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Assembly

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mask mandate

Dear members of the Petersburg Borough Assembly,

I am writing to weigh in on the proposed mask wearing mandate. I understand reasons both for and against mandating the wearing of masks in public places. However, I would like to urge you to consider whether mandating mask wearing is practical. Not everyone has a mask, how does the borough propose to get masks to all its citizens and traveling essential workers in Petersburg? Reusable masks need to be laundered regularly to be effective, therefore those using reusable masks in all reality will need several so that they always have a clean mask to wear. The added pressure to wear a mask could cause people to reuse disposable masks long after they should be thrown away. I'm not confident that enforcing mask wearing is the best and fairest way to use our communities resources. Please consider the logistics mandating masks.

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