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On Wednesday, Governor Abbott revealed he is working hand in hand with Democrat county judges to impose \$1,000 fines on businesses that allow Texans to enter their establishment without a mask. It is tyranny, plain and simple, and our Governor is enabling it.

We are at one of the greatest points of civil unrest in our nation's history. Having economically crippled what used to be deemed "The Texas Miracle" through government mandates, we have allowed a virus that largely affects a certain subset of our state to cripple every community. This is not a problem to blame on Democrats since they are not in control in Texas. If in Virginia or California, one could rightly blame Democrat leadership, but not in Texas. If these absurd actions are happening here, the responsibility falls solely on Republican leadership. Governor Abbott refused to listen to many of us who asked him to allow businesses to open sooner, and now he is enabling Democrats to further oppress struggling businesses with burdensome fines.

We are left asking ourselves what has happened to Texas? It was disheartening to hear the Governor say he wanted to make sure "individual liberties" were protected, but at the same time say businesses could be tyrannized. It is inconsistent to say you believe Texans should be free to make their own decision on whether to wear a mask or not but use the heavy hand of the government to punish businesses and make them enforcers of tyranny on freedom loving Texans.

The Governor needs to stop playing games and return the Lone Star State to a land where freedom and liberty are not only talking points but actually understood and applied to our actions. If he wishes to continue to have the government micromanage the lives of Texans, the Governor needs to call a special session and earn the votes of the Legislature for his big government policies. We will do our part to end the absurdity and protect Texans' liberty.

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