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To: Assembly
Subject: Mask mandate

Hello Mayor and Assembly Members,

Malena Marvin sent me a copy of her & Eric Grundberg's letter to you regarding your consideration of a Petersburg mask mandate. Rather than rehash the content of her letter, quite simply, I fully endorse her remarks and have no debate with the science cited therein.

Moreover, I do not believe that a mandate to wear a mask violates my civil liberties, any more than laws to protect the health and safety of our citizens do. This includes laws regarding the use of seatbelts, speed limits, smoke free workplaces, clean water, pesticide regulations and much more. This is not a hard decision, but rather a necessary one.

Because I am in a high risk group, I have avoided any congregation of people in recent months by grocery shopping mostly at 7:00 am and after hour visits to the post office. I did have a package at the post office last week that had been sitting there for 10 days or more and finally had to pick it up. Unfortunately, there was no way to avoid the petri dish concentration of people there, many without masks. It made me legitimately anxious.

I request that you issue a Petersburg mask mandate until the effects of the pandemic have subsided.

Thank you,

Becky Knight