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### Required Face Coverings to Reduce the Spread of COVID-19

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I am opposed to the mask mandate for Charles County. COVID-19 case trends for our county versus adjacent ones without mandates showed almost no difference during the August through November 2021 timeframe when Charles was the only county to impose a mandate. There is little data supporting that masks significantly reduce the spread of respiratory viruses. The virus particles are smaller than what the masks can catch. So what is the purpose of this law? Is it to discourage people from shopping here when they can travel over county lines and shop without masks? My son who has sensory processing disorder has chewed through his mask at times during a 1-hour period at church. I have friends with special needs children who travel outside of the county for everything just to avoid having to put their child through the struggle of wearing one. Why do you want to ostracize citizens of Charles County with special needs and medical conditions with unnecessary and ineffective regulations? Even when there are exemptions written into laws, these people get harassed in public spaces and sometimes denied service unjustly. Most outrageous is your proposal to have the Charles County Sheriff's Department police mask wearing and issue fines! The police are already stretched thin is my understanding based on conversations with our community officer during interactions with my HOA board. Our police should be working to reduce crime, not worry about who has a cloth over their nose or not. This would be a huge waste of their valuable time

as they actually keep our community safe, not masks. Please LET IT GO. This is not a smart move for our community or your political futures. People who want to wear masks are free to do so without any regulations needed.

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Thank you,  
**Charles County, MD**

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