

**TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT of CONTINUATION OF
EMERGENCY DECLARATIONS & LIMITED EXECUTIVE
ORDERS**

Hearing: TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2022 – 9:00 AM

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing in support of continuing Governor Lamont's Emergency Declarations and also in support of Limited Executive Orders.

While I understand that there is major Covid fatigue across the country, we must not forget that we can not wish this away. It is a worldwide pandemic and new variants can pop up at the drop of a hat, just like Omicron did. We have no way of predicting what is going to happen next, when the next variant will arrive or how contagious and deadly it will be. Reliable scientific journals indicate that Covid will be with us for years to come.

Although CT's vaccination rates may be better than in other parts of the country, a virus such as Covid-19 knows no boundaries. That is why it is imperative that Governor Lamont maintain the flexibility to react quickly. The fact that our CT legislature is only in session until May is also crazy and simply serves to complicate a difficult situation.

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I would also like to say that I would ABSOLUTELY extend the school mask mandates and would strongly encourage the legislature to pass legislation in support of school mask mandates during pandemics AND for Lamont to put in place mask mandates in store etc. It is extremely unnerving to go into various establishments and have unmasked people there. 1. even if you are boosted you can still spread covid. 2. wearing a mask helps protect everyone and this is a public health emergency 3. those who are unvaccinated and anti-mask can easily pretend to be vaccinated and just not wear a mask. I have stopped shopping local except for places where everyone is masked.

Thank you
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