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Governor Ducey,

For months, you have ignored countless public health experts who have called on you to take aggressive, but needed action to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 and prevent unnecessary deaths in our state. Their [recommendations](#) included a statewide mask mandate, which you refused to impose.

If Arizona's leaders are refusing to acknowledge the severity of this pandemic by taking necessary mitigation measures, how can we expect everyone else to follow suit?

We are now at a crossroads in Arizona with the [fourth week in a row](#) of hitting a record number of COVID-19 cases. We are faced with upcoming holidays, and a need for leadership to prevent catastrophic spread in the state. We applaud local governments that have moved forward with much-needed mitigation measures in the absence of statewide action.

As governor, you have the ability and the duty to act immediately and guide Arizona through these next months as the vaccine becomes available. What is needed are critical measures to save lives and provide crucial aid to those facing financial hardship through no fault of their own.

We urge you to institute a statewide mask mandate, which medical experts agree can save [thousands of Arizona lives](#).

We urge you to reach out to President Trump and Leader McConnell and call on them for swift passage of a comprehensive COVID-19 relief package.

We urge you to work with the State Legislature to increase unemployment benefits in Arizona beyond their current maximum of \$240 — the second-lowest weekly unemployment benefit of any state in the Union, and the lowest nationwide in percent of lost wages replaced.

Sincerely,

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