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Mayor Robert Byrd
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603 Watts Ave.
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Honorable Mayors,

As you know, Gov. Tate Reeves has lifted the mask mandate that has been in force for months. That mandate has resulted in a significant decrease in the number of COVID-19 cases and deaths throughout our community and state. I believe our communities would be better served by keeping a mask mandate in place in Moss Point and Pascagoula. We only need to look at some of the states that have lifted restrictions on public gatherings and businesses to see that that decision has led to new preventable spikes in cases and deaths. I would hate to see that repeated in our communities.

While many of our citizens know the benefits of wearing masks and will continue to wear them, too many others won't. I believe that your mask mandates will continue to help keep all people safer and will continue to hold this horrible disease in check. Your actions can and will help reduce the spread of COVID-19 as we enter these crucial fall months.

It is true that we have new tools to help fight COVID that were not available to us last year like several vaccines and additional therapeutic drugs, however until more of our constituents are vaccinated, we all remain at a severe risk. Please consider the many unknown variants that continue to develop domestically and abroad. We have a good tool to fight COVID and slow the spread of community transmission, I request that you not remove a mandate that we know and have proven to work.

Respectfully Yours,



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