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Cc: Phillip Hofstetter
Subject: Support for health mandates

Dear Mayor Jensen and Assembly members:

I am writing in support of the three proposed health mandates. Since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, we have seen multiple COVID-19 positive people enter our community through travel...by private and commercial boat and plane. By identifying positive people within a few days of arrival, combined with strong infection control measures like strict social distancing and source control (face coverings), we have been successful in minimizing the spread of COVID-19 in our community.

Now, in light of the massive outbreak in our state and country, it is time to strengthen our efforts. Intrastate travel, especially to Anchorage and Juneau, where a lot of our residents go for medical care, is especially high-risk. It is vital that all travelers entering Petersburg test on arrival and follow infection control measures to protect their families, friends and community.

Face coverings are vital to protect our community against the spread of Covid-19 and other respiratory illnesses. I support the face covering mandate and believe that the simple act of covering the nose and mouth when entering buildings, combined with good hand hygiene, will help to keep businesses and schools open.

Petersburg is one of the few communities that still has the opportunity to prevent widespread community transmission of COVID-19. The three proposed mandates will promote wellness in our community that allows for continued functioning and economic stability.

Our community cannot afford to "wait and see" and react to an outbreak that threatens critical infrastructure, the health and wellbeing of our community members, and the effects that will be seen to our most vulnerable populations. You have an important decision—the health of our community rests in your hands.

Thank you,

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