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Subject: Comments to Submit for City Council Meeting, April 21, 2020

1. The purpose of this email is to request that the curfew end today, for the following reasons:
2. The curfew was imposed for reasons that were not an emergency. Given the reasons listed to justify the curfew, the city already had authorities in place for police to handle groups of teenagers day or night (including a SkyCops camera at the entrance of Craighead Forrest), plus patrols to respond to gatherings at other locations. Also, as there was never a real threat of "mass graves" in Jonesboro, the expert's use of that imagery to recommend a curfew probably stoked unnecessary fears in many residents.
3. For those on the city council who have not served in the military, it is still likely that you have claimed that, "if America is ever attacked, I'll defend her." What would you defend? You'd fight for Our way of life & Our civil liberties to protect maximum freedom, perhaps at the risk to your own well-being.
4. Now, America has been invaded by a country which used invisible viral agents to attack Us. Initially, Our nation reeled from that blow, but We remained upright.
5. That first blow was soon followed by the tornado, which city & county leadership, staff & communities handled admirably. Imposing a curfew was the right action for the right reasons but, even after a legit crisis, the restrictions were soon eased & then lifted completely within a week. The entire event, from TV/radio coverage to the community's responses is a brilliant example of how to do emergency management right.
6. Then, after only a few days, this curfew was suddenly imposed. Perhaps the leadership needed a breather, because unruly kids & fear didn't justify restrictions on Our civil liberties, on Our freedom to move whenever & wherever We have a hankering to do so. Two weeks ago, the liberties that you once may have said you'd protect weren't fought for.
7. Today, We know many of the uncertainties this enemy is creating for Us but these past two weeks of restrictions have proven unnecessary. How so? Because the casualties never materialized, even during non-curfew hours. 24/7, We couldn't ever see this viral enemy - then, now, or tomorrow. It can attack anytime, anywhere & Our president & governor fully expect that it will continue to do so.
8. Jonesboro's leaders must demonstrate to all residents, especially the youth, that to cower when Our republic's way of life is at risk is not what Americans do. Yes, sadly, there is loss of life & perhaps long-lasting, chronic illnesses for some but, as the president has said, We're at war.
9. It's time to confront this invasion of Our home, fully vested in the generations who fought for your privilege to lead this city. Now is the time to lift the curfew, to get ready for the next attack, & to win this war on America, so younger generations can learn what's worth fighting for.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

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