TO: Charles County Board of County Commissioners

FROM: Danita Wilson White Plains MD

DATE: December 31, 2021

RE: Virtual Public Hearing Being Held on January 4, 2022 at 4:30 p.m. Required Face Coverings to Reduce the Spread of19 COVID-19 Ordinance/Resolution 2021-21

Thank you for allowing the citizens of Charles County the opportunity to present our opinion and concerns regarding the proposed mask mandate.

I am <u>IN FAVOR</u> of the passage of a County-wide mask mandate as stipulated in the **Revised-Draft Emergency Ordinance 2021-22** Emergency Health Regulation.

After reading the **COVID Emergency Briefing dated December 29, 2021** as presented by Dr. Dianna Abney, the data shows masking is a very important mitigation effort to decreasing the spread of COVID-19.

I also think the County should do more to ensure that Charles County continues to receive sufficient test kits from the State of Maryland and made readily available so that families do not have to wait in long lines or not have access to test kits.

Please do not allow a minority of certain individuals dictate their personal preference of not wearing a mask in public places to be your deciding factor in not instituting this Emergency Health Regulation.

Thank you.