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Good afternoon,

As a citizen of this county for over 23 years, I feel what you are proposing to legislate is wrong. If you are going to ban legal firearms for everyone in the county outside of current law enforcement within certain places - county buildings, etc, then the county commissioners should have to adhere to the same ban. You are no more special than the rest of the citizens of Charles County. We law-abiding citizens have the same right to safety as you do. This ban is overreach and should be scrapped immediately.

Once you get a handle on all the illegal guns on the street, perhaps we can talk again about this. Every single day we see reports from the Charles County Sheriff's office where someone has been stopped and then they recover guns that either the person is prohibited from having or the guns are illegal to begin with. Then the judges are releasing these folks right back out into the county. These are the people you need to be worried about, not those who have taken the time and spent the money to obtain their firearms legally and received the training and certification to conceal/carry. And you aren't going to stop those who are illegally carrying but you are putting law-abiding citizens in potentially harmful situations when you ban people from carrying to protect themselves from the criminals in the county.

Additionally, you need to give proper notice to the citizens who elected you to see what you are doing. If you are doing what you feel is right and lawful, then what is the harm in allowing everyone to have the opportunity to understand what you are doing and to be heard. The rush certainly puts you commissioners in a bad light and hints that you aren't above board in what you are doing.

Respectfully,

~Keri

"May as well be yourself for everyone else is taken"