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To: Assembly
Subject: Letter to assembly

Dear assembly and EOC,

I am writing to express my extreme disappointment in the assembly and the EOC in their handling of the covid mandates of late as well as the utter disdain for the unwillingness of some on the assembly to listen to community input regarding the present situation, the outright admission that the assembly has to "suffer through" public input during assembly meetings (and the not so blatant admission that some on the assembly are NOT listening), as well as the continued disregard for actual and factual numbers regarding case counts, severity of this virus, and negative effects of continued choke-holds on individuals, families and this community.

I am confident that almost every resident of this community was on board with the EOC a year ago when we knew so little about this new and potentially awful virus. We were ok with staying home, closing business for a time, staying away from our worship services for a short while. The brave who ventured out were often seen wearing masks, and life was definitely "on pause".

With time and evidence, this virus has not been the plague of the 21st century that many have feared. The recovery rate for those who do contract it is 99.7%. I myself have many family members and loved ones who have "tested positive" and have had either zero symptoms or symptoms that resemble strongly the common cold. I do realize that is not the case for every family and every situation. I also have had loved ones who have DIED from this as well. It is real.

The crackdowns, lockdowns, and mandates are tyrannical, unnecessary and absurd given what we know now. There is much evidence that by maintaining the strangle-hold, local governments have greater access to MONEY from the feds. Since when does a local hospital warrant such control over a town, whose first and last word become LAW?? Could it be that there is a \$90,000,000 new hospital on the line here in Petersburg?

I urge you assembly and EOC to get out of your ivory towers and consider the scientific evidence, the actual numbers (not the skewed data) available to all and take a hard look at what you are mandating to destroy as much as you possibly can: faith, freedom, family, and community.

Sincerely,
Donna Marsh