## **Debra Thompson**

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Sent:

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To:

Assembly; Debra Thompson

Subject:

Ordinance 2020-19

## Dear Assembly,

I strongly urge you to vote against Ordinance 2020-19. The borough does not need to pass this big brother over reach of how people should live their lives and operate their businesses. EVERY business in Petersburg has felt the brunt of the previous Covid-19 shutdown and most cannot afford shut downs every time a cold or virus makes its way around Petersburg.

Petersburg took in almost \$65,000 less in sales tax revenue in May 2020 than it did in May 2019. I can only imagine those numbers will carry through June.. That equates to almost 1.1 million dollars in lost revenue to Petersburg Businesses in ONE month... How will the Borough survive without sales tax revenue? How do you expect Businesses to pay their property taxes and bills without income? When those businesses shut down how will their employees survive? You all as an assembly need to take a hard look at those ACTUAL numbers and REAL facts before you continue down this road.

Furthermore - Regarding the letter from the hospital. Petersburg residents are not getting sick and being hospitalized much less dying. We have had numerous asymptomatic cases, only discovered by mandatory testing. Grocery stores have never closed. Many do not wear masks. None have gotten sick. You don't need projections or worst case scenarios. You have actual statistics. O sick, O hospitalized, O dead. All see 100+ people a day, many straight off the jet.

In closing I would like to remind you all that every one of us has the freedom to choose what is best for us. You have no right to take those freedoms away.

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