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**From:** mika hasbrouck <mikahasbrouck@hotmail.com>  
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**To:** Assembly  
**Subject:** Transparency

Dear Petersburg Borough Assembly,

I thank you for sitting on the assembly in these unprecedented times, which leads me right to the issue I want to raise.

There has never been a time that Petersburg was as divided as our nation is in troubling times such as these. But here we are, divided, and the rift getting bigger by the day. We are being divided by mask mandates, constant A-symptomatic testing, bias vaccine advertising, and fiscal issues in this community.

A large portion of this community's members with valid concerns are being dismissed by community leaders of various departments. Deflection is the name of the game whenever someone raises a concern that does not fit the agenda of a person or agency.

We should all be grateful for the melting pot of concerns and information that people in our caring community share freely with one another. Asking tough questions to the EOC, Medical Center, or Assembly should not result in deflection or dismissal. Questioning should be the place of reason. The fact that numerous community members questions and concerns are being treated as conspiracy theories or taboo topics by the community's leaders is concerning to say the least.

Let's challenge ourselves to come together in better ways than are currently happening in this town, where people are listened to and where ALL concerns are really addressed, and solutions are found that unite us instead of setting us up on ugly sides, because at the end of the day we all want the same thing from our government. Transparency. Please lead us in this.

Respectfully,

Mika Hasbrouck