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I am opposed to the resolution mandating public face coverings. This is an issue of freedom. I am a 15 year veteran who has spent most of my life supporting and defending the constitution. One of the most beautiful aspects of being an American is the God given right to freedom. I am staunchly opposed to any kind of mandate at a fundamental level. I believe that Americans are intelligent enough, and most importantly, free to make decisions about their own health on their own. This is a slippery slope we are on by allowing the government to make health decisions for the people that they deem appropriate. There are multiple studies available from industrial hygienists that show that the virus is below the micron threshold of both surgical and cloth face coverings. By covering our noses and mouths, we are doing nothing to prevent the spread of any virus or bacteria. They pass easily through the mask, as well as pass through the gaps that may be on the sides and top. I believe the recommending of mask wearing is completely arbitrary given the lack of evidence that it is effective. We are contributing to psychological harm to ourselves, as well as our children by forcing the wear of face coverings. Scientific evidence supporting face mask efficacy is severely lacking and we are basing our entire approach on "optics". Decision makers do not want to look bad. There are no leaders brave enough to take a stand on this issue because they are afraid of how they might be portrayed by the media and those paralyzed with fear, even if they know that

this is a completely ineffective mitigation measure. Given the mortality rates among most Americans (<60) is so low for this virus, when do we stop succumbing to fear? "They who can give up essential liberty to obtain a little temporary safety, deserve neither liberty nor safety"-Benjamin Franklin. The mandate to wear face masks is another example of gross government overreach and a complete abuse of your power.

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