

Dear Members of the CT General Assembly:

I am a dance teacher and most importantly a mother of three children: a fifth-grader (age 11), a third-grader (9) and a Kindergartner (5). My Kindergartener has been masked since he started pre-school and has never seen the full faces of his teachers or classmates. He has speech issues and a teacher, who sadly, can't teach phonetic awareness properly while fully masked. I could continue and present the emotional pleas on behalf of my children but I know you have received many such messages.

Instead, I am writing to protect the rights of students and their families and 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, I request that you also **VOTE NO** on this matter. There is no longer an emergency pursuant to which these emergency executive powers should continue.

Thank you very much for representing the best outcome for your constituents and preserving balance between government and individual power. Your courage is appreciated by so many like me! PLEASE VOTE NO! We are done!! We want a choice!

Sincerely,

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