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Regarding the Transportation, Infrastructure and Operations Committee meeting this week where mask mandates will again be discussed, please don't cave in to the anti-mask groups around town. The metro area has experienced over 2,500 deaths, many needless, and the use of masks in indoor public spaces has been proven to reduce the spread of COVID-19 and other diseases. We need to extend the mandate until the disease and associated deaths have sharply declined.

This is a humanitarian issue, but it's also an economic one, as if people don't feel safe in public, local business and tourism will suffer.

Thanks

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