

Dear Commissioner Coates,

I am seriously opposed to the adoption of Resolution 2021 - 21 as a Health Ordinance in Charles County.

I am truly dissatisfied and outraged to see the continued use of our County resources to impose masks on private citizen. This is truly a divisive issue, that only tends to divide a diverse county more.

If this resolution is passed it will possibly be a permanent masking environment which sets up the situation going backwards instead of forward to getting us out of masks. This action seems to be a refusal for you and the other Commissioners to acknowledge that we cannot manage our own life and liberty. I feel this makes us seem uneducated by going backwards. I am an educated and well read constituent and based on years of study, it appears masks do not work.

While we may disagree on whether masks even work. The mandate was effective during the fourth deadliest month. We have many other pressing matters in the County that need attention other than mandating masks. We should be focusing on early treatment of the virus such as, making sure the County has all the medical resources such as monoclonal availability, advising physicians of appropriate steroid treatment to relieve stress on airways. This would show us that your constituents are a priority and this is a good faith effort for our community.

It has been almost 2 years of this back and forth of masking, restrictions, and misery because of these unscientific restrictions. I am truly disappointed in this resolution even being considered. We don't need to go backwards. Offering your constituents a choice to wear a mask is the way to respect our liberty and freedom.

This resolution is not a way to govern our community, we must be creative and savvy in recommending ways to stay safe, but mandating us to wear masks is not the appropriate way to govern. It is dividing us as a community.

Respectfully, I ask that you withdraw this from consideration or vote NO on December 15 on this Resolution. We must see some return to normalcy after almost 2 years of craziness.

Regards,

JoAnne Poag