

Public Health Committee:

I OPPOSE the extension of the 11 Executive Orders. They are unconstitutional, not based on science, and harmful to people and the economy. Children are suffering. The mental health crisis is increasing at an alarming rate. As a special education teacher, I see it on a daily basis. Children can't read our facial expressions to understand whether they are getting positive or negative feedback. When in an escalated state, students on the Autism spectrum take much longer to calm down due to not understanding the language, whether it is an articulation issue or volume issue (both due to masks). This takes away from their learning time and the ability to be in the classroom with their peers. Children are being made to believe that they are harming their family and friends by breathing and that they must wear masks. This is causing psychological problems for our children.

I am asking that these executive orders do not get extended. Our children are our future and they are counting on us to stand up for them. I oppose the extension of these orders.

NO to EO 7P-1: Non-Congregant Housing
NO to EO 9-1: Mask Mandate for Schools & Child Care
NO to EO 9Q-3: Out-of-Network COVID Immunization
NO to EO 14A, Section 4: Procurement of Essential Goods & Services
NO to EO 13A: General Mask Mandate
NO to EO 14B: Vaccination Requirement for Staff at Long Term Care Facilities
NO to EO 13C: COVID Database
NO to EO 13G AND 14C: Vaccination Requirement for State Hospital Employees
NO to EO 13E: Temporary Nurse Aide Program
NO to EO 14D: Hospital Staffing
NO to EO 14F: Nursing Home Visitation

Thank you for your time,

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