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Dear Assembly,

I know you have heard much discussion regarding the proposed local response to the Governor's mandate for non-congregate sheltering. I also know that none of you has had to be involved in this kind of emergency planning before, and it can be tense and emotional to do so.

As I read our local plan to respond to Statewide Mandate 14, it provides options that are designed to prevent having to implement more restrictions. If we do not plan, how are we responding to the State mandate? We would not. However,

This is a public safety issue that is playing out world-wide, and needs to be addressed. We are not the only community having to work our way through challenges. Having a plan in place gives us a financial placeholder that would allow us to potentially apply for federal funds to address funding non-congregate shelter. Not everyone who potentially would be affected would be able to find adequate shelter, so this plan is seeking options for those situations. That is responsible, and addresses an exceptional public health need.

If someone is contagious and refuses to observe health guidelines and social distancing, they are putting others at unnecessary and reckless risk. They potentially would have legal liability, and if the Borough does not take action it might as well. As someone with an impaired immune system who IS taking precautions, I see another individual claiming personal rights over responsibility as unconscionable, and potentially criminal. They don't have the "right" to put me or others at risk unnecessarily.

It is a tough decision and I know you will hear criticism no matter what you do, but this is a responsible response plan to a statewide mandate. Hopefully any isolation that is necessary will be met with compliance by any affected individuals, and provide them with some welcomed options. I believe in most instances that will be the case. Otherwise, by not planning you are just throwing up your hands and walking away. That isn't why you were elected, or why you chose to serve.

Sincerely,
Cindi Lagoudakis
