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Charles County has had one of the lowest case rates in Maryland, especially in the counties surrounding Washington, DC, particularly in the last few months. Charles County is not as densely populated as others, has a much lower case rate as those others, and yet we still don't give constituents the option to choose whether they must wear a mask in public areas while other counties like Anne Arundel, Baltimore County, or almost anywhere in Virginia do not have such mandates. The science on mask efficacy is still dubious and undecided, despite what partisan politicians say. I am a longtime registered Democrat, and I am disgusted by the division sown by our elected officials on these issues. Since the mask mandate has been lifted, I have been shopping in Charles County again for groceries and any other items I need. If the mandate is reinforced (for no reason other than the fact that it was dropped due to its legal illegitimacy in the first place), I will not purchase anything in the county. I will happily travel to Virginia, or other surrounding counties without mask mandates. The statistics between masked and unmasked localities in the DC area in the past few months have shown virtually zero distinction in case rates or death rates. There are many other far more significant factors. I am very disappointed in my local politicians for falling into a partisan trap. I have strong reservations about staying in the county long-term. I believe my county should work on my behalf, not work to stifle genuine social interaction and destroy local businesses.

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