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To Whom It May Concern,

I'm writing to express my support for the mask mandate policy the Great Falls Public Library. As a longtime library staff member with 25 years of employment here, I also have underlying lung issues, and the thought of contracting a potentially fatal respiratory virus is terrifying. Being a long time staff member working with the public, I also personally know some of our patrons also fall into a high risk category. It is very important to me that this be an environment that cares about the health and safety of all staff and all patrons, and requires the wearing of masks. To my knowledge, the library was one of the first community organizations to decide to put in place a mask mandate; even before the Governor's directive in July of 2020. I have strong feelings about following the mask mandate; protecting the health of all staff and patrons. If not everyone is following the guidelines, it contradicts the whole point of having them in the first place. As much as I love my job here, I do not believe I could continue my employment with the library if mask mandates were not being strictly followed and enforced; it is so very important to me. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

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