

Hello Borough Assembly and the Petersburg community, this is Lauren Thain and I want to thank you for taking the time to read this letter. I have focused my letter on the topic of the mask mandate for Petersburg, of which I am in full support of.

I was born and raised in Petersburg, and our family has decided to make it our forever home. COVID-19 has been difficult for everyone, but we feel truly blessed living on our small island with the option of so many wonderful outdoor activities, trails, and space to enjoy. That being said, we miss our friends, families, parties, play dates, and the traditions that Petersburg holds dear. I hope that we can return to place of "normal", so please wear a mask, socially distance, and wash your hands.

I understand the frustrations; I am currently a nursing student who was unable to participate in person OB and pediatric clinicals and have been unable to see or work with my cohort or instructors being that we are complete virtual. This has instilled in me the importance and seriousness of public health and safety for all those at risk. So please wear a mask, socially distance, and wash your hands.

I belong to a five-generation family living in Petersburg, that has not been able to interact as much as we'd like with my daughters great-great grandparents and family. I do not feel like I am living in fear, I feel responsible for the safety for our elders, immunosuppressed, and others at risk who COVID-19 would be detrimental to. Please wear a mask, socially distance, wash your hands, and implement a mask mandate.

Thank you for your time,

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