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Dear Mayor & the Borough Assembly

The number one cause of death in the US and the World is Heart Disease nearly 25%. That means that 1 in 4 of us are going to die from heart disease. The following are "recommendations" to reduce that. Lose weight, exercise, eat a healthy diet, quit smoking, and avoid stress. These are recommendations and not mandates.

Covid-19 may affect less than 1% of us, less than 1 in 100. The CDC has "recommended" that we wear masks and keep 6 feet. You have mandated that we follow those recommendations. For most of us this causes stress. Stress because we are being required to do something that we may not believe in. Stress because it has pit neighbor against neighbor: those that are pro mask and those that are against. For those that have mental issues it is even worse. Unfortunately I blame the media for the mass hysteria on masking. When the Pandemic first started the CDC website was full of information saying that masks don't do any good. There were scientific studies that show they don't do any good when dealing with influenza, only the N95 masks were approved. We all have bad habits and touch our face, glasses etc., and unless we wash our hands before we touch the mask when putting them on or taking them off they really don't do any good. Since March of 2020 the CDC has been filled with rhetoric that "recommends" wearing masks and quite comically the examples they use are not scientific in nature. Now they are advising two masks which again seems they are saying that masks don't work. It will be some time before we even know how effective masks truly are.

Also hyped by the media the world is following the "Covid-19 case counts" The World Health Organization put out in January of this year revised recommendations on the PCR tests. The amplification is too high and causes "false positives". When in the history of science has there been a diagnosis on the basis of just a simple swab or blood test. A simple test for cancer is a blood test, if your white blood cell count is high, you aren't diagnosed with cancer. The doctor will do additional testing and evaluations. All along I have thought we should count sick and deaths like we have for every other disease in our history.

I don't blame any of you because I strongly believe that you are acting in what you feel is the best interest for everyone. You were elected to follow the will of the people; that you are not doing. You think you know what is best for us, that isn't your job. It is up to us to follow the recommendations. I was hesitant to write in because I feel this will fall on deaf ears. But the vocal minority seems to be heard loud and clear. The silent majority is being overlooked and shunned for their beliefs.

I employ many people that have "mental issues" anxiety, depression, phobias etc. Your mandates are hurting them. I have heard people say that you don't care about your neighbors if you don't wear a mask. What about those with mental issues, do you care about them? I have an employee with anxiety that wasn't wearing a mask and a male customer came up to hear and said "I hope you die" she gave me permission to write this.

I have heard that some want to put a mandate that you have to receive the vaccine in order to travel or visit Petersburg. I personally know of several people that have had severe reactions to the vaccine. There are many people that can't get the shot due to possible allergic reactions. Are you going to tell them they can't travel? We need to put people back to work. We need the tax revenue to pay for our tax paid workers. We need to have a more normal life so we won't be a victim to the number #1 killer.

I know that there are going to be many people that read this and agree, and there will be those that don't. We live in a democracy and we have the right to disagree, right or wrong. We don't have the right to impose our ideas on others and more importantly start yelling at others because they have a difference of opinion. We need to turn off the negative attitudes and start being grateful. We live in a great country, in beautiful Petersburg Alaska, with great people. If I only had a short time to live, I would rather live every day to the fullest instead of hiding in a closet out of fear. Let us have an attitude of gratefulness.

Jim Floyd

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