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Dear Board of Supervisors:

Today I am writing to exhort you to not renew the contract with Avellino Lab and Covid Dx, for Covid-19 testing. The tests consistently result in many false positives. In addition, since so-called "asymptomatic spread" is "very rare" (to quote the WHO), please explain the need to test people with no symptoms.

In the previous contract for 2020, the test sensitivity rate was 90%. In this new proposed contract it is 97%. What is the reason for this change, and what is its significance? Does this mean the testing under a renewed contract will utilize a higher cycle threshold, resulting in a higher positivity rate and greater potential for false positives?

The CDC has recently changed its guidelines and now tests vaccinated individuals at a cycle threshold rate that is much lower than the rate used for unvaccinated individuals. This results in fewer positives for vaccinated subjects. What will be the policy for this situation in this proposed contract for our county?

Should this Board decide to renew the contract, it is imperative that it includes the following provisions:

- All tests must be run with the same protocols, whether the subject is vaccinated or not
- Labs performing the tests must be required to report the cycle threshold used along with the test results

I hope this Board realizes and acknowledges the lack of a need to continue a testing program that is by design fraught with false and agenda-driven results.

Sincerely,
Alicia Selby

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***Your eyes saw my substance, being yet unformed.
And in Your book they all were written,
The days fashioned for me,
When as yet there were none of them.
~Psalm 139:16***