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I am opposed to the adoption of Resolution 2021-21 as a Health Ordinance in Charles County. I am disappointed to see the continued use of county resources directed toward the imposition of masks on private citizens. St. Mary's, Calvert, King George, and Anne Arundel do NOT have mask mandates and there has been no significant difference in the trajectory of the pandemic in those counties compared to Charles County. The back and forth with mask requirements is causing divisiveness in the community. Choosing to mandate mask wearing because "people are afraid" is a weak and evidence-lacking argument. The commissioners action appears to be a stubborn refusal to recognize when government action is unpopular and unconstitutional. Allow your constituents to decide for themselves whether to mask or not. Governor Hogan lifted the mandate for our state months ago yet our commissioners choose to attempt to dictate how private citizens will live their lives. Dr. Abney does not seem to offer any expertise when it comes to masks. She continues to make the false statement that "masks are proven to stop influenza". She seems to not understand the phenomenon of viral interference as a reason why influenza saw record low rates (globally) last year. The commissioners should appeal to the advice of mask experts as to the long-standing truth about the efficacy of all types of face coverings. The sense of community in Charles County is gone. The commissioners are continuing to create division with mask

mandates, creating drama and irreparable emotional damage to friendships and family units. In the Denmark mask study, 1 of only 2 RCT studies completed, 1.8% of those wearing masks caught Covid, vs. 2.1% of the control group. Why are gold-standard RCT trials (the gold standard for research) being dismissed in favor of "observational" studies? This regulation is bad for our county. I respectfully ask you withdraw it or vote no in January.

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