

Dear legislators,

Thank you for finally providing an opportunity as a member of the public to weigh in on the governor's laws that have been running our lives for the past two years with never a hearing or a vote. I am writing to express my opposition to the continuation or codification of all of his orders. I will provide comments on several specific orders.

Mask mandates (9-1 and 13A): Are you aware that there is a crisis of child trafficking both inside and outside our borders? **Covering a child's face adds considerable difficulty in the quick and often life saving identification of children who are being trafficked.** Masks have become commonplace not only in schools and daycares but have extended out to everywhere that children travel and it is because of mask mandates that it is now acceptable to cover the face of a child everywhere they go. In addition, two years is a very long time from the perspective of a child, and many children have grown comfortable with face coverings to the point where not having one causes anxiety. Yet other children are incredibly tired of covering their faces and the psychological disruption to these children is evident. **My daughter has never seen a day in her life without masked people around her as she was born 7 months after the institution of mask mandates and they are still in effect.** I oppose any laws, temporary or otherwise, that would give any government body the ability to force face coverings on children.

Vaccination Requirements (13G, 14B and 14C): With all of the vaccinated and fully "boosted" people that have transmitted viruses to others over the past year, it's hard to understand why these mandates are being

considered. My husband was subjected to this order (13G) with a weekly testing (punishment) option this past season despite the fact that he works for a private company in the transportation construction field, simply because his company does business with the CT Department of Transportation. He chose to go with the testing instead of the vaccination. **Around Christmas, nearly all of his vaccinated colleagues were out of work sick with COVID-19 and never mandated to be tested. Yet he never tested positive and continued working without interruption and was required to be tested weekly.**

These mandates will do nothing other than push skilled workers into unemployment, self employment, or a different field of work (as is evidenced by the existence of order 13E). That is if they choose to remain in Connecticut, where the government believes they have the right to control our health and our bodies and now our businesses too.

Temporary Nurse Aide Program (13E): See the last paragraph to understand why this order came to be. Also, reducing qualifications of nurse's aides is not a good look for healthcare providers. "Fire the qualified staff and bring in some newbies who have less skills and experience." That sounds like a good idea.

In summation, all of this should be scrapped because it's not helpful, is a violation of people's rights, and hurts children. I hope you'll oppose these measures when they come to a vote.

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