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Chairman Ted Deutch
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Ranking Member Jackie Walorski
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Dear Chairman Deutch and Ranking Member Walorski,

This letter constitutes my official appeal of the Notification of a Violation of House Resolution 73 (H.Res. 73). My warning notice was issued on May 19, 2021 (pertaining to an alleged incident on May 13, 2021), and my violation notice was also issued on May 19, 2021. I am in receipt of both notices.

I appeal this violation and subsequent fine on several grounds:

First, on the date of my alleged violation, I was in full compliance with Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidance. I am fully vaccinated and followed the science, which on May 13, 2021, was updated by the CDC to state that “fully vaccinated people no longer need to wear a mask or physically distance in any setting.” Any requirements to the contrary are reliant on the CDC guidance and so must fall within the CDC’s update.

Second, H.Res. 73 is in violation of Article I, Section 5; Article I, Section 6; and the 27th Amendment of the United States Constitution. Therefore, it is without merit and unenforceable.

I respectfully request that my appeal be granted and any fine stemming from an alleged violation be voided.

Sincerely,



Brian Mast
Member of Congress