

Good evening;

I rise to speak in opposition to the Sevier County mask order.

Since I am retired I have no pecuniary interest and being in my late 50s am at heightened risk. As a programmer, former CEO<sup>i</sup> and independent award-winning journalist<sup>ii</sup> I am first and foremost a data scientist.

Executive action is legitimate in exigent circumstance when urgency does not permit legislative debate. Six months into Covid19 such claims constitute fraud.

40 years of science prove masks worthless against viruses. A seminal 1981 controlled trial found removal of masks from operating rooms did not increase infections; in fact they dropped<sup>iii</sup>. Multiple controlled-trial challenges in the decades since have confirmed this finding. Controlled trials have further shown that nothing less than an N95 is effective against viruses<sup>iv</sup>.

Simulations driven by political panic blossomed in May when a CDC-listed review of studies found no scientific evidence for masks<sup>v</sup>. I remind you it was computer models that predicted 2 million deaths in the US alone. Those projections proved to be fear-mongering or politically and financially-motivated frauds, overstating mortality by factors of 10 to 30 times.<sup>vi</sup> The modern witchdoctor lives in computer models; with 4 decades of programming experience I ought to know.

Nashville along with Mayor Waters displayed scienter by concealing facts contrary to their narratives. Nashville concealed that less than one hundred of their 20,000 cases were traced to restaurants and bars, while more than ten percent were traced to construction sites and nursing homes<sup>vii</sup>. Mayor Waters twice concealed that five days after his order went into effect the case rate in Sevier County reversed a steep decline and tripled; he skipped forward three weeks to falsely claim efficacy.

Approximately the first of August Sevier County achieved suppression at 2%; cases have fallen to one third of their high. The cause is simply exhaustion of susceptible residents, not masks.

Following mask mandates Hawaii saw their infection rate multiply by a factor of ten<sup>viii</sup> and Knox County's rate quadrupled, recently recording a new high. Blount County refused to issue an order, has 34% more citizens and sports a curve nearly-identical to ours. The State of Kansas got caught concealing large spikes in counties that imposed mask orders.<sup>ix</sup> I could spend an hour citing data that proves mask orders have no correlation with reduced infection rates.

The 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment guarantees equal protection. Governor Lee has stated that he does not wear a mask or distance if he feels safe.<sup>x</sup> Since Governor Lee has declared a right to personal choice all in Tennessee have the same right. The Constitution is not The 10 Suggestions.

Death is no stranger to me as both my parents and sister, among others, are deceased. The state

claims Covid19 has taken 13 lives in our county over six months. The state also catalogues that from 2014 to 2017 1,000 people died every year in Sevier County, with 26 from influenza<sup>xi</sup>. 13 x 2 is 26; by the facts in this county Covid19 is of equal mortality to the flu. At no time in the preceding six months has the 7-day average daily rate of Covid hospitalizations exceeded two.<sup>xii</sup> Positive test counts are fear porn; what matters is serious illness and death. The evidence is that public-health disasters in other areas, not replicated here, were caused by gross negligence or worse and not the virus.

Mayor Waters issued an Executive Order and placed signs threatening fines, disease and death if one does not wear a diaper on their face. Pigeon Forge recently reported a 17% decline in revenues both for lodging and overall, with amusements down by half, an impact of \$200 million dollars in Pigeon Forge alone.<sup>xiii</sup> Given Mayor Waters' order requiring everyone indoors to state that they are an Angel of Death and will kill anyone within 6' of them, an outrageous lie, are these figures a surprise?

Where was the public cost-benefit analysis posted prior to this action? We have destroyed one dollar in six in our economy and mandated peddling imminent fear of death over a burden identical to seasonal flu!

There is much more but my limited time prevents its presentation.

Shall we, as your signs say on Route 66, "FACE IT"?

40 years of hard science prove masks worthless. State data proves Covid19 presents no material excess burden to our health care system or mortality. Rather than truthfully inform the public state, county and city actions since March, including this order, have intentionally destroyed basic human interaction, one sixth of revenue and countless jobs. The deliberate inculcation of fear under false pretense into citizens and visitors, including especially children, is obscene. Mayor Waters must withdraw his order, apologize for his actions and resign. If he refuses citizen debate on an Ouster Action must commence under TCA § 8-47-101 for willful misconduct, to which I will subscribe.

