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I am opposed to the adoption of Resolution 2021-21 as a Health Ordinance in Charles County. I am disappointed and downright appalled to see the continued use of County resources directed toward the imposition of masks on private citizens. Most surrounding counties such as St. Mary's, Calvert, Anne Arundel, Fairfax, and King George counties do not have mask mandates and there has been no significant difference in the trajectory of the pandemic in those regions compared to ours. A return to masks, perhaps permanently, sends a signal to the community that we are only going backward in this nearly 2-year nightmare rather than moving toward real normalcy. Also, this action seems to be a stubborn refusal to know when a government action is unpopular and the Commissioners seem oblivious to the true desires of their constituents. This is no way to govern at all. While we may disagree on whether masks even work at stopping the transmission of respiratory viruses, we CAN agree that there are better and more effective ways to save lives in Charles County. September 2021 was the fourth deadliest month for our jurisdiction, with masks in place. Wouldn't focus on early treatment be a much better use of the Commissioners' time and resources? Making the availability of monoclonal antibodies widespread, advising physicians of which steroid treatments help relieve stressed airways, or even allowing physicians to prescribe off-label treatments under the principle of "Right to Try" would all respect the dignity of the human beings in

our community and show true good-faith efforts to shield the vulnerable from adverse outcomes of the disease. Commissioner, this regulation is bad for our county and bad for our future. I respectfully ask that you withdraw it from consideration or vote no on December 15. Sincerely, Nicole Bishop

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