

## Debra Thompson

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**From:** alicew.ak@gmail.com  
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**To:** Assembly  
**Subject:** Meeting 11/17

Borough Assembly Members,

I am writing to you in opposition of emergency ordinance 2021-20. I want to start by saying I acknowledge the challenging situation we are in and don't take it lightly. We are in the midst of a significant outbreak that is heavily impacting our community, our schools, hospital and businesses. I understand this and am very thankful for everyone's efforts in getting us through this situation, especially our staff at PMC and the schools. I am well aware of the reality of this situation and am taking measures to reduce mine and my families risk of exposure. That being said, I do not support the proposed emergency ordinance. The great majority of people right now *\*are\** masking, from what I've seen, so why the need to fine people or businesses who may already be struggling and doing their best to get by? Who will be enforcing these fines? Our local police? Someone else? Who has the time and resources for that? This feels extreme, and will likely create more tension and community divide, as the mandates already have, so I don't support it. This isn't because I don't think people should take safety measures, I absolutely think they should on their own accord, not the Borough's. When the EOC was in place fines were never pushed, it was often asked about and the position was always that fines were not the direction they wanted to go. The EOC was a large group of people making those decisions, so who is making these decisions now?

We are all experiencing this situation through a different lens and cannot be expected to have the same opinions or beliefs. We need to stop judging, finger pointing, and shaming people, and treat each other with respect. The health and wellbeing of our community goes far beyond enforcing a mask mandate, and I feel this ordinance is not where our leadership should be taking us. I am asking you not to pass this ordinance. Please understand that you can support masking and other safety measures and still say 'no' to imposing fines and the additional stress on individuals and burden on businesses. Please vote no on this ordinance. Thank you for your time.

Alice Williams

Sent from my iPhone