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I am writing to express my concern with the chief of police's testimony at the last assembly meeting. While the chief has every right to express his opinion as a citizen, it seems that much of what he stated directly affect his role as the lead law enforcement officer in the community. He blamed vaccinated individuals for passing on the virus to the unvaccinated and he criticized the recommendations of the health care professionals, I assume that Officer Kerr does not have the medical background to make these assertions. I interpreted his comments as both threatening in that he and other officers might seek work elsewhere if enforcement of a mandate was enacted, and also an abdication of his duties as it was implied that they would only enforce the regulations until they found another job. While I agreed with his opinion that fines are not a good idea at this time and enforcement would likely be problematic, it makes me uncomfortable that the Police Chief might decide which laws he and his staff would enforce and which they would not enforce. I, like everyone in this community, am tired of Covid. The division it has caused may take a long time to heal. However, the safety mandates, recommended overwhelmingly by the experts on community health and education, and enacted by an elected borough assembly, should be followed by all city leaders while in a professional capacity. To do otherwise sends a message to the community that laws and regulations are optional, based on one's feelings. Thank you for your for your time and service during these difficult times.

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