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Great Falls Public Library Board of Directors  
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Dear Board Members:

I am thankful to have the opportunity to make a statement about the library's mask policies enacted due to the ongoing COVID pandemic.

My anxiety about contracting the virus was greatly improved when Susie and the board enacted a mask required policy for patrons even before the Governor ordered masks required.

As an Information Specialist, I have been consuming all of the evolving science news about how the virus is spread, and I believe that masks are a key tool for preventing viral spread. If it were in my power, I would edit the GFPL mask order to mimic that recently issued by the Great Falls Clinic, excluding certain masks that are not as effective, the one with the exhale valve for example.

I have a second job at Sam's Club, and the mask compliance enforcement is much more lax over there for associates and members. Several of my co-workers have contracted the virus and I have observed those associates to be the most lax with mask compliance, social distancing and hand sanitizing.

I want the library to stay open. Not only are we providing books for folks to read, we are providing critical services for folks who need computer access, printing and notarization services.

Susie's leadership in this difficult time has been outstanding.

If the board chooses to allow patrons to be in the library without masks, I would respectfully request to be assigned "off desk" duties during those times.

Sincerely,



Eva McDunn  
Library Specialist