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Santa Barbara County Supervisors:

Good afternoon.

I have just been in communication with a group of local business owners who are struggling because of your mask mandate and who are very concerned that you and Gavin Newsom will implement "health passports" here, which would further divide our county. The mood of these business owners can only be described as "livid" and "at their breaking point."

Due to your mask mandate, I personally have been denied access to all grocery stores, farmers markets, government buildings, post offices, banks, doctors' offices, private businesses, taxi cabs, and county buses.

In Michigan, several counties are openly denouncing Governor Gretchen Whitmer's executive orders:

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In Florida, Governor Ron DeSantis is banning "health passports" statewide:

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Florida and Texas are two among nineteen states to open back up and end their mask mandates, with more states joining them each week. These logical and reasonable choices, based on common sense, stand in stark contrast to those made by officials in California, New York, and the federal government, all of which are doubling down on masks and "health passports." The number of infections in states without masks has gone down while their economies have grown. Masks don't work and the business climate is improving in states which don't require them.

We have been calling attention to the loss of our civil liberties for the past year. There seems to be an absence of local leadership as elected officials choose to conduct business via Zoom screens instead of facing the people directly. Now that our ability to access grocery stores, farmers markets, and public transportation has been restricted with no sign of relief on the horizon, there are few choices remaining except to openly defy your mask mandate and engage in acts of civil disobedience. Such acts would likely go viral and make national headlines while simultaneously calling attention to the tyranny of "health passports." I can tell you that Ammon Bundy's People's Rights group is watching the situation here in Santa Barbara very closely and is prepared to act on a moment's notice

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to defend our civil liberties.

As for the business owners in this county, they too are ready to openly defy your mask mandate and similar "emergency" orders, none of which are laws approved by the California State Legislature. They will likely mount a concerted effort to remove you from office and replace you with five new supervisors who support people's rights to breathe freely and assemble freely anywhere in the county.

People are angry and rightfully so. You have denied us access to food and restricted our mobility for more than a year. Do you expect us to just accept this outcome and not revolt? Do you think the housed and the houseless are going to allow you to continue to deny us access to resources without repercussions?

SARS-CoV-2 has a survival rate greater than 99%.

Please summon the courage of Governor DeSantis and the Michigan county executives, defy the unconstitutional orders issued by Joe Biden and Gavin Newsom, and end your oppressive mask mandate now.

In solidarity with the People,

Matthew J. Strezpek

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