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Honorable city and county leaders,

I am sure you are aware of the crisis our communities and state face in the recent surge of the COVID-19 Delta Variant. Unlike the previous phases of the pandemic, this variant presents a clear and present danger to all segments of our population.

I urge you to act boldly and decisively by requiring everyone to wear masks in all public places and indoor facilities in your jurisdictions.

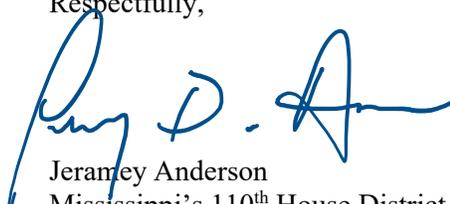
I wish such a mandate wasn't necessary. But it is clear that because of widespread misinformation about the virus and the effectiveness of masks, some people will not wear masks unless required to do so. Their refusal to wear a mask puts others in our communities at an increased risk of serious illness.

Across the Mississippi Coast, hospitals and ICUs are full, medical staff is strained and there is no margin for error. We must act to help our medical professionals deal with this deadly surge. I know a mask mandate will not be popular in all quarters, but it has been proven to save lives. As leaders, we must not choose the popular decision over the correct decision. I trust that you in this instance will make the correct decision.

It is not in my power to enact such a mandate, but I promise you that I willfully and publicly endorse a mandate that is within your power to enact. I have been since the beginning of the pandemic a strong advocate for masks and vaccines as the most effective means of fighting this virus. I will continue to do so until the danger of COVID-19 has ended.

I believe based on the available research and science that wearing masks will significantly reduce the time that the virus threatens our lives, our communities, our way of life, and our economies.

Respectfully,



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