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Mr Mayor, Clerk Thompson,

I am enclosing this article about the Covid19 outbreak onboard the U.S.S. Theodore Roosevelt. Of the 600+ sailors who tested positive for the virus, 350 of them were asymptomatic. That means that a majority of sailors with positive findings showed no outward signs, and had no knowledge that they were in fact potential carriers of the virus, and might unknowingly infect others.

What does that mean for Petersburg? Well, masks are worn to help protect others from catching the virus, not necessarily to protect the wearer. I stay home a lot more these days than I used to, but when I am around others, I wear a mask out of respect for their right to not be infected on the chance that I may be asymptomatic. It'd be nice if others respected my right to not be infected, as well.

Since the findings about the sailors on the Roosevelt have been released, I think it would be a wise move by the Assembly to institute a mandatory health emergency order for all of us to wear face masks while around others in public spaces. There will be plenty of time to exercise our "freedoms" later, after the risks have been mitigated.

Respectfully,
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Coronavirus clue? Most cases aboard U.S. aircraft carrier are symptom-free

Sweeping testing of the entire crew of the coronavirus-stricken U.S. aircraft carrier Theodore Roosevelt may have revealed a clue about the pandemic: The majority of the positive cases so far are among sailors who are asymptomatic, officials say.

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