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Dear Mayor and Assembly Members:

I am writing in opposition to the proposed Chapter 9.04, Disease Control, as set forth in the agenda. It seems the desire for more control over the people of this town has increased, rather than diminished, since covid reared its ugly head over 18 months ago.

This proposal presumes the ignorance and stupidity of the general public in Petersburg. It is outrageous to me that this borough government thinks we need a health official (or any official) to curtail "certain rights" during periods of contagious disease rather than letting the citizens themselves determine how and where they will take care of themselves and their families. This proposal puts FAR too much power into the hands of a) the health official whomever he/she may be; b) the assembly made up of representatives of just *some* of the population, but not all.

Enforced compliance on this issue is tyranny and goes against all constitutional principles. Even in times of emergency (which this is plainly not), principles of moral self-governance are not to be shelved. Where there are rights, there is responsibility and it is up to the individual to determine how to carry that out.

Covid is here to stay in whatever form it takes. This proposed amended chapter could be interpreted to mean that as long as anyone has any symptom of covid, or the common cold (also a corona virus), the health official can demand that this person, his or her family and close associates, be put under house arrest until such time as the said health official gives the okay for release. This is simply wrong.

I hope the assembly will consider the long-term ramifications and potential for abuse under this proposed chapter; it is overreach in the extreme. Power and control are hard to relinquish once acquired.

I also strongly oppose the airport testing as again, it presupposes the ignorance of the population and would be an utter waste of state funds.

Respectfully,

Donna Marsh