constantly is ludicrous. I have not seen any credible study that shows the efficacy of masks. Many are just accepting things as facts because someone claims they are facts. You find medical experts who believe in the vaccinations and masks and I'll show you another set of medical experts who believe the opposite. It is whoever is given power and a louder voice that gets their way.

I know that Mason's comet culture is concerned about the mental health of its students and “building meaningful relationships”, but how can you honestly be concerned about that while requiring masks. We are social people. We need one another. We need community. We need touch. We need hugs. We need smiles. We need non-verbal communication. We need good mental health! Masks are a barrier to that good mental health and meaningful relationships. In a time when young children are impressionable and need to develop good social skills, we are hindering their development. A school with trained educators should know this! Masks create division, fear, anxiety, anonymity, reclusiveness, etc. Start to ask yourself is this cure worse than the disease?

If “my story matters”, some of my children have struggled with anxiety, depression, and physical ailments from wearing these masks. Where is their justice? Where is the justice when another student tells my child that she “will die if she doesn't wear a mask”? Where is the justice when another student decides to not be my daughter's friend anymore because she doesn't wear a mask outside by herself? Where is the justice when my children don't want me to speak publicly about this at the school board meeting because they will be bullied and hated at school for “me” speaking “my” mind? A sad but true reality! What are the parents, government, school and media teaching our children...to be afraid? Are we raising a submissive, scared, and mentally confused generation? This fear mongering and propaganda has to stop! This fear is being used to control and divide us like the Nazis did except it is now on a global scale. Do not let this fear into our schools with our children! We don't bully those who choose to wear a mask so don't force and bully the majority into wearing them because of your fear and discomfort. Sooner or later people won't be comfortable until we are wearing hazmat suits!

In addition to the mental problems this can create, what about adverse physical problems? Have you considered the additional bacteria growing inside these masks? Have you considered long term inhalation of excess carbon dioxide? Have you considered skin irritations? Have you considered jaw discomfort? Have you considered headaches?

We will always have to live with this virus around. Time to “adjust and adapt” and get used to it! Are we going to be masked, social distanced, behind plexiglass, and shunned from touch indefinitely? Every time some variant comes out are we going to run and be scared? Guess what, flu viruses mutate and people die each year from flu viruses. This is nothing new. This sounds harsh, but it is reality.

These mask mandates will go down in history similar to the “duck-and-cover” drills my parents went through at school in the 1950's. They just make people feel better and are a smoke screen, but in reality they do nothing in the way of

protection. Just like the “duck and cover” underneath your desk won’t protect you from a nuclear bomb neither will this mask protect you from a virus.

“Own the moment”, stand up to your bully, and reverse your mask mandate!

Thank you for your consideration.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Brian Doll". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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