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Submitted by Charlotte A. Weirich "As a resident of Charles County for many years, I have enjoyed living in a beautiful environment that offers both rural and suburban lifestyles. The county has grown tremendously in both residential and commercial development. Throughout the years, most of the various commissioners have exhibited sound judgment and a real concern for the citizens of the county. Now, we are in a life-or-death situation with the COVID virus and its mutations not only sickening Charles Countians, but causing deaths; yet we have some of our very own citizens arguing about the validity of sound, scientifically-based, medical information. Some have actually called the virus a "hoax" and a plot to "control our minds." Meanwhile, the medical community and some of our own families and neighbors have had to deal with the tragedy of losing loved ones to COVID. All of us who are longtime residents of the county DO CARE about the economic stability that we have enjoyed for the past few decades. As a member of the Chamber of Commerce, I certainly want to see our local businesses thrive; however, we are risking lives by not following the scientific proof about the need for vaccines, masks and social distancing. So many of my friends are afraid to speak out about their support of masks because they fear losing friends and business. Now with the new year, we must take stock of ourselves and help the doubters realize that we are in a life-or-death situation regarding masks and vaccines. Thank God, I personally have not lost a

loved one to COVID. Some of you may already have experienced that trauma. We are not asking everyone to sacrifice his/her home or job. We are asking that each resident of Charles County care enough about his/her family, friends and neighbors to wear a mask when inside a building in order to protect himself/herself and others. Let's all rise to the occasion and demonstrate that Charles Countians DO CARE about each other!"

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