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I am opposed to the Resolution for Required use of Face Coverings as a Health Ordinance in Charles County. Other surrounding counties have chosen to respect the freedoms of their constituents such as St. Mary's, Calvert, Anne Arundel, Fairfax, and King George counties. These 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. I myself and others I personally know choose to drive to surrounding counties to have the choice to go mask free, which means Charles County is actually losing financial gain, small business support, and respect. As a Charles county citizen I do not feel represented. The trust in public health officials and our elected representatives is severely damaged. If this proposed resolution mask mandate is passed, it would enact fines and penalties of \$50 plus for both individual and businesses right before Christmas. If local businesses and citizens are forced to suffer these consequences they will be even further financially harmed at this already crucial time. We are now almost 2 years in to this Pandemic. Currently, vaccines are available to anyone in the public including young children. At this point, the mask mandate is both unnecessary, and an abuse of power. The Board of County Commissioners should appeal to the advice of industrial hygienists and other mask experts as to the long-standing truth about the efficacy of all types of face coverings. Viral immunologists confirm the largest possible small droplet is 62 microns in

diameter. The smallest pore size on masks is 80 microns, which means the virus can pass right through. I do not believe this mask mandate would be implemented for public health, but as an abuse of power. I vehemently oppose this resolution, and I hope the commissioners find it in their heart to bestow on their lowly Charles Countians a Christmas gift of freedom before we go into 2022.

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