Testimony in SUPPORT of:

CONTINUATION OF EMERGENCY DECLARATIONS & LIMITED EXECUTIVE ORDERS Hearing: TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2022 – 9:00 AM

To Whom it May Concern:

I am writing in support of the Continuation of the Emergency Declarations & Limited Executive Orders.

We are still in very much in the midst of the Covid -19 pandemic. While the number of infections in Connecticut are decreasing at the moment, we know that other variants are on the way. It is important that Governor Lamont has the ability to act swiftly in response to this ever changing situation.

Follow the science. Masks work. Long Covid is real, even in mild cases. Hospitals are struggling.

Please do not let political pressure from people with no scientific background interfere with protecting Connecticut residents from this deadly illness.

It is also important that we continue the right to vote by absentee ballot using the fear of Covid as a valid excuse. Many voters who do not feel safe going to the polls for a variety of reasons. Without the extension of the Emergency Declarations, these voters will not be able to participate in our Democracy.

Thank you for supporting the Continuation of Emergency Declarations & Limited Executive Orders.

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