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To: Assembly
Cc: Stephen Giesbrecht; Debra Thompson
Subject: Preparing for Holiday Season

Dear Assembly:

It was hard to learn we didn't avoid a Halloween outbreak this year like we were able to last year. It's difficult to imagine going into a second COVID holiday season. But I know there are some simple (non-punitive) things that we at our local level could do to prevent future holiday outbreaks this season. For example the borough could use its emergency powers to not only issue orders limiting indoor capacity, but also help people have outdoor events instead of indoor ones. The borough could offer, free of cost, to lend tents, heaters, sound equipment, lights, etc. to help make safe and fun events possible and accessible -- perhaps on a case by case basis when events are known to be planned for indoor spaces. My hope is that the borough will use its emergency powers to help keep us not only safe, but connected and festive during another long cold winter. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely yours,
Sarah Fine-Walsh