

To Whom it May Concern:

As a lifelong democrat, I am writing to you today to ask that you stop the emergency orders as there is no longer an emergency. Look at the rest of the country and the rest of the world for that matter. Stop hiding in your bubble! We need to start to move toward normal. If you don't you will soon lose your base. This blue state will crumble. The time is now. THERE IS NO LONGER AN EMERGENCY. We want the legislature to step up and do its job. Thank you.

Please consider adopting a policy of MASK CHOICE that would allow parents to call the shots. Please end Governor Lamont's mask mandate in schools, and restore power to parents so they can choose what's best for their own children. The science has changed with omicron and so has public opinion. People are tired of this never ending mask mandate. It is time for the government to allow people to allow for making choices for themselves and their families. Many democrats are beginning to question their party affiliation because of these draconian measures. even left leaning publications are coming to the mask choice conclusion. We can no longer hide behind the children, are resilient and need protection this this variant. Masks can cause harm including psychological harm. Mask choice does not hurt anyone. It allows those who want to continue to wear masks to wear them. When the media begins to question masking children you better listen. You do not want to be the last state to allow people to choose or you may soon lose you seat. When it comes to their children, people will not forget.

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"the U.K., Sweden, Norway, Denmark, and others—have not taken the U.S.'s approach, and instead follow World Health Organization guidelines, which **recommend** against masking children ages 5 and younger, because this age group is at low risk of illness, because masks are not “in the overall interest of the child,” and because many children are unable to wear masks properly. Even for children ages 6 to 11, the WHO does not routinely recommend masks, because of the “potential impact of wearing a mask on learning and psychosocial development.” "

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Sincerely,
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