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Dear Commissioner President Collins and members of the Board of Commissioners, Since the decision to end the mask mandate for private businesses on December 1st was approved, Charles County has had continued to see a spike in COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations. This decision was made even though multiple health officials throughout the country had been stating for weeks about the potential for a spike in COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations due to people getting together for the holiday season and the cold weather causing more gathering to be indoors. Now after the holiday session has ended we have multihour long waits and shortages at testing sites, schools are having to quarantine entire grades, and the Charles Regional Medical Center has gone into a Crisis Standard of Care. All the while cases and hospitalizations are surging. Ending the mandate was catered specifically to a vocal minority of residents who have long since opposed any solution to lessen the spread of COVID-19 and it put the health and safety of all county residents in jeopardy. On December 29th Dr. Dianna Abney, Charles County's Health Officer, told you all and county residents during a hearing, that wearing a face covering is an important mitigation effort to protect the health, welfare, and safety of all residents and recommended that Commissioners act urgently on this issue. We ask the board for a favorable vote on requiring face coverings to reduce the spread of COVID-19. Thank you, Carlos Childs Charles County Chair Our Revolution Southern Maryland

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