

Hi, my name is Sarah Williams. I am writing this to express my total opposition to the extension of Governor Lamont's Executive Orders. Being a teacher, I see the detrimental effects of children wearing masks in school. In an already traumatic time in life, children are now becoming more withdrawn and losing critical social skills by the day. Not only are there negative mental effects, but students are wearing masks that are dirty, wet from their mouths, as well as using them to wipe their noses. How can this possibly be protecting them from illness? If anything, it is only making things worse!

I lose sleep at night thinking about sending my almost 3-year-old daughter to a preschool next year wearing a mask. How will she develop her communication and articulation skills while wearing a mask? Young children need to see smiles and facial expression to develop social awareness. What happens when my daughter cries for me a nap time? Does she have to breath in her mask while trying to get comfort in knowing she will be okay?

These orders need to end. If it isn't now, then when will it be? Are we going to live like this forever? The infection rate is so low in our state and only getting lower. There is absolutely no emergency. Why would there still be emergency orders in place?

I know I will never get any answers to these questions because if people were actually honest with the answers then they would see that none of this makes sense. Please think of our vulnerable and impressionable children and give Connecticut residents the right to individual choice!

Thank you for taking the time to read my heart-felt testimony and please consider feelings like mine when making your decision.

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