## TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF CONTINUATION OF EMERGENCY DECLARATIONS & LIMITED EXECUTIVE ORDERS Hearing: TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2022, 9 AM

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing in support of continuing Governor Lamont's Emergency Declarations and also in support of Limited Executive Orders.

Although there is major Covid fatigue across the country, we must not forget that we cannot wish this away. It is a worldwide pandemic and new variants can occur very quickly, just like Omicron did. We have no way of predicting what is going to happen next, when the next variant will arrive or how contagious and deadly it will be. Even though CT's vaccination rates may be better than in other parts of the country, we know that Covid-19 knows no boundaries. That is why it is imperative that Governor Lamont maintain the flexibility to react quickly. The fact that our CT legislature is only in session until May is also crazy and simply serves to complicate a difficult situation.

I am 75 years of age and interact with many older people, as well as those who have compromised health as I do. I am extremely grateful for the many measures we have here in CT. I appreciate having been able to vote by absentee ballot in the past and hope to be able to vote by absentee ballot using the Covid AB option in the future.

Thank you for your consideration.

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