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I doubt this testimony will have much of any effect on the board members opinions, but I feel it is my duty as a citizen in Montgomery County to present it. I am a college student and a part time swim coach. We have been required to wear masks over the past several months. Simply put, the mask mandate that you will put in place on Wednesday does not, whatsoever, follow the science. Let me explain from several angles. If we are wearing masks to prevent the transmission of the disease, I would like to understand why. The county has one of the highest vaccination rates in the country and the vaccine remains affective at preventing hospitalization and death. Covid-19 is not going away. There will not be zero covid. The majority of the citizens of Montgomery County remain protected and vaccinated. If the reason for this mandate is to protect our children who have not had a chance to receive the vaccine, this is still a false claim. Our children, despite not being vaccinated, still do not show a serious reaction to the Covid 19 virus. The only affect the virus has been on the elderly unvaccinated and the immunocompromised. Why are we going to such great lengths to prevent transmission when the majority of the citizens of the county and our children remain protected from this virus? There is even more evidence that cloth masks are not affective at preventing transmission. Why are you not paying attention to the science and why are you forcing law abiding citizens to comply with a mandate that it is not based in sound logic. Please, do not ignore the science and do not support the use of misinformation.

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