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I urge the Commissioners NOT to enact a law or policy for mandatory masks in our county moving forward. We have been under a mask mandate for the larger part of 18 months now and COVID is still here. We have seen spikes and we have seen decreases all while wearing masks which leads everyone to ask, "how well do these really work", if at all? Most people do not wear them properly or they are cloth and not protective, not N95, so is it more for show at this point? Are we just comfortable now with seeing masks on people that we don't critically think about if they are actually doing anything or not? Mask recommendations during certain seasons would be totally acceptable, but please do not require your citizens to continue wearing masks everywhere we go. People are so divided over face coverings and vaccines right now, it's ridiculous. People who want to wear masks should feel free to, but people who do not want to wear masks should have that same right. There are some people who will always want to keep a mask on because they are afraid of catching something contagious and that is their right. But there are also plenty of other health measures we can and should be taking to stay healthy during any virus season. Our health is up to us as individuals. To be informed and make the best choices for our families just as we've done for years and years. I know plenty of families who leave Charles County now to shop or eat out and several close family friends have moved out of Charles County over the way COVID has been handled and the

restrictions. You are putting mandates in place for a 3.7% positivity rate. 9.19 people out of every 100,000! Our children have lived a year and half with their faces covered, not seeing facial expressions when out in public, not showing expressions and many probably fearful of getting sick because a piece of fabric over everyone's face you see is scary. Please, please, please do not mandate masks. Recommendations not mandates.

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