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To: Assembly
Subject: Support for Independent Review for Employee Safety

Dear Petersburg Borough Assembly Members,

I am writing in support of an independent review of Borough policies regarding the safety of its employees. I think a review of the safety policies is needed given the outcome of court decisions regarding the lawsuit against the Borough by the parents of Molly Parks.

There is enough evidence presented in the court findings to justify some concern regarding how employees can safely operate as a Borough employee. Clearly, there was a breakdown in the communications with the management of an employee that had a medical condition which caused the death of two Borough employees. While the court decided the rules under Alaska Workman's Compensation were sufficient to negate any responsibility of the Borough for additional compensations, the facts of what lead to this unfortunate accident should not be ignored.

The purpose of any investigation should to improve the health and safety conditions for Borough employees. Given the outcome of this incident, I expect the labor unions who represent Borough employees would like to be fully engaged in a review.

My intent for the support of this investigation is not to cause additional harm to the families most affected, but to help establish better standards/conditions for a safe environment for Borough employees.

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