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Distinguished Ladies and Gentlemen, thank you for taking the time to read and give thought to my and all the Connecticut Citizens' opinions on Gov Lamont's executive orders and mandates.

I am a strong supporter of choice and prefer much of the control of many aspects of our lives be on a state and local government level.

I had originally thought that Gov Lamont was handling the Covid mandates and masking mandates in a fair manner during the first year when many of our surrounding states were shutting down completely. However, the aggressive grab for Emergency Orders giving him unilateral control of Mandates to control and direct our decisions without going through the general assembly certainly have me thinking differently.

While we all know that "scientific data", whether proven accurate or not, was used as the narrative to push for complete executive powers, we have seen where there is finally coming to an end of these in many states. I am not sure whether this is due to finally looking at the science or due to the fact that an election season is upon us.

I do believe that all of Gov Lamont's executive powers and mandates should be rescinded and that local towns should be responsible for their actions. In addition, if the general assembly wants to discuss certain issues that it believes needs to be addressed, that is how our government is supposed to work.

Masking has certainly brought out "scientific" data and opinions, which are on both side of the discussions. Whether cloth masks prevent small, microscopic particles from infiltrating into a person's nose/mouth is debatable as we have seen. Notwithstanding that the uses of a disposable cloth mask should be one-time and disposed of, not played with throughout the day by our children, causing additional health issues, aside from the "education" shortfalls that are incurred. The negative impact on our children has been documented from the beginning and has now come full circle, identifying that masks are more harmful to children than any of the "diseases"/Covid that are circulating. These are the current scientific facts.

I will not list the additional negatives, as I am sure you are all aware of and that others may offer. Please take these scientific facts and remove Gov Lamont's Emergency Powers/Executive Mandates, including the mask mandates for kids in schools. Choice is letting those that are comfortable and understand the issues to wear them. Under our current assumptions, choice is not to let State BOEs mandate for communities with questionable motives.

Thank you for your time and efforts. And please do not make this a political event.

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