A few copies of this presentation with references are here to facilitate your independent verification and a PDF will be posted publicly at <http://tnouster.us>.

Thank you.

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<sup>i</sup> *Macro Computer Solutions Inc (MCSNet) of Chicago, 1993-1998, firm sold to Winstar Communications*

<sup>ii</sup> *Reed Irvin Accuracy in Media Award for Grassroots Journalism, 2009*

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iii “There was no increase in wound infections when masks were discarded in 1980; in fact there was a significant ( $p < 0.05$ ) decrease.” <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC2493952/pdf/annrcse01509-0009.pdf>

iv “Randomised controlled trials in health care workers showed that respirators, if worn continually during a shift, were effective but not if worn intermittently. Medical masks were not effective, and cloth masks even less effective.” (*Ed: Clearly “even less” than “not effective” can mean only one thing in the English language – worthless*) <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC7191274/> In addition a large Covid19 outbreak in a German meatpacking plant **where mask wearing was compulsory** was conclusively traced through RNA sequencing and proved that said mask-wearing did **not** prevent transmission (link on request.)

v “In pooled analysis, we found no significant reduction in influenza transmission with the use of face masks (RR 0.78, 95% CI 0.51–1.20; I<sup>2</sup> = 30%,  $p = 0.25$ )” [https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/eid/article/26/5/19-0994\\_article](https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/eid/article/26/5/19-0994_article)

vi <https://www.worldometers.info/coronavirus/country/sweden/>

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<https://fox17.com/news/local/fox-17-news-reporter-holds-nashville-mayors-office-accountable-for-leaked-covid-19-emails>

viii <https://covidtracking.com/data/state/hawaii>

ix <https://sentinelksmo.org/more-deception-kdhe-hid-data-to-justify-mask-mandate/>

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<https://www.newschannel5.com/news/newschannel-5-investigates/tennessee-governor-says-he-ignores-his-own-mask-advice-if-he-personally-feels-safe>

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<https://www.tn.gov/content/dam/tn/health/documents/vital-statistics/death/2017/LCD-TN%2bAllCounties2014-17.pdf>

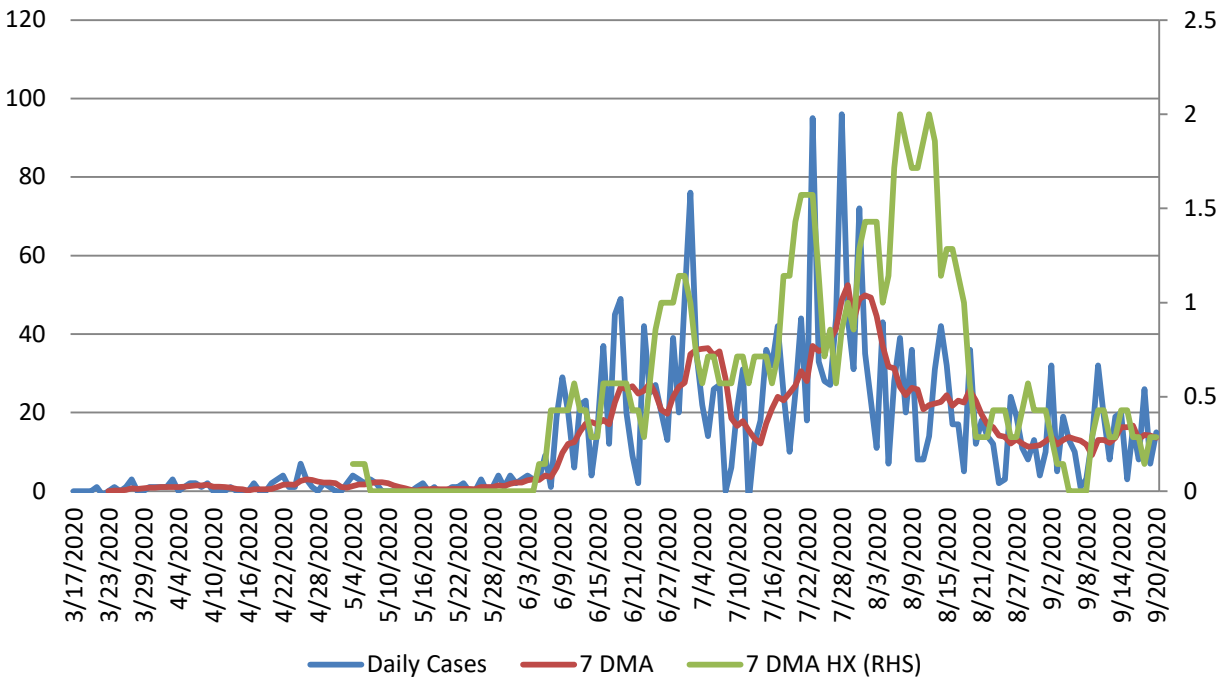
xii Charts below from official Tennessee Department of Health Daily County Data,

