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It is time to put an end to Governor Lamont's emergency powers. It has been almost two years. We cannot stay in a state of constant emergency. We will need to learn to live with this virus and treat it just like we treat other common viruses, like the flu. There are treatments and more are being developed.

Most importantly, though, we need to unmask our school children. I am devastated when I see little children in masks and realize that this has been going on for half or a third of their little lives. We are ruining their childhoods and they are paying the price. It is time to get rid of the mandates for school. Let kids go back to being kids, especially since they are at such low risk with this virus. They never should have been forced to wear masks for this long.

I already know many families with young children who are contemplating or planning to leave Connecticut because of the response to the pandemic. If you don't want to turn CT into a state with even more reasons to leave, I urge you to end the Governor's emergency powers and end the mask mandates.

Looking for your support,

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