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I reside in Port Tobacco, Charles County District One (1). Good evening Mr. Bolling...commissioners. I have been a resident of Charles County for more than 20 years. I moved to Maryland upon returning from a four-year assignment to Spangdahlem AB, Germany in 1996 as an enlisted member in the USAF. I've lived for short periods in Anne Arundel and Prince Georges since that move, but Charles County is where my wife and I chose to raise our family. Two of these three young men are now married and own homes and reside full-time in Charles county all these years later. Our youngest is becoming a successful tradesman with plans to settle in Charles county upon graduation from trade school. Since the commissioners reenacted the the mask mandate in August 2021, I have limited my trips into town. The spirit of our community is depressing - people hiding in fear behind cloth or surgical masks. I was thankful that businesses in La Plata were able to operate without forcing their patrons to wear a mask, but there is still an awkward division present between the 'masked' and 'non-masked'. It's an absolute shame. My wife and I have moved to a new church in Mechanicsville and spend much more time in Saint Mary's county. I've chosen not to support any business that asks me to put on a mask. The community is more vibrant and pleasant in Saint Mary's and this makes the additional ten minute drive more than worth the experience there. Observing the number of COVID cases in Maryland closely since August Over the three month period since

Charles County mask mandate renewal; MD state, and the four counties in my comparison started and ended up with roughly the same number of daily cases at the end of November 2021. It appears like the masking policies do little if anything practical to impact the course of the COVID virus. Leave the decision of mask-wearing up to the citizens and business owners of Charles County. Government mask mandates have no practical effect on the COVID case number.

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Thank you,  
**Charles County, MD**

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