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Assembly Candidate Lyerly Urges Mask Mandate Support

De Pere physician implores opponent to support public health

DE PERE — 88th Assembly District candidate Dr. Kristin Lyerly is encouraging her opponent to support Gov. Tony Evers' statewide masking mandate as a means to slow the spread of COVID-19.

As a practicing physician, Dr. Lyerly has been an impassioned advocate for local masking ordinances, publicly voicing her support as various local municipalities and Brown County have considered their own versions of face-covering mandates. When Evers announced Thursday his plans to implement a statewide requirement, Dr. Lyerly challenged her opponent, Republican John Macco, to break ranks with the naysayers in his party and do the right thing for the people of Wisconsin.

“Enough is enough when it comes to playing politics with people’s health,” Dr. Lyerly said. “Science supports masking. We’ve seen it work in other countries. It’s the commonsense thing to do – the kind thing and yes, the pro-business thing to do. I urge John Macco and his Republican colleagues to change course and support efforts to control this disease before we lose more friends and colleagues to this devastating pandemic.”

A passionate advocate for families and public health, Dr. Lyerly reached a tipping point in her decision to seek state office when the state of Wisconsin sent voters to the polls in the thick of the pandemic this April. Her desire to bring the voice of medicine to Madison is inspiring voters and donors who have quickly helped springboard her campaign from fledgling effort to robust contender.

“Wisconsin’s Republican-controlled legislature has been obstructing efforts to control the spread of COVID-19, and these unconscionable actions have got to stop,” Dr. Lyerly said. “I implore John Macco and his colleagues to support the masking mandate so our businesses can stay open, our kids can safely go back to school, and our communities can thrive once again.”

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