What data are you using to determine whether or not to extend restrictions on our children? I have reached out to our board of education and our Governor's office, and nobody is able to provide me with that information. No science, no data, no actual reference to statistics...I find that to be extremely troubling. To add insult to injury, the Governor admitted in a press conference on January 24<sup>th</sup> that in order to get his hands on additional federal funding, this "so-called emergency" needs to be extended. He knows there is no real emergency, yet he's willing to continue using our children as pawns in this sick game to defraud the federal government out of money.

To claim that our children are at risk of dying from Covid is beyond absurd at this point. The entire world has returned to some sense of normalcy, yet the blue states here in our country refuse to let it go. It's school unions and organizations who want these kids masked, not parents. It's the politicians who want these kids masked, not parents. Both the politicians and school "systems", have needlessly scared the crap out of children. Causing a serious mental-illness crisis. They have abused our children.

At the same time, both groups have lied about the science itself, totally ignoring the fact that school-aged kids are THE least likely to be affected by Covid, and least likely to transmit it. Moreover, we now know that masks are basically useless, the studies have been out for months now, with John Hopkins recently releasing the latest study in masks ineffectiveness. So why are so many politicians still standing strong on masking our kids and injecting them with shots they do not need? I'll tell you why: They refuse to admit that they're wrong. The "State" has gained so much power with this crisis, that those who want to rule and engineer societies, simply don't want to lose that. That, and left leaning politicians can't afford to be wrong. So big government types are going to continue to use horrible, authoritarian means, to control every part of our existence and they're using the youngest, most impressionable people to do so. It's abusive, it should be criminal, and it needs to stop. The parents have had enough, and our kids deserve better.

Thank you.

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