

Dear Leaders and Decision-Makers,

I am writing to express my support for mask choice in CT schools and for the end of Governor Lamont's mandate of masks in schools and Covid-19 restrictions and mandates.

From a developmental perspective, it is time for our children to get back to normal. We need them to see facial expressions and affect, we need them to recognize friendliness from across the park, and we need them to see their teacher's faces. This is critical not only for early childhood, but even during the incredibly rapid adolescent period.

Additionally, my understanding is that Governor Lamont is asking you to vote 11 executive orders into law. We are asking for a public hearing and also for these orders to be voted on separately. Each of these executive orders is different and has a significant impact on our state and needs its own individual vote. With that said, I ask that you vote NO to passing a school mask mandate into law.

Thank you for your consideration,

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