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Mayor Jensen and Assembly members.

It was pointed out to me that you may have been unable to hear all of my statement last night.

The text is below.

Thanks

Dave

Speaking to the Health Mandate #5 re Cruise ship visitors.

We're in favor of oversight by the Borough to keep the community safe from infection. Having regulations in place with the requirements of submission and local approval of operational plans is important.

Cruise Lines are preparing plans and practices to keep their ships, crew, passengers and the communities they visit safe from harm.

As we begin to transition to some sense of normalcy, we, as a local operator of activities for visitors, are also looking at ways we can protect the community. We plan to use masks, frequent cleaning and have smaller groups we're entertaining.

I think it's good to remember that not only do we need to protect ourselves from visitors in the harbors, we have an influx of visitors both on Ferries, jets and private aircraft that we need to be prepared for.

Visitors are an important part of our economy and their presence in the summer allows many Petersburg businesses to be open all year to serve the members of the community.

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