

# Health Freedom Defense Fund Statement on DOJ Appeal in Travel Mask Mandate Case

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[Fund](#), the lead plaintiff in the case that resulted in the lifting of the federal Travel Mask Mandate issued the following [statement](#) in response to the U.S. Department of Justice's announcement that it would appeal:

“The Justice Department issued a statement in response to the ruling stating that it will appeal if CDC determines that the mask order “remains necessary for the public's health[.]”

“DoJ's statement is perplexing to say the least and sounds like it comes from health policy advocates not government lawyers. The ruling by the US District Court ruling is a

matter of law, not CDC preference or an assessment of “current health conditions.”

“If there is in fact a public health emergency with clear and irrefutable science supporting CDC's mask mandate, does it not warrant urgent action? Why would DoJ and CDC not immediately appeal?,” said Health Freedom Defense Fund President Leslie Manookian.

“HFDF is left with no option but to conclude that the Mask Mandate is really a political matter and not at all about urgent public health issues or the demands of sound science. While DoJ and CDC play politics with American's health and freedoms, HFDF trusts individual Americans to make their own health decisions.

“HFDF is confident that Americans possess ample common sense and education to understand that there are real questions about mask efficacy and risk and that CDC's policy reflects neither.

“What is clear is that Americans have already cast their votes about continued masking as evidenced by the multitude of videos and photos taken by passengers on airplanes showing the smiling faces of the vast majority of passengers responding to the overturning of the mask

mandate with cheers as they happily exercise their freedom to remove their masks.”

HFDF is confident Judge Mizelle’s ruling will stand.

The case is:

Health Freedom Defense Fund, Inc., et al, v. Joseph R. Biden, et al, [Case No. 8:21-cv-1693](#) (M.D. Fla.)

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