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Mayor Clark and Councillors:

Thank you for this opportunity to express my concern over a proposed bylaw concerning further restrictions caused by the current Covid situation and for taking the time to consider the opinions of **all** citizens in our city. Your efforts and work on behalf of Saskatoon are appreciated.

I was discouraged and dismayed to read that you are considering implementing further Covid restrictions, particularly in regard to who we can welcome in to our homes and how we conduct worship. I am strongly opposed to the proposed bylaw. Such restrictions are destructive to basic institutions that hold our society together, and adding a voice that encourages further division in either of these areas can only be harmful. Surely, as elected officials your job is not to promote division and segregation, but rather unity.

The idea that as a parent, grandparent, sister or brother I am not able to decide who I can welcome in to my home, that I am not able to interact with and support people I love but that I should base my interaction on some imposed head count or idea of acceptability causes me concern. The family unit is arguably one of the most important aspects of society. Creating division in families should not be open for discussion.

As a Christian, one of the basic tenets of my faith is that we are all created equal in the sight of God. In our particular church, we have gone above and even beyond what restrictions have required. Now, the proposed bylaw is actually asking for segregation of those attending worship. How can we want to go back to an attitude that has been so harmful?

Further punitive measures will not help our current situation but will only serve to create harsher, more hard-line attitudes. As elected officials, your job is to consider all your citizens in decisions that are made. Any decision that contributes to the current climate of hostility, anger, fear and anxiety is unacceptable. The proposed bylaw will affect not just present attitudes but will have future influence. What will be next? Please - do not divide citizens, families, worshippers any further. Rather, choose to promote the positive attitudes that we want to be a hallmark of our city.

Please consider the destructive attitudes that will result from such a bylaw. You can choose not to be a part of the division we are currently seeing in our world.

Sincerely,
Ruth Bachiu