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Greetings to the committee.

I am an Assistant Principal at a private school in NY for children with autism and mom to a 5-year-old who attends public school in our town.

I am writing to ask that you follow the science and all the actual data that points to an end of all restrictive measures in Connecticut. Entire countries have ended all mandates and completely opened up.

The virus is doing what viruses do to survive, spreading easier and weakening. We will likely an uptick in the numbers next fall and winter just like we do every year for the flu. We haven't been able to end the flu virus with a vaccine because the virus is always changing. Every year people unfortunately die from the flu. We will not be able to eradicate Covid with lockdowns, masks or shots either. In the future, focused Covid related efforts should be on those with serious health and medical conditions.

Dr. Stefanos Kales, Medical Professor at Harvard, called Covid an endemic and we can no longer justify the restrictions on our kids and our lives in general for something that is here to stay. To vote otherwise cannot be justified based on the current science. To vote to prolong this would appear to have an agenda of its own that is clearly not health or data based.

Thank you for your time.

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