

Dear Members of the Public Health Committee,

I am writing to urge you to please VOTE NO to any extension of Governor Lamont's Executive Orders/Powers. At this point, just about 2 years later, we are no longer in a state of emergency. This is simply a power grab and political play to secure funding and to keep control over the people of CT.

The masking of our children in schools needs to stop. The long term damage this will have on our children is going to be devastating and yet to be seen. How can we expect our youngest children to learn appropriate social skills and expression when faces cannot be seen? We are expecting our children to sit in a classroom and concentrate for 6 plus hours a day, when not allowing them to breathe freely. As a mother of 2, I know what is best for my boys. I have seen the negative impact surrounding these masks. They have more anxiety than before. My son doesn't like wearing his glasses, that he needs in school, because the glasses fog up with the mask on. Enough is enough. The CDC has come out and changed their stance that cloth face coverings are merely a decoration and only give the perception of safety. Let's end these mask mandates and give our children the normalcy that is their right.

My son had to write for MLK Jr. Day, a narrative to finish "I have a dream." In summary of his words, he said he had a dream that there would be no more masks. That he can go to school with out a mask and that Covid 19 would be over.

I am also appalled at the segregation that is happening in the schools and in the community in terms of dividing vaccinated from unvaccinated. Any rational person can conclude that it does not make sense when the vaccinated are still transmitting and getting sick with Covid-19.

I stand for personal choice and medical freedom to choose what works best for an individual. The Governor no longer needs Executive orders mandating masking or vaccines for work/school. It should be a personal choice. Please allow the people of CT to choose what works best for themselves and their families. Please OPPOSE any extension of emergency orders as the emergency of over. Unmask our kids!

Thank you for your consideration,

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