Dear Colleagues:

You are probably wondering why I am writing to you just one day after my last Renegade Roundup. Well, I was listening to Governor Newsom’s plea to Californians to take great precautions this Fourth of July weekend given the surge of COVID-19 in the state. That combined with Dr. Fauci’s testimony to Congress on Monday, warning us that U.S. could surpass 100,000 new cases a day if we do not redouble our efforts to slow the spread. Fauci said, "I think we need to emphasize the responsibility we have both as individuals and as part of a societal effort to ending the epidemic."

During his briefing today, Gavin Newsom, ordered the closure of indoor retail and service business activities in Kern County, among 18 other counties across the state. This announcement comes as cases soar nationally and statewide, and as we approach the fourth of July weekend.

Newsom echoed Kern County Public Health’s claims that the greatest rate of spread is occurring at family gatherings. Kern County Public Health Director announced just a few days ago that the number one point of origin for COVID-19 spread in Kern County is occurring in our homes, not in public spaces.

So colleagues, let’s do our part. It’s time again that we recall our mantra from March and April - we must flatten the curve.
In the words of Dr. Fauci:

*We must take personal responsibility and be disciplined about our own behavior. Maintain physical distancing, wear a face covering whenever you can’t physically distance, wash your hands, stay at home if you feel sick.*

Join me in skipping out on social gatherings this holiday weekend.
Stay safe, stay healthy, flatten the curve.

That’s all for now.
Until next time.

With much Renegade Pride and Collegiality,
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