

I strongly oppose the continuation of Emergency Declarations and Limited Executive Orders.

There is no longer an emergency in CT. And we cannot continue to keep this emergency in place "in case" another emergency should arise. That is unreasonable 2 years into COVID.

Going forward each individual should be able to make the choice for themselves and their families how they choose to navigate a world where COVID-19 exists and will likely remain a part of our reality.

The government overreach has to end. The state must begin to trust the residents of CT.

I am also asking for each executive order and mandate to be voted on individually and not as a whole.

I am especially passionate on the topic of masking children in school. I vehemently oppose mandating masks on every single child. This one size fits all approach to our children has to end. I am for mask choice. Only a parent should choose whether their child should place a medical device over their mouth and nose. No public official, teacher or any other adult other than a child's parent has that right.

Our poor children have been masked 7-8 hours a day 5 days a week for 2 school years. My daughter is in 4th grade and her last normal year of school was 1st grade. How sad is that? My heart breaks for our children.

My daughter has experienced anxiety in school over the last 2 years that she had never experienced pre-pandemic. The masking and other covid protocols in school have caused her stress.

She has had many episodes of anxiety in school where she gets hot, her chest hurts, she feels like she can't breathe. She feels confined to her desk because moving freely about the classroom is prohibited. They can no longer hang up their coats or backpacks in the designated areas and must keep them on the back of their chair or next to their desks. She says having all of that stuff around her and a mask on causes her waves of anxiety where she feels claustrophobic. I make it a point to tell her to take her mask down and take deep breaths and a drink of water. Our children are so scared to take their masks down they suffer in silence.

The stress and anxiety caused by masking and other covid protocols at school have caused more damage than covid itself ever will. She had covid and recovered with ease.

Let's be honest most families in this state including our legislatures and governor go about their daily lives and enjoy their weekends with family and friends like the pandemic is over. Our children go to parties, play sports, go to sleepovers at their friends' houses, celebrate holidays, go on vacations, concerts, bowling, etc. unmasked and unafraid. But as soon as most walk into a grocery store or the kids go to school on Monday morning it's mask up to comply with outdated and unreasonable rules. It's all for show at this point and it has to end.

Thank you,

Melissa Egan

39 Butternut Drive

Meriden, CT 06450

