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Dear assembly,

I fully support a temporary mask mandate in our borough.

We are witnessing a scary and rapid increase in positive cases in our State, and I think we have been very lucky to have had few and mild cases so far here in Petersburg. I am very grateful for this.

Unfortunately I see more people not wearing masks anymore, or not respecting safe distance between each other.

That's why I think that we need a mandate to protect our community and the most vulnerable people.

Personally, I don't understand the reasons brought up by the people so against the use of masks. I cannot see how masks would interfere with their freedom or constitutional rights. Since when we had the right to put others in danger? But I know this is a difficult situation and I want to thank you for your amazing commitment, effort and work you have done and do to keep our community safe. I know Petersburg is very divided by this topic and a mandate could make the division even stronger. But I am scared about the risk we are running by not taking enough precautions. The last thing I would like to see for our community is that we didn't prevent the worse to happen, when we had the possibility (like it happened already in so many places in the world). I really hope we, as community, can find a way to discuss this in a calm and rational way, and I hope that everyone can understand that it's just a small act of love for yourself and others!

Thank you for your time and consideration!

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