

## Debra Thompson

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Hi Debbie, The recording is attached, below is the written version. Thanks, Michael Truex

Freedom is Sacred. To impinge upon the freedoms of the people, a well intentioned government **must** carefully analyze the facts, seeking independent sources that do not stand to profit by their claims. Are you the assembly so well informed to feel justified to remove the rights and freedoms of the people? There is a time to impose upon the public such draconian safety measures, but *this is certainly not it*. The predicted death totals from this illness continue to drop, and notably the CDC has stated that they expect **ALL** Americans **WILL** eventually contract this illness. In Petersburg, we have already flattened the curve too far. With only two cases on island, we will have to continue this "shelter in place" indefinitely. The stated intentions of these mandates were to reduce the overload, not to run the other way in fear forever. To delay an outbreak further will allow our summer population to balloon, greatly increasing the chance of overwhelming our medical infrastructure. For that reason, the sooner we start our curve, the better. Remember, the CDC has stated- we will all eventually get this illness.

Does the council intend keep us suspended from our lives until a safe and effacable vaccine becomes available? Like the holy grail, The medical industry has never made a safe or effective corona vaccine. The last corona virus vaccine developed worked beautifully on the lab strains of the virus, and caused extreme immune over-reactions, including death, once a wild strain was introduced. Waiting years under this curtain of fear while an unprecedented vaccine is developed is not a realistic, wise or balanced approach. There are many hidden costs to these social restrictions. One example- for every 1% rise in the national unemployment average, our nation sees an annual increase of 58,000 deaths. How do you suppose these measures will affect our nation leading suicide rates?

Finally, I reject the authority of local, state, or federal governments to impose upon my first amendment rights, including what I wear or how. Please recollect that only three weeks ago, we the public were being told masks were not good for us, now we reverse course to a mask mandate when available data are inconclusive and consensus apparently based on the whims of public health officials? Please rise above the media inspired, profit motivated fear mongering and let our island have its freedom.

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Thank You, Michael Truex