

## Carol DeSoto

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To whom it may concern,

I wanted to personally write to you after finding out The Charles county commissioners are still considering a meeting over the mask mandate without postponement. By planning this meeting, during severe winter conditions that incapacitates your constituents, you are disregarding your own promise to the public. You originally promised an open hearing with public comments on January 12th. Being a relatively new Charles Countian, (2 years), I have been utterly disappointed since the very beginning of the Pandemic on how our county has been handled. The commissioners, acting as the "Board of Health" so focused on trying to secure enough tests for the county testing sites, obviously fell shortsighted when they failed to stop the ridiculous and pointless Vaccine mandates at the hospital which put their staff on the chopping block. You do not have emergency powers as those are delegated from the Governor. The governor alone has that authority. Mr. Grimes has been briefing since November that he is dealing with both STAFF and SUPPLY shortages. I must ask, what success would the commissioners envision would come from such a mask mandate? In states surrounding MD and all around the country, as such in Florida for example, we are seeing freedom states that choose to support the liberties of their constituents, and over and over again we see lower numbers and case rates. In Florida the case rate sits at about 50 per 100,000 people. In my opinion, the Commissioners have failed us in every regard and if they reinstitute a mask mandate with no legal authority to do so, I will have lost all respect and hope for critical thinking.

The idea of implementing a pointless mask mandate for an aerosolized virus that the vast majority of people catch AT HOME makes absolutely no sense. In the days since the mask mandate has been rescinded, I have seen so many people walking around sans mask with smiles on their faces. Ask yourselves, is another mask mandate for public health or convenience or controls Or set up to appease your political interests, and pander to specific supporters?

On top of the unconstitutional mask mandate, the idea to hold a meeting(even a virtual one) amid severe winter weather in which a huge number of Charles County Residents have lost power/internet access/ phone service, is both obtuse and another abuse of a system of control over the residents of Charles County.

Many of the powers you continue to implement are set up under the Governor's broad quarantine authority under the Health Emergency act which the Governor has NOT invoked since August 2021. As commissioners, this is beyond your powers. Do the right thing.

Sincerely,

Ali Brown

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"I'd rather have roses on my table than diamonds on my neck." ~Emma Goldman