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Committee Secretary
and Services Committee

Community Support
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Dear Committee Secretary,

RE: PUBLIC HEALTH AND OTHER LEGISLATION (EXTENSION OF EXPIRING PROVISIONS) AMENDMENT BILL 2022 (BILL)

On behalf of my family, we wish to state our concern over this above mentioned bill and advise that we **do not** support the Bill or the extension of the state of emergency.

I will not state in this letter studies made by researchers. I am sure you will get quite a few of those. I will however just state how this has affected my family.

My eldest daughter wanted to travel and be part of this beautiful world, to go on compassionate trips where she could use her skills to bring joy to others less fortunate than herself. Not being vaccinated due to suffering from multiple autoimmune diseases; not wanting to risk her health in this way with vaccines that have no proven safety data of more than 5 years, she is now unable to leave the country or state without having to quarantine at the cost to herself. These mandates have also caused her some depression and anxiety over what lays ahead for her future. Watching this as a mother is heart wrenching. Knowing that she has much to give and many talents to use makes us as a family angry and sad at the same time.

My second daughter planned to study physiotherapy this year at university. Unfortunately this had to be put on hold, being also not vaccinated she