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Dear Assembly Members,

We here in Petersburg have been fortunate and farsighted in the management of the Covid epidemic. Our community has utilized the time well leading up to the current height of the surge using it to set up our school system, hospital care and testing arrangements to optimally respond to the positive cases which have come into Petersburg. Citizens have sacrificed a great deal to make this the case and now there is the very good news that successful vaccines appear to be on the way in the next few months.

We can maintain our healthy population with open schools, enough health resources and no limitations on commerce with the very simple step of the people of Petersburg wearing masks when inside public buildings and in an outside setting where you are not able to maintain 6 feet distance from others. I do not care, and in fact prefer to not know, what others leave uncovered in their own home but for 15 to 30 minutes it takes to spend money in a store it is for everyone's benefit that masks be worn.

As our community leaders you are responsible for listening to informed science and making sound decisions and I completely support you in doing so.

Thank you for your time,

Sharon Hunter