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Hello All,

I listened to last night's Assembly meeting and I know you all faced a difficult decision on whether to mandate the wearing of masks in public. I want to thank you for your action. Hopefully it will be prove to be an error on the side of caution but I am willing to accept this. I have a newborn grand-daughter that I've only held once as I do not want to take even the slimmest of chance of having something that I have inadvertently been exposed to negatively affect her precious life.

I was at Hammer and Wikan Grocery on Friday and I noticed 1 man my age without a mask, and 4 guys in their 20's also without masks. I wear my mask out of courtesy to the employees if nothing else. They work for low wages and are responsible enough to continue to work on our behalf. They are true heroes, and I feel sorry that some people don't have enough common sense to respect them by wearing a mask. We would be lost without them!

I note that years ago when the City was considering the adoption of the smoking ordinance I remember being on the receiving end of a unsolicited comment from a woman bartender at the Moose Lodge. I went in after work and she loudly said "Hey you work for the City. Do you want to know what I feel about your smoking ordinance"? All eyes at the bar turned to me as I gulped and said "It's not my ordinance, but I guess." She loudly said "I hope to hell that it passes. I have had these guys sitting here at the bar blowing smoke in my face and inhaling it day after day for 12 years! I cant f____ing wait!" Not quite the comment I expected for sure. It was a hot issue at the time, but over time people seem to have accepted this positive change just fine.

One last thought. I kinda get grumpy every time I pay insurance on my house year after year as I haven't had to use it. But I am not so foolish to ignore the possibility that I just might need it someday. I try to find comfort that I am doing the right thing and I continue to carry the insurance on my home that I hope and pray I never have to use.

I feel the same way about mandating the wearing of a mask around other people.

I am so thankful that you are looking forward to our future and making this difficult decision on behalf of all of us. You all sure earned your monthly stipend this week!

Thank you on behalf of my family and the beautiful community of Petersburg.

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