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Hello-

In reading both State Mandate 14 and the proposed Mandate 7 by the Petersburg Borough, it appears to me the important aspects of protecting the general public in our community are more than covered by Mandate 14.

I've heard that FEMA money is available to purchase trailers to house people for quarantine. It has been stated that local hospitality businesses are unwilling to allow their facilities to quarantine the homeless people who may be required to isolate, however they *are* willing to allow first responders. That is the reason given for this. I can't for the life of me understand why local room rental services would care who was staying in their rooms, as long as there was somebody that was going to be financially responsible for damages, and of course, pay the bill. There are quite a few hotel rooms in this town for it's size, there are also a bunch of B&B's. I don't think the borough should have to commit to setting up a homeless Covid shelter, regardless who pays for it. In the end, when this madness ends, it will be the property of the borough. It will be non-revenue generating infrastructure. Petersburg is facing challenging times, as is the entire state. Covid aside, the price of west Texas crude was \$15 and change. Our state was struggling at \$60. No amount of economic activity in our state will generate enough revenue at our current tax rates to keep our current level of services, which has been severely diminished in recent years. The new normal is looking like no dividend, no revenue sharing, no ferry, and maybe no airport. Oh, and probably some new taxes and increased tax rates. Let's be frugal.

Take out the trailer park language and I would have no problem with mandate 7, other than it doesn't deserve mandate status. Just get rooms as you need them at the local hospitality businesses. I would think any business would be happy to make money and provide their community a service in these odd times.

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