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Dear Assembly members,

 Thank you for taking the time to read and listen to the public of Petersburg. I know many stand strongly on both sides of this ordinance. I pray you are able to make a clear and conscious decision in this matter. While I fully understand the need for a solution, I ask that you reconsider this one. This is not the solution for Petersburg's businesses. The businesses of Petersburg should not be put in charge of refusing service or issuing citations to those who chose to not follow the ordinance and choose not to mask. Many of them are already understaffed and their shortened hours are showing it. They do not have the extra staff to enforce this. By setting an ordinance or mandate that cannot be enforced, you are undermining the importance you are trying to express. Also, by doing so, you are asking them to ask customers to shop elsewhere and not come back, ever. There will be those that will make this choice. People will take their business out of town. This is not fair to our already struggling businesses. They should not be punished for another's behavior. Please put yourselves in their position. Consider if you were a business owner, what short term and long term effects would this have on your business. Especially during the Holidays. Please take the time to find another solution. This one is not beneficial to our community. If you insist that this is the only answer, make yourselves available from 8-5 daily to monitor and police the unmasked as well as enforce the paying of fines. People will continue to shop elsewhere out of town, but at least the businesses themselves will not be blamed for playing a part in this. We as a community and especially the Borough Assembly, should be keeping in mind the importance of supporting our businesses and unifying our town, not creating one more way to cause division.
Thank you for your time and consideration,
Nancy Curtiss