

Written Testimony for:

Legislative Information Hearing: Continuation of Emergency Declarations and Limited Executive Orders

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As a citizen of the State of Connecticut, I believe the Governor's State of Emergency powers should be revoked immediately.

The SARS CoV2 emergency is over, and has been over for quite some time. There is no need for our State Constitution to be suspended any longer.

Our hospitals are not overwhelmed (and they were designed to be overwhelmed from time to time, such as during an influenza outbreak), our illnesses are under control. We have knowledge and means to treat COVID infections with great success. We know that the childhood mortality rate is around 0.002%. Many of us have developed natural immunity (which lasts 18 months or longer).

We are now suffering under non-legislatively-approved Executive Orders, such as vaccine mandates for State employees. These mandates have gutted our workforce and our morale. It is time to discuss COVID rules and mandates publicly, legislatively, and constitutionally.

Holding our constitutionally-given rights at bay (i.e., continuing the Governor's Emergency Rule) in order to receive Federal Emergency Funds is immoral, and frankly, embarrassing.

Continuing Governor Lamont's emergency rule only helps big corporations and medical establishments, and only hurts the entrepreneurs, small business owners, and children of Connecticut. It is time to bring ALL these issues to the entire Legislature with full participation of the citizenry.