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**From:** Theresa Litsheim <ptlits@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, November 14, 2021 3:09 PM  
**To:** Assembly; Bob Lynn; David Kensinger; Jeigh Stanton Gregor; Chelsea Tremblay; Jeffrey Meucci; Mark Jensen  
**Subject:** Letter concerning citation Ordinance against businesses  
**Importance:** High

Dear Petersburg Borough Assembly Members and Mayor,

Wearing a mask is a personal choice! It is not up to me to police my customers as to whether they are wearing a mask or to force someone to against their will, or even deny them admittance, and if they do, everyone gets fined according to this Ordinance which is defined as a Law. This is a very extreme measure to take!

With all due respect, this does not make sense to me, and I believe this is unconstitutional!

If a customer has a private reason for not wearing a mask or face shield (and there are some very legitimate and medical reasons) that they don't feel like sharing with the world, that is their business and not mine, their decision, and I completely respect that.

I have received several phone calls from very concerned citizens of our community not even wanting to go downtown to shop if this law passes. This will drive more consumers to shop online, which means less local shopping therefore less revenue for the local businesses and less sales tax revenue. This is serious and very alarming! What's next? No one wants to possibly be in a place of business where they may get a fine or see someone else get a fine. That is frightening, not welcoming, and not Petersburg!

Is it possible that the Borough receives funding for taking such measures? If so, the Borough is the only one that benefits for this extremism. Do not pass this law, especially with only one reading, and send our police officers into my place of business and give fines to my customers, my employee's (if I am not there), or myself. Good grief. If the Assembly passes this law, then the Assembly should pass out the citations!

Your sign is posted on my window, and I will wear a mask, however, enforcing it on my customers is not my place or responsibility or that of my employee's, it is completely unethical, not Christian, unfriendly, bad customer service, and that customer will most likely walk away or not even come in and rather go online!

I am looking forward to a Happy Holiday, Thanksgiving and Christmas Season, let's make that happen together! Let us not forget that we are a small community where everyone knows everyone!

**I am a very concerned business owner, and this is my livelihood!**

Kind Regards,

Theresa Litsheim

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