<https://www.tn.gov/content/dam/tn/health/documents/cedep/novel-coronavirus/datasets/Public-Dataset-County-New.XLSX>

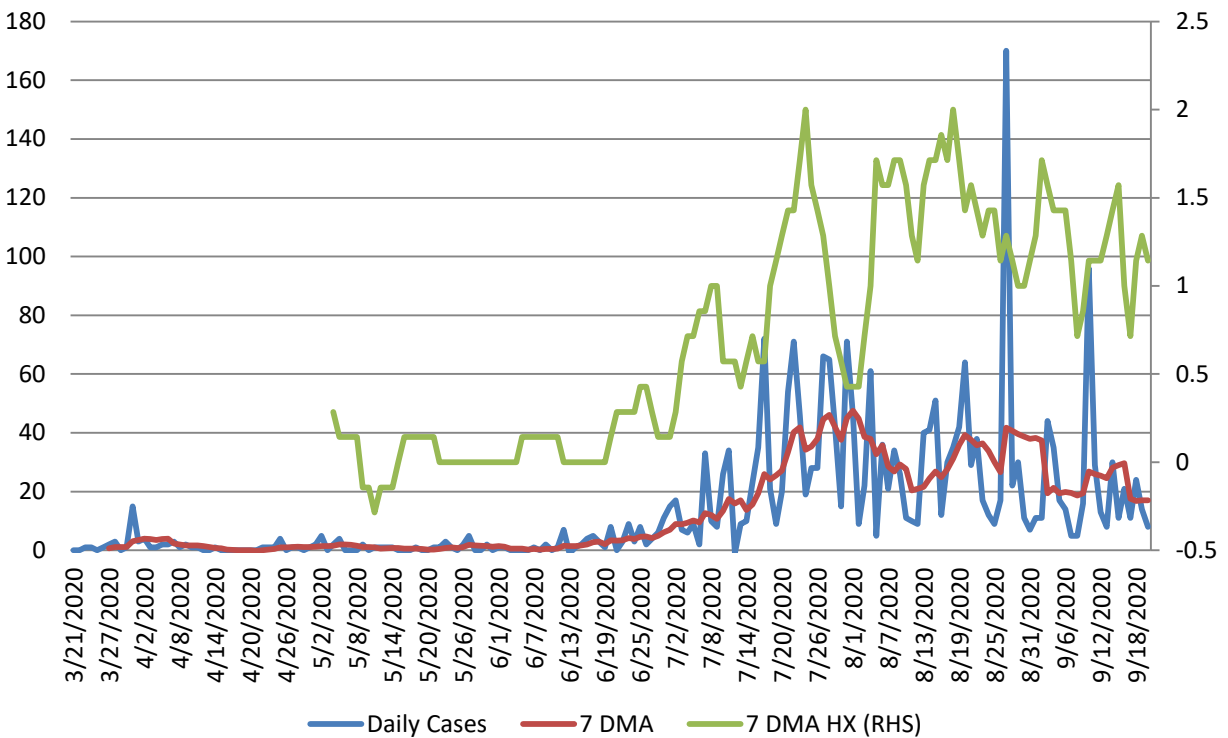
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<https://www.wvlt.tv/2020/08/20/2020-worst-year-in-pigeon-forges-economic-history-but-numbers-are-improving-tourism-director-says/>

### Sevier County (Mask Order eff 7/10)



### Blount County (No Mask Order)



# Knox County (Mask Order 7/1)

