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From: Jim Schwartz <schwartz.jp.lf@gmail.com>
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To: Assembly
Subject: Emergency Ordinance #2020-19

Dear Assembly members,

I am writing you to request that you support passing the emergency order powers ordinance. With the passing of time, the continued rising infection rate of our country, and the staggering death toll approaching 200,000 from this coronavirus pandemic, it has become clear that certain actions make a profound difference in stopping the spread of this disease and its deadly consequences. I recently read that Alaska Airlines is the safest airline to travel on because of the coronavirus protocols it has implemented, mandated. Travelers are following those protocols or they are not allowed to travel and will be banned from traveling again on Alaska Airlines. I think Petersburg has been largely protected because of Alaska Airlines and their safety policies.

On 9/11/2001 our country was attacked and over 3,000 people died. Emergency regulations went into effect that we still follow today and keep us safer traveling. Those regulations have been a huge impact—hassle if you will—nationwide. But they work and we travel with little danger from terrorism on airplanes. When the coronavirus first began making people sick, some thought it was like the flu. Now, six months later, we know it is far worse and kills on a massive scale; far worse than anything in our lifetime.

If this coronavirus flares up strongly in Petersburg, we will need to mandate safety measures to protect the most vulnerable in our community—our family, our friends, our neighbors. Please make sure that the emergency powers are in place to stop the spread of this deadly disease here in Petersburg. Regulations no different than those on Alaska Airlines now; or going through TSA at the airport; or stopping at a stop sign, or wearing seat belts. Regulations that impact our "freedom" in some way, but that have been proven to help keep us safer in a reasonable way.

Thank you for your time, your effort, and your leadership in trying to make decisions for the public good. Some personal sacrifice is necessary for making our community safer.

Sincerely,

Jim Schwartz

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