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Statement from the Douglas County District Attorney

I feel compelled to respond, as other elected officials have, to the activities of a group calling themselves, Citizens Against Tyranny.

It is my understanding that Citizens Against Tyranny, through means of intimidation, want all elected officials in Douglas County to sign in support of their declaration. The declaration invites public shaming and banning of individual citizens from merchants and services in the county. The declaration calls for shamming and banning of officials and private citizens who do not support the declaration. The declaration states that such individuals “will be publicly known”. I have already seen in the news that two women were placed on such a “list” and endured such attempted shaming.

This kind of response to the COVID-19 crisis, its impact on the health of our community and individual financial difficulties, is not the answer. Our Board of Commissioners have and continue to carefully walk a path to balance those competing crises and have exemplified a balanced response to the issue.

I will not participate in or sign on to the Citizens Against Tyranny’s ill-intended approach to this difficult issue. Public shamming and banning of certain “listed” Douglas County citizens is offensive to our democracy and the due process of law. It’s simply not who we are in Douglas County.

Sincerely,

Rick Wesenberg

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