

August 12, 2020

To the mayor and the city council of Stevensville,

I am not afraid of many things, but I am really afraid of what is happening to my home town of Stevensville. It is not that it is growing too fast or that it is overrun by criminals or even that the town is dying economically. It's because of how it has become so divided. I don't know exactly how this has happened, or who is responsible but I do know this. If the mayor and the town council decide to try to usurp the counties policy and impose a mandatory face mask upon the residents and the business owners, it will permanently damage a lot of relationships and my desire of wanting to be in business in Stevensville.

I own 2 businesses in Stevensville and because they are restaurants, I get to deal with a lot of regulations. I get to be inspected by the county, the state, and my beloved insurance companies. It is something I get tired of but I understand that it is part of doing business. Forcing my customers and my employees to wear masks isn't and shouldn't be part of doing business in Stevensville.

Let me tell you why. There is no proof that masks even stop the spread in any casual setting and just yesterday there were reports of two types of masks that were worse to wear than no mask at all. What type of mask is it? Is it being worn properly? What type of material is it made of? Is that the right kind of material? Is it a brand new mask? Has it been washed? Have you rubbed your face with your hands while wearing the mask? Did you set it on something prior to putting it on? Are there gaps in your mask? Where else have you been with that mask on? I could keep going. Are these the questions that I am supposed to ask every customer before they come in? You know that will really bring the customers in. Maybe we should just give them a fresh haz-mat suit when they come in and then I can buy some robots from China to cook all the food in the back and that will make the mayor and others that are pushing for this feel better.

This is a great town, a great state and a great country! Let's not make it a place I hate to be because someone feels like they know better than I do how to take care of myself and my customers. If customers don't want to come into my restaurants because we don't want to force them to wear a mask, they don't have to come in. We are already sanitizing and disinfecting everything we can.

We as humans have survived thousands of years without face masks and I do believe that we will get through this. It is a big, bad, dangerous world out there. Please don't think that what you are trying to do will make it any less dangerous.

DON'T DIVIDE THE TOWN FURTHER.

Sincerely,



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