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State of Connecticut
Department of Public Health

RE: Oppose Extension of Emergency Powers

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to express my opinion that it is time to end the emergency and the Governors emergency powers in the State of CT.

First of all, where is the emergency? We are two years into this pandemic. How long do you anticipate it going on? What constitutes an emergency? What metrics will end the emergency? COVID is not going anywhere. Other countries have begun recognizing this and have removed their restrictions. When will we?

Everywhere you look you see people living their lives, going out to eat, going to the gym or the movies or a concert, going to the library, and many other activities that seem, dare I say it, normal. Yet, my children have been wearing masks and being told not to go near their friends for the better part of two years now in school, despite my efforts to avoid it. I have moved them to Catholic school, but they still have to wear masks for much of their day and they are still kept away from each other as much as possible because they are following the health department's guidelines. I am moving them to a homeschool situation next year because I have no faith in our government to do the right thing and release our children from their burden of protecting the adults in their lives.

My oldest child is defiant, so I have no real worries about her. My youngest however, has been going through this since he started Kindergarten. The kids sat 6 feet apart while eating with no opportunity to socialize in their first year of formal education. They were expected to wear masks and sit quietly and work all day long at 5 and 6 years old. My son doesn't know a world without masks. He has not made the friends my older daughter was able to make. My kids are well adjusted emotionally because I haven't told them they will die or kill their grandma if they get COVID, like some of their friends have been told. In fact we all, including grandma, had COVID and recovered quite

easily. Now we have natural immunity which has finally been declared the best possible protection against COVID. The only issues that remain in my children's lives are the lack of seeing and learning emotion, the lack of human connection, and the problems they have when they can't properly hear others speaking. They must be unmasked and they must not be made to feel like disease carrying lepers so that they may properly socialize. After all, the children are our future.

My children's teachers are not organized in unions and somehow, with their lower pay and benefits, they still come to school each day and do their best to teach under these circumstances. They are heroes, if you ask me, as opposed to the teachers having their unions fight to protect them at the expense of the kids. They are not forced to keep their jobs. They may change careers at any time if they are afraid of the kids.

Please do the right thing and let the emergency powers expire so we can all move on. No amount of money coming from our Federal Government, we the taxpayers, is worth what our children have endured. It is time to unburden them.

Please contact me with questions or concerns.

Thank you,



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