

Covid-19 Informational Hearing on the Continuation of the Emergency Declarations and Limited Executive Orders

Hearing Date: 9:30 a.m., Tuesday, February 8th, 2022

Dear Members of the Public Health Committee,

I am writing as a mom with a child in public school that had suffered with acne, headaches and dizziness for the last 2 years due to having to wear a mask to school and extracurricular activities. I urge you not to legislate or codify the EO 13A – Mask Rule as this should be a decision made by parents. Masks have affected the social and emotional development of our children.

Studies have shown that surgical and cloth masks do not work in slowing the spread of COVID-19 (CDC-Jan2022). Also, vaccination status should not determine if a child should wear a mask as well. We know that fully vaccinated people can get and transmit the virus.

Please consider our children when making these important decisions. They need to return to normalcy.

Thank you,

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