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Dr. Karyl Rattay
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Dear Dr. Rattay,

Thank you for all you do for the state of Delaware and we hope you are well.

Last week, the city of Philadelphia announced it would be re-implementing its indoor face-covering mandate effective today, Monday, April 18th. In light of this, we felt compelled to reach out and express our strong opinion that the state of Delaware does not follow suit. We believe strongly that our small businesses, schools, and overall societal health have greatly improved in the time that our mandates and State of Emergencies have not been in effect.

Our state's school children have experienced great improvements to their mental health and academics in the month or so since the school mask mandate was lifted. Going back to restrictions and mandates seen at the height of the pandemic would dramatically hinder the progress we have made towards returning to normalcy.

In closing, we strongly disagree with any implementation of mandates like we saw during 2020 and 2021. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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Colin R. J. M. Bonini
Senator, 16th District

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Gerald Hocker
Minority Leader, 20th District

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Brian G. Pettyjohn
Minority Whip, 19th District

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Senator, 15th District

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Senator, 6th District

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Senator, 21st District

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Senator, 18th District