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Dear Sir/Madam:

As a lifelong resident of Connecticut, I simply wish to convey my support for LIFTING ALL restrictions and mandates due to COVID IMMEDIATELY.

These restrictions and mandates include all mask wearing, forced vaccinations, social distancing, curfews, closing or curtailing of hours of operation of business and schools and religious and other establishments, remote learning, reconfiguring schools or schedules, and public service messages supporting these restrictions and mandates.

After all, it's now terribly clear that all the restrictions and mandates have had no positive effect on reducing transmission of the respiratory virus.

As one example of evidentiary support, I cite the newly released Johns Hopkins study, which concludes, "lockdowns have had little or no effect on COVID-19 mortality" and further:

"While this meta-analysis concludes that lockdowns have had little to no public health effects, they have imposed enormous economic and social costs where they have been adopted. In consequence, lockdown policies are ill-founded and should be rejected as a pandemic policy instrument."

<https://sites.krieger.jhu.edu/iae/files/2022/01/A-Literature-Review-and-Meta-Analysis-of-the-Effects-of-Lockdowns-on-COVID-19-Mortality.pdf>

I am stunned in particular about the media, political, and even academic disdain, ridicule, downplaying, and dismissal of the "enormous economic and social costs." As just one example, the young we now know have a greater likelihood of dying from opioid overdose than from covid. And lockdowns, mandates, and restrictions have only increased that likelihood for the young.

Let this be a VERY important lesson for the future.

Furthermore, where some allowance for error could have been made 2 years ago due to ignorance about the virus, the statistical data are now inarguable, and the omicron variant, over 99 percent of current cases, is too mild in aggregate to argue for any continuance of any restrictions or mandates at all. Yes, the vaccines likely reduce severity in infected individuals (due to T cells), but it's now clear that antibodies from the vaccines, including even booster shot, do nothing at all to prevent or reduce virus transmission, i.e., infection from the omicron variant. The hard truth is that transmission with omicron is unstoppable as we have witnessed, but this is probably a (very) good thing for ultimate attenuation of virus effects over the long term.

In short, I am in accord with this recent Opinion piece from Josh Hammer of Newsweek:
"The best path forward for omicron: Let it rip":

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Thank you for hearing me out.

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