Dear Montgomery County Council and decision makers,

I have never once written in or spoken up about local government matters but due to our current state of affairs that keeps worsening I feel it is necessary.

Firstly, I've got to ask about the current mask mandate . . . . . You guys lifted the mandate last Thursday 10/28/2021. Literally on Friday 10/29/2021 claims were made that numbers were sky rocketing back into the moderate transmission level.

My question is what led you guys to make the scientific conclusion that it was because of (1) full day without masks?

It does not make any logical, statistical, or scientific sense. COVID on average takes between 7-14 days for symptoms to show symptoms . . . . . Therefore reinstating the mask mandate on Wednesday 11/2/21 is literally completely baseless as cases being reported would have to have been contracted by 10/24 or earlier when the mask mandate was still in place . . . .

I get the eerie feeling that none of this actually has to do with scientific data or calculations . . . . . But a politically motivated matter that you guys are using to push your wanted agenda.

You suggest imposing vaccine mandates on individuals whom don't feel it is necessary or may have an underlying health issue which may prevent them from safely receiving said vaccination. It is disgusting and appalling to know that we are being led by individuals whom do not have individual freedom in mind, but are itching to impose mandates, take away freedom, and harm small businesses.

If you are following science, you should follow it completely and not pick and choose where you feel it should apply. Such as the fact that the world health organization literally states on its website that "EVEN IN AN AREA OF COVID-19 TRANSMISSION, YOU SHOULD NOT WEAR A MASK DURING VIGOROUS PHYSICAL ACTIVITY". Yet you impose mask mandates in gyms?? Did you also know that micro organisms grow at a much faster rate with saliva and sweat build up in said mask you are wearing while working out? Where are you getting your scientific data and information to make such decisions? Are you able to explain how we have some of the highest number of vaccinated individuals yet somehow cases just keep on skyrocketing? Can you explain how Florida has some of the lowest vaccination rates, has never closed or imposed major restrictions yet has some of the LOWEST COVID CASES IN THE COUNTRY? I don't believe anyone in this council has an answer for any question or a legible response for anything I have stated in this letter.

I have also got to address the poor infrastructure and sky rocketing crime rates in Montgomery County. I've grown up in the county for my entire life and it is in the worst condition it has ever been in. The statistics of violent crimes such as sexual assault, robbery, car jackings, etc are absolutely astounding.

With tax rates among the highest in the country . . . . Why is it that we have some of the worst roads, failing bridges, rising unemployment, and not enough police to keep up with sky rocketing crime rates? I would hope that individuals like Peter Bang or Lisa Betts are no longer working with the government.

It's hard not to ponder why our taxes are through the roof yet we have a consistently failing infrastructure and sky rocketing crime . . . . . I believe these issues need to be addressed and Montgomery County should be audited by a private organization with no affiliation to persons within the council or with personal interest.

The people of Montgomery County deserve answers and leadership that are transparent, honest, responsible, and have the people's best interests at heart; Not motivated by personal gain or ego.

Sincerely,

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