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To: [Community Support and Services Committee](#)
Subject: Stop the bill
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To whom it may concern,

I write with serious concern with regards to the following:

On 22 February 2022 the Minister for Health and Ambulance Services introduced the Public Health and Other Legislation (Extension of Expiring Provisions) Amendment Bill 2022 into the Queensland Parliament. The Bill was referred to the Community Support and Services Committee for detailed consideration.

The purpose of the Bill is to:

- *further extend the operation of essential public health measures implemented to facilitate Queensland's response to the COVID-19 pandemic*
- *extend amendments to the Corrective Services Act 2006, Disaster Management Act 2003 and Mental Health Act 2016 to support the public health response.*

I oppose the extension of this Bill because as it is evidently clear, Omicron has not been a threat and is little more than a common cold or mild flu.

The damage to society from lockdown and control measures around restrictions has been far more extensive than you may realise and decisiveness has torn families, friends and community apart.

Mental health impacts is at an all time high due to various situations including job loss and financial strains. Suicide has increased and more people have taken their life over the past two years than covid has taken. This cannot be ignored and it cannot continue.

I urge you to return society free of control. Politicians are elected to serve the people and the people do not need anymore control measures dictating their lives. We are meant to be a free democratic country, which has not been evident over the past two years. How are we to rebuild our state under constraint? Release the chains. If the state government does not, and does extend these emergency powers, without and actual emergency, they will suffer at the next election through lack of respect from the people.

Regards,

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