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To Whom It Concerns:

The need for COVID-19 emergency powers no longer exists and the Governor's EO's should NOT be extended by the Governor or by the CT General Assembly.

I'm a father of two and grandfather of four with a 50-year career as a clinical psychologist health care provider, educator and research scientist. During the past two years I've heard numerous personal accounts and mounting research evidence documenting widespread social isolation, loneliness, weight gain, and substance abuse, contributing to increased medical disease, psychiatric disorders, marital discord and family conflict.

Many successful small businesses deemed "non-essential" for months have permanently closed, contributing to loss of jobs for employees, economic hardship for owners of multi-generational family businesses, disruptions in local economies, and municipal tax revenue.

A booster mandate for contractors of health care facilities taking effect on Friday February 11th will result in construction delays as multiple contractors are already stating they're not getting the third injection. How will facilities provide quality care when there's no one left to complete necessary construction?

Multiple research studies indicate masks don't work and vaccines and boosters don't prevent people from getting or transmitting COVID-19. Forcing our precious, low-risk, healthy school children to continue to wear masks and get vaccinated "to protect" those over 70 not only isn't effective but is moral injustice. Only parents should decide whether or not they want their child to wear a mask or get vaccinated. Many kids are suffering a major decline in learning acquisition with significant delays in language comprehension and speech articulation for early elementary school children.

It's time to allow our children to live, learn, play and enjoy life as they have for generations.

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