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From: Tracy <tracy.a.welch@gmail.com>
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To: Assembly
Subject: Mandate #7

Dear PSG Borough Assembly-

I would strongly urge you to reconsider passing mandate #7 the way it is currently written. The borough wants to create shelters for those who need a place to voluntarily quarantine, by all means, have at it. The key word there is "voluntarily." I understand that there is a state statute in place for isolation and quarantine (which I believe is too far of a reach by the state to begin with), however, the Petersburg mandate takes it a step further. My issue with this mandate surrounds the line "or a written order from a public health official..." The state statute is pretty clear that only a Superior Court Judge can order quarantine or isolation. The statute also goes on to say that a state medical officer with DHHS can order an emergency/temporary quarantine or isolation. This does not mean that a local General Practitioner or Public Health nurse gets to make the call to suspend someone's rights.

I am concerned, to say the least, about this Assembly's willingness to take away the rights of its citizens with little cause to do so.

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~Tracy Welch~