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To the Connecticut General Assembly:

Covid-19, in all its forms, has been with us for over two years. It is clear that we have learned to live with this virus and no longer need to have emergency powers for Governor Lamont. It is time to return power to the legislature.

Being a retired educator, I have many friends and former colleagues that continue to work in public schools. We agree that a unique and necessary part of communication comes from facial expression. A teacher can tell by looking at a student's face if they understand concepts or have questions. They can see emotion and can tell if a student is happy or sad. Since the lock down of education in Connecticut many students have lost basic communication skills. They arrive at school with masks on and hoodies up. They are a ghost in the classroom.

I do not support codification of EO 9-1 or EO 13. Do not continue to force our children to be anonymous in the classroom.

Regards,

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