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To: Assembly <assembly@petersburgak.gov>

Subject: Request for your consideration

Dear Petersburg Assembly,

I'm writing as a frequent user of the Petersburg Ballfields, a volunteer softball coach, and a youth programs coordinator to encourage the Assembly to consider purchasing new bear- and critter-resistant garbage cans for the ballfield complex.

Many community members spend time at these fields every week, and throughout the year I often find myself picking up litter around the complex, usually alongside dedicated kids who are helping out. Last week was especially discouraging because ravens had pulled multiple bags of trash out of the cans and scattered garbage across several fields.

Beyond making an important community space look neglected, loose litter creates safety concerns for players and families and can become an environmental issue when trash blows into nearby waterways.

I would love to see the Assembly lead by example by installing wildlife-resistant garbage cans at borough-owned facilities. Our community asks residents to properly secure trash to help keep bears and other animals away, and I believe our public spaces should reflect that same commitment.

The ballfields are an important gathering place for Petersburg's families, youth programs, and community events. Investing in better garbage cans would help keep the complex cleaner, safer, and more welcoming for everyone who uses it.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

With Respect,

Katie Holmlund