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From: Andrea Jordan <andrealeejordan@gmail.com>
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To: Assembly
Subject: Thank You

Dear Petersburg Borough Assembly,

I wanted to thank you for last's week's vote yes on masking in public. Thank you for being a voice of reason and public safety when it's clear that a very vocal minority have fallen deep into a Facebook propaganda pit and can not seem to find their way out. The fact is, if we could rely on everyone to do the right thing and have common sense about this, there wouldn't even need to be a mandate, but here we are.

My grandmother, Polly Lee, is 98 and has been isolated since March. Other than some drives out the road and very distanced outdoor visits, she has only been able to interact with a few close family members. To see the sacrifices she and others are making to create a safer community and then to hear the strange rants about fear and choice, from the antimasking minority, it's just a jaw-dropping lack of awareness of basic science and empathy. It's extremely disconcerting to hear this kind of talk from members of this rural community which must depend on each other for survival in situations like this. It's such a small thing, to wear a mask in public. It's not difficult, it's not bad for you, and it's literally the only thing we have to keep us safe right now. It even does double duty and keeps your face warm!

So, thank you, thank you, thank you, for cutting through the BS and protecting the community.

Sincerely,

Andrea Lee Jordan