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To: Assembly
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To the Borough Assembly Members,

I am writing to you in regard to the asymptomatic testing mandate that was proposed on 11/30/20. I have been an employee at the Mountain View Manor Assisted Living for the past 2 years and I would like to see the mandate pass as I know that the residents I care for are some of our most vulnerable during this pandemic. I do not live in fear of the virus, but I understand that I could potentially give the virus to anyone I come into contact with without even knowing that I might be positive. I care deeply about the residents of our facility and I feel that asymptomatic testing would be a benefit for both myself, the other MVAL employees, and our residents as it adds an extra layer of protection to our facility from possible spread of COVID-19. Asymptomatic testing is not only recommended by our state officials, doctors, and other scientists have also shown support for it. From my own research it seems that this extra safety measure has been effective in the State of Alaska as well as other parts of the country and world in stopping the spread of COVID-19. We need to continue to test, mask, sanitize, and social distance because that is our responsibility as caregivers of the elderly during this pandemic.

I appreciate the Petersburg Borough for placing the health and safety of all of us at the highest priority.

Thank you very much.

Shirley Yip