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I'm a To-Go server at a restaurant, and I've noticed the social impact on people as the mask mandates have come and gone. The mandates are having severely negative effects on the citizens of Charles County and preventing them from getting the necessary connection that humans require. The elderly especially, who are statistically at risk more so than any other age group, crave the conversation and connection that is made in face-to-face interactions, which masks prevent. Beyond this, I am exposed to more germs by wearing the mask than not. During a typical shift, I will touch my mask no less than 100 times from removing it to speak to the elderly who cannot hear me or read my lips, or answering phone calls, and then putting it back on my face. Without masks, I have no need to touch my face, and therefore no chance of spreading the germs from anywhere other than my hands or gloves, which are easily washed. Furthermore, requiring vaccines is not a viable answer to the issue of removing masks, since it segregates people by their personal beliefs and alienates them from basic necessities and luxuries, which should not be rationed out as the government sees fit, but rather available for all who desire to partake. As American citizens, the people of Charles County have basic civil rights which are protected under the Constitution regardless of race, gender, political beliefs, or healthcare choices. By enforcing masks and/or vaccines under penalty of fines or more, the Charles County government will be infringing upon people's rights to gather freely, to worship, to privacy, and their freedom to make their own healthcare choices. I urge the Board of Commissioners to take all these things as well as the second- and third-order effects into account as they make their decision.

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