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Connecticut Legislative Leadership

Hartford, CT

I am writing in regard to Governor Lamont's request to extend his Emergency Powers for an additional 60 days.

As a resident of CT, I do applaud most of the past efforts by Governor Lamont and his team to control the health risks to the general population from COVID. Today we have effective vaccines available and other medications to ameliorate the effects of COVID. Most infectious disease experts today state that COVID will continue to mutate for another 4-5 years. It is not being eliminated. There are small segments of the population who have medical conditions that make them more susceptible to the effects of COVID. Some people have chosen not to be vaccinated. But we are at the stage in the lifecycle of this virus where people need to make their own choices regarding exposure to COVID. We can no longer tolerate forced shut downs of aspects of our lives and economy. Let people make their own choices and parents make choices for their children.

Therefore, I **do not** support an extension of the Emergency Powers for Governor Lamont.

Sincerely,

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