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To: Chelsea Tremblay; Bob Lynn; Jeff Meucci; Assembly; Mark Jensen

Subject: Mask mandate

Dear Petersburg Borough Assembly,

I see on your agenda that you'll be discussing and most likely passing a mask mandate again today.

I have to tell you that I agree with and whole heartedly support Ms. Jestel's letter to you all today. She so clearly and tactfully stated the facts of why your constant mandates are causing more harm than good in our community.

You have not once taken into consideration the information, thoughts or suggestions of any of your constituents who think or feel differently than you do about Covid. I can't reiterate enough to you the irreversible side affects of forcing these "safety measures" on the public. We are seeing depression, substance abuse, and division like we've never seen before in this community and across the nation.

At what point do you let people make personal choices without coercion? Do you realize making more mandates isn't actually helping? At what point do you promote supporting one another despite our differences? Will you ever lead this community effectively toward healing and unity?

Business owners, administrators, and employees in both public and private sectors have non stop juggled local, state and federal guidelines and mandates for 18+ months. Everyone needs your support in easing the strain of this constant hail storm by stepping back, and reevaluating what's really helpful and healthful.

No matter where any of us stands on this issue, one thing is for sure. We are all mentally and emotionally exhausted. We need to take a step back on the stressful and divisive mandates and reconnect in healthy ways. I ask you to revisit your perspective, put faith in your constituents and stop mandating our community into factions.

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