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To Petersburg Assembly Members,

I am writing you a letter of support for the proposed Borough Health Mandate for Requiring Face Coverings for Petersburg residents in public settings to help reduce the spread of COVID-19 in our community. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention encourage people to wear face coverings in settings where social distancing measures are difficult to maintain to prevent the transmission of the virus. The infection spreads primarily through droplets generated when, for instance, a sick person coughs or sneezes. Research shows that many people infected with the virus do not show symptoms and consequently may transmit the virus unintentionally. It is for reasons listed above that I would encourage the Assembly to consider approving the proposed health mandate requiring face coverings . Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Erin Michael RN MSN".

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