Testimony in SUPPORT of: CONTINUATION OF EMERGENCY DECLARATIONS & LIMITED EXECUTIVE ORDERS Hearing: TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2022 – 9:00 AM

To Whom it May Concern,

I am writing in **SUPPORT** of the Continuation of the Emergency Declarations & Limited Executive Orders. There are no two ways around it, Covid was and remains a public health emergency. The Emergency Declarations and Limited Executive Orders have helped Governor Lamont to be able to respond quickly to new variants and changing situations which in turn has helped to keep CT safer than many other states. Vaccination and masking are key to keeping CT residents safe. His vaccination mandates for state employees and certain health care workers helped increase and further encourage vaccination in the state. Masking in schools is recommended by the CDC and helps protect our loved ones as well as school personnel and those in the community. As a senior with underlying health conditions, I was extremely fearful of voting in person and appreciated the option to vote by absentee ballot due to Covid. I hope that this measure will be extended. We also recently got masks and home tests and it is important for the Governor to be able to purchase vital supplies like testing kits and protective equipment for our state. As much as I would like to be done with Covid-19 the unfortunate fact is that it is here for a while. An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.

Thank you for supporting the Continuation of Emergency Declarations & Limited Executive Orders.

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