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Dear Public Health Committee members,

I am writing this as my official written public testimony not in support of continuing of any of the extended public health emergency executive powers here in CT.

We have been strung along over the past two years every few months with further continuation of powers. Unfortunately, there will always be another variant of COVID. Most people in the State of CT did what was recommended yet we continue to still see the same thing. This will never end if we continue in fear. Stopping emergency use powers will not stop anyone from being unprepared to take further action if needed. It is time that personal health decisions be made more on local and personal level.

Some of our children have never had a normal life. I have personally witnessed many young healthy children who are too afraid to take off their masks. My daughter is behind in her reading skill, but the school has not made it an individual issue because she is the rule not the exception. Something as simple as mask wearing all day in school is having much larger broader negative impacts on our younger generations. It is discouraging that some can sit around and discuss how deadly this virus is, but no one discusses how deadly the poor mental health situation is of our youth. We need a change, and in my opinion, the benefits outweigh the risks, especially for children and young adults.

Thank you for your time.

Best Regards,

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