

To whom it may concern, I would like to submit my testimony for the 2/8 hearing on the extension of emergency powers.

I oppose any extension of emergency powers and continuation of orders for mandated masking in schools and any mandated covid vaccinations. It is a terrible position to put anyone in to pick between extreme discrimination including loss of a job and taking a vaccine that was developed with methods that go against their strongly held religions beliefs or they have concerns about (or in fact have experienced) an adverse reaction to the covid vaccines. Many healthcare workers who took the first series are now being mandated to take a booster even when they had a bad reaction to the first two. This is unnecessary and cruel especially in light of the recent data and the complete lack of effectiveness in any number of vaccines preventing someone from getting or transmitting covid.

I would also like to include the note my 4th grader shared with our elected leaders. Given the now understood efficacy of cloth masks in schools it is also cruel and unnecessary to continue forcing these children to be masked.

"Dear Governor Lamont,

I'm a fourth grader that is really hoping that we won't have to wear masks in school anymore. Here are some reasons why.

- .(1) It is hard to breathe through the mask.
- .(2) When I sweat the mask gets all wet and it's really uncomfortable.
- .(3) It will always hurt my ears.
- .(4) The mask gets dirty and it's also uncomfortable to wear a dirty mask.
- .(5) The mask makes me tired in school.
- .(6) sometimes it's hard to hear what my friends and teachers are saying.
- .(7) people get yelled at for not wearing the mask right.

Thank you for considering.

Ben Roberts 4th grade"

Thank you,
Catherine Roberts