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To: Assembly
Subject: Ordinance #2020-19

I am opposed to Ordinance #2020-19, 'An Ordinance Amending Borough Code Chapter 3.72 to Provide for Civil Emergency Provisions,' as currently drafted.

In March we all went into quarantine because we didn't know how deadly this virus was. We were told that many of us had it without even knowing it and it made sense to stay home to help flatten the curve and keep our hospital from being inundated. We did those things and it worked. We have had very few cases with no huge spikes, our hospital is not full of COVID patients and there have been no deaths. Businesses were allowed to re-open, the mask mandate was lifted and most of us have felt safe to begin leaving our homes again.

Giving one person absolute authority to re-shut businesses down, etc. is not okay. Given the very few number of cases we've had here, I am also concerned at the seemingly desperate need to rush this new ordinance through. Our community is doing well and we would quite literally be going backwards if our businesses were to be shut down again with another another mask mandate implemented. We have already been so impacted economically, in our jobs, and just the entire fabric of our community.

Mandating this sweeping blanket policy is a gross overreach of power, and, in my opinion, has potential for very detrimental consequences including the total destruction of our local economy. Please consider carefully and acknowledge my voice and the voice of others before moving forward with a yes vote.

Sincerely,

Gwynne Samuelson-Jones