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I am ardently opposed to this mandate. It will not accomplish what you purport. Neither did the previous mandates accomplish what you claim. First and generally, there are no controlled, scientific studies that demonstrate a positive effectiveness of mask wearing to prevent airborne respiratory viral transmission. In fact, nearly every study conducted prior to 2020 demonstrated the opposite, showing that the most popular style of face-coverings reduced viral load transmission by a pathetic 10%. Nearly every study since the advent of COVID-19 are observational studies, which are unreliable at best and completely meaningless at worst. Second, your own assertions in the resolution regarding the effectiveness of the recent mask mandates completely lack any context or specificity. Using the CDC's own website (<https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#county-view>) on Charles County's COVID numbers shows that immediately following the mandate of August the 7-Day moving average of daily cases and the 7-day percent positivity rate continued increasing for nearly a month and didn't trend downward until 6-8 weeks after the initial mandate. If masks worked, and even given a generous 2-week grace period to see an impact of the mandate, these numbers should have leveled off and declined much more quickly than they did. Rather what we see is the entire county forced to mask up and increasing numbers of people getting COVID and transmitting it to others (vaxxed and unvaxxed alike). Masks have virtually no impact on the virus, rather the up and down nature of the numbers is due to its cyclical nature, which is akin to every other endemic respiratory virus. In my 25+ years as a Charles County voter, I have never been active politically other than to vote. If you pass this mandate, you may awaken a sleeping goliath of residents like me. You will hear the people's voice; if not now, then at the ballot box.

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