



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

PUBLIC PETITION NO.

PE01858

Name of petitioner

Alex Wallace

Petition title

Provide free face masks for everyone in Scotland

Petition summary

Calling on the Scottish Parliament to urge the Scottish Government to provide free face masks for everyone in Scotland during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Action taken to resolve issues of concern before submitting the petition

I have contacted Bob Doris MSP.

Petition background information

As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic there are thousands of people losing their jobs who can't afford to make ends meet. They are having to choose between feeding their families or paying the electricity and gas. They cannot afford to pay for even cheap masks such as those priced at 10 for £5.

This is also an issue for the homeless. In city centres and towns these poor souls can't afford a cup of tea never mind face masks. I also know a great deal off people on benefits that can't afford face masks.

According to scientists, disposable face masks are no longer effective after wearing for around 35 minutes, or until wet.

I'm calling on the Scottish government to have a bit off empathy and make these masks free. It is in the public interest to eradicate this virus. We must all play our part but this is not possible when you have to pay for a face covering.

I think the Scottish Government should show the rest of the world what we can do for the poorest in society. Please make these masks free for everyone in Scotland. This will stop the spread of this fatal virus.

Unique web address

<https://www.parliament.scot/GettingInvolved/Petitions/PE01858>

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