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Dear Public Health Committee:

I am strongly opposed to the extension of the executive orders. They are non constitutional and are definitely unnecessary. Our children are not able to be children and are feared into thinking that this is a normal way of living. I have a 5 year old son who will start kindergarten in the fall and do not want him to have to associate masks with his daily learning. It is proven that it has developmental issues and causes social isolation. In addition, they are ineffective and do not provide safety for the children. It should be up to the parents to parent their children and make the best decision for their child.

I am also a registered nurse who has worked the entire time through the pandemic. I have taken care of numerous sick patients (some with Covid and many without) and feel that I have been non discriminatory towards my patients because that is the job I have signed up to do. I strongly oppose the mandate for healthcare workers to be vaccinated and boosted in order to provide care to sick patients-especially when we are allowed to work when we are sick due to short staffing issues.

Thank you for your time,

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