

Dear Members of the CT General Assembly:

We are writing to request that you **VOTE “NO”** on the upcoming vote being taken to extend all and any of the COVID emergency executive orders previously issued by Governor Ned Lamont. Specifically, Executive Order 13A (mask mandates) should NOT be extended and should TERMINATE. If all of the Executive Orders that are proposed to be extended (including Executive Order 13A) are bundled into one single vote, we request that you also **VOTE “NO”** on this matter.

There is no longer an emergency, pursuant to which these emergency executive powers should continue. Further, scientific research indicates that the costs-to-benefits ratio of this mandate is dramatically skewed towards costs. It is high time we all acknowledge and act upon these numerous costs – namely, all the negative consequences (*physical, social, emotional, academic*) of forced masking that our children have had to experience over the course of the past 1.5 years. Science shows that benefits of forced masking to self and others are negligible, if any at all. It is becoming increasingly obvious that forced masking is much more political in nature than it is scientific. As such, it needs to stop now.

Sincerely,

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