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To: Petersburg Borough Assembly, Mayor, Borough Manager

From: Barry Bracken, Resident

I have read Draft Ordinance #2020-19 and I urge you to pass it in its third reading. I understand that this update was prompted by a long-lasting emergency for our community, the COVID-19 pandemic and I applaud the efforts the Borough has taken thus far to address this emergency. However, our area is vulnerable to any number of disasters both natural and man-made. Having lived through the 1964 earthquake in Valdez and subsequent tsunami, I fully understand the importance of having Civil Emergency Provisions in place **BEFORE** a disaster occurs.

The only issue I have with the draft as written is that you may come to regret having to convene the assembly before implementing some of the provisions. In the event of a major disaster the Incident Commander should be able to enact any and all provisions deemed necessary to respond and protect the public. I'm particularly concerned with provision number 4, which would require Assembly approval before calling up outside assistance to address the emergency.

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