Connecticut General Assembly

February 7, 2022

RE: OPPOSE the Continuation of Emergency Declarations & Limited Executive Orders Informational Hearing

Dear Members,

I am writing to you today to ask you to OPPOSE all continuation of the Governor's executive powers and orders. It has been two long years and it is beyond time that take an honest look at the risk/reward ratio of these orders. Specifically, the damage done to the children of Connecticut needs to be evaluated and acknowledged. The avoidable mental health crisis in our children should be of top concern for our leaders. Children in other states are not forced to live like our children do in Connecticut. Top health officials in most other states have concluded that we are at a time for personal responsibility and do not have their children masked, socially distanced, watching movies at lunch so they don't socialize, or receiving detentions for having a mask slip under their nose. Our children have been shouldering the weight of this for too long; they are depressed, they are not being socialized, children with ADHD and sensory issues are in misery, children with special speech and language needs are languishing, and young developing children are being neglected of proper facial feedback. Whatever money Connecticut is receiving to keep our children masked IS NOT WORTH IT. It is time for personal responsibility, let the children breathe, stop our governor's unnecessary emergency powers, and remove all the executive orders.

Sincerely

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