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During the COVID-19 Pandemic and shutdown, the national realized the importance of the nonprofit/government partnerships. The role of nonprofits during critical times have been proven time and time again -- supporting communities with direct services that are able to quickly adapt to the changing environments of society. Post-COVID, much of society is still trying to catch up and philanthropy is at an all-time low. Donations have decreased as household are working to get back to their financial "norm". In the meantime, the non-profits that were so vital during the pandemic are now struggling to survive. The Charles County Charitable Trust has supported local non-profits in Charles County for many years. The funding provided by this organization has helped this county thrive by providing vital funding to non-profit organizations. Organizations that help victims, low-income students, tutoring,

literacy and so many other important areas. Charles County is not known for breaking news. The fact is many grants focus on big city organizations. DC and Baltimore take the spotlight for many resources and opportunities leaving grants and funding unattainable for organizations that focus on Charles County. As a nonprofit employee and a resident of Charles County, I ask you reconsider the funding provided to the Charitable Trust. If non-profits are not fully funded, can the county account for the work that they do to support our community? The mentorship, the tutoring, the arts, the legal support. Your cuts to the Charitable Trust mean cuts to all of the non-profits that they support - harming our citizens in incalculable ways. Full support should be given to the non-profits making a difference on the ground for the citizens of Charles County. Approve full funding of the Charles County Charitable Trust to support the citizens of Charles County in ways that the government cannot.

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