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**From:** Cindi Lagoudakis <trembladakis@gmail.com>  
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**To:** Assembly  
**Subject:** Ordinance 2023-11 and working toward a new hospital

Dear Assembly members,

I wish to thank you for your consideration of Ordinance 2023-11 and the vote to move forward. I especially wish to thank David Kensinger for taking the time to do due diligence in researching the availability of parcels within the Borough for potential new housing units--one of the questions that has arisen from the discussion surrounding this ordinance--and for reminding the Planning Commission and Assembly of their responsibilities in doing the same.

Planning for a new hospital has been a process that the hospital board, staff and community have been engaged in for some years now. The process has dragged on while the costs increase, but the need and the benefits do not go away.

Having a critical access hospital in our town is not only a quality of life and health issue, it is also an economic driver. As a major employer in the Borough, Petersburg Medical Center provides quality jobs for current residents, as well as newcomers to town.

I am encouraged that we are working toward maintaining and improving the hospital facility and operations, as well as the future of our community. Moving this ordinance forward is one positive step in the process.

Thank you,

Cindi Lagoudakis