

Debra Thompson

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Subject: Letters to the Assembly

Dear Debbie,

I'm sending 2 letters (my speeches which I read on Wednesday) for the Assembly and for the next Agenda packet. Is it possible for you to email them to the Assembly, or do I need to do that individually? I can't find the old email to send to all the Assembly on the new site, though I'm sure it's there.

Let me know! I don't want to make your life difficult.

Here's letter #1:

This Assembly has fought against learning anything new. From the moment the government first said, "Two weeks to flatten the curve," it seems that Petersburg's Assembly has faithfully followed everything they have said.

But not everyone has your FAITH in the intelligence or integrity of federal agencies. While you seem to have closed your eyes to what has been going on all around you the past 2 years... while you have been focused on masks, which "might stop a droplet or two", to quote Dr. Fauci, and while you and other locals are busy censoring any discussion that pops up about early treatment of COVID, others have been looking around and thinking how best to fend for themselves and their loved ones.

Though we who have expressed skepticism of the reigning narrative have been treated as children needing to be educated, most of us are actually adults, who can cut through the "confusion" to be found online and separate the wheat from the chaff. No, not everybody. Some people will believe anything told them by a person they perceive to be an "expert." But others have been asking questions, and questioning the Official Narrative, and finding it wanting.

You might believe that with a little more education on social distancing, or with a helpful policeman stopping us at the door of Trading Union to explain why masks are necessary, that we might finally "SEE THE LIGHT" and repent of our former selfish ways - but it isn't like that. You see, we KNOW that you are missing the big picture.

Perhaps because you exist inside an ECHO CHAMBER, where no contradictory voices or ideas can reach you, you might assume that what you know is all there is. But by censoring those contradictory voices, you have limited the opportunities to expand knowledge and

understanding not just for yourselves, but for those with whom you disagree. Dialogue and openness make a democracy stronger.

When KFSK refused to air a commentary about early treatment for COVID, created by myself and a friend, when the Petersburg COVID Facebook group blocked studies I shared from the CDC and FDA about the weaknesses inherent in the PCR tests, and then blocked me from the group altogether, when the Pilot refused to publish a letter pointing out a new study about the dangers of the spike proteins in vaccines, these actions were a disservice to the community. Even if you disagreed with the premises or conclusions, stopping discussion altogether serves no one.

SCIENCE is not frozen in time or space. It is never settled, and knowledge has accumulated about the SARS-CoV2 virus, and ways to treat it, and help prevent it. Masks are NOT really a powerful agent. As Mr. Hofstetter has acknowledged, they are only a part of a "layered" approach. Masks are not stopping even fully vaccinated people from contracting COVID, and I think we all have some stories like that.

Regarding the new Emergency Ordinance proposals, a friend who once worked for the city shared with me a few drawbacks to this plan:

On top of everything else if this is a city ordinance then the city will be spending \$ to prosecute when people are given citations, but decide not to pay. If it is officers wasting time in court it is their wages. If it is the city attorney it will be big bucks. And, if someone fails to appear and a warrant is issued and the person or persons cannot post bail, the jail could get full very fast.

A saying attributed to General Omar Bradley:

"Education makes a people easy to lead, but difficult to drive; easy to govern, but impossible to enslave." Thank you!

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