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Subject: Emergency Ordinance 2021-19

Please consider not only passing Emergency Ordinance 2021-19 to require masking indoors, but make the approval unanimous. As leaders in this community, the Assembly has the responsibility to protect all the citizens, a unanimous approval sends a very clear message to our community that masking is a critical tool for reigning in the current outbreak.

Masking alone will not end the outbreak in Petersburg, it is however the least restrictive approach to keeping schools and daycare facilities open, hospital at a capacity that will provide care for all patients seeking care, and keeping businesses open. These are all necessary for our community to be vibrant. Further restrictions can be avoided if people test when ill, stay home until cleared by public health, keeping bubbles small, practice excellent hand hygiene and masking when around others not in their immediate bubble. These steps are all necessary for our community to be healthy.

To your continued good health,

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