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A little about me. I have served the citizens of Charles County for over 30 years at the Bryan's Road Volunteer Fire Department. Most recently serving as the Fire and EMS Chief. I am Currently the District Fire Chief at the Patuxent River Naval Air Station in St. Mary's County. I have seen the numbers rise and fall over the last 18 months as a part of my daily briefings. I have seen over the last several months a comparison between Charles County with a mask mandate and St. Mary's without the mandate. From the data I have reviewed, I see no compelling evidence that masks are having any major impact with the two border counties. I do understand that viruses do not stop at an invisible county line. So my only conclusion is that the wearing of masks has had little to no effect on the hospitalizations or deaths from the virus. I am fortunate that I work in St. Mary's County and can do all my needed shopping without being required to wear a mask. I can attest that not only do I spend my money in St. Mary's, several of my friends and family do as well. Our Fire and EMS personnel in Charles County are overwhelmingly against wearing of masks mostly due to the common sense realization that unless they are of the N95 type or greater, they provide little protection from spreading or being exposed to airborne viruses. I believe we are all capable of making decisions on our health needs and those needs of our children, not the responsibility of Government. These opinions are mine only and does not represent any official opinion of any organization I may be a member of or my employer. Thank you for the opportunity to weigh in. Clifford Montgomery

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