

My name is Stephanie Johnson. I am a mother of four children all five years old or under as you can imagine my schedule has limited pockets of "free time". I hope that you give a great amount of consideration to parents who are writing to you and giving spoken testimony, each word they write is important and has come with an additional cost of giving up precious time to address this body of legislators.

Sadly, Connecticut has become so corrupt and blinded by it's financial ruin that it and the Governor are willing to go to any lengths to receive as much federal dollars as possible. This includes making mask mandates and this includes the abusive masking mandates on our children. It is long overdue that the Governor and you all, as the legislators, make every effort to restore the individual liberties and choice to us, the people.

We all can or should research the science, or shame on you if you only rely on CNN or FOX for your news. We are not in a state of emergency. Let's discuss where we really are in this new cold virus stage, like rational, free-thinking adults. We are a democratic republic so let's start acting like one. I ask that you vote no to the extension of powers for Governor Lamont. I also ask that you do not vote to codify any laws. Each executive order should have a public hearing, a discussion and a vote.

We have elected positions to keep fairness and balance to the Governorship, otherwise we just have a dictator. It is a shame when our immigrated friends from Cuba and former USSR are having to tell us that CT government is acting like their former resident tyrannical communist governments.

My children do not wear masks and I am grateful that we are in that circumstance. However, I have family members- adults and children -who are ruled by your corrupt fear mongering, and it is devastating to our human relationships.

You have taken the goodwill of the Connecticut residents with a two-week appeal. We are well in to two years now of mandates and restrictions, businesses closed, fired employees due to medical mandates, and unbearable division. At best, we are losing families who are moving out of state to a state which values freedom, has great pay, no mask or vaccine mandates, and lower taxes. At worst, we are raising up a generation of children who will be scarred and damaged in ways we are only beginning to see.

Most sincerely,

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