

Angela Pugliese testimony **OPPOSING** the continuation of Governor Lamont's Emergency Declarations and Limited Executive Orders.

Good afternoon,

Simply put, I **oppose** the continuation of Governor Lamont's Emergency Declarations.

The state of CT is no longer in a state of emergency. Allowing a governor to continually suspend existing statutes and create new laws as he sees fit once the emergency has passed **is an abuse of our democratic system of government**. A legislator's role is to ensure that these powers are not abused, therefore it is your duty to vote **NO**. Governor Lamont has had executive powers almost as long as he has been in office. In my opinion, that alone is an abuse of power.

New information regarding COVID-19 and the vaccines are emerging every day. Yet, we are still forced to live by Governor Lamont's outdated executive orders (i.e. Covid testing, masks, mandates) and this Governor is still using his powers to instill daily fear on the residents of CT. These extra- powers have done little to protect the state of CT residents. In fact, people have lost their livelihoods, mental health issues have skyrocketed, students are falling behind due to remote learning, fear of the virus and fear of the vaccine have increased, etc. It is time to move forward and return government to the people.

I adamantly **oppose** the continuation of Governor Lamont's executive powers.

Thank you.

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