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For Topic

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Mask mandates are necessary to protect the vulnerable, like me. Did you know that disabled folks make up 6 out of 10 Covid deaths? Anything other than voting for a mask mandate is a vote for ableism and eugenics. Listen, I'm 29 years old. I'm on supplemental oxygen, in a wheelchair, with a central line. I've been isolated for almost 3 years. I'm fully vaccinated, but my severe immunodeficiencies means that my protection from the vaccine is low or non-existent. People like me DEPEND on others to stay safe. But I still have to go to the doctor. I still have to get groceries from time to time. And I would like to do that without worrying if someone next to me not wearing their mask is going to kill me. Our local hospitals are now in crisis mode and having to put priority to healthy patients with Covid over those we pre-existing conditions. So not only are those refusing to enact a mask mandate putting us in danger, but if they do make us sick...we also get put last in hospitals. My life matters. I am an activist, social media influencer, political science major and wife. My life is just as valuable as those of you who seem to think mine isn't. Anything less than a mask mandate is a crime against humanity...against YOUR community that you love. Imagine that you had a disabled/chronically ill family member, a husband a chemo, a child who is severely immunocompromised...think about anyone other than your self. Is my life not as important to you as your refusal to wear a piece of cloth on your face during a pandemic? Is a sick child's life not as important as

the a teacher "needing to see" your child's face? I think we know the answer to that. I'd like to think that Charles County cares about each other, but I'm afraid they don't. Please. Do this small gesture to protect the community. 1 in 4 people are disabled. 6 out of 10 disabled people are dying from Covid. Have a conscience and do what's right. Please. This is the bare minimum. If you can't do that, we are all in trouble.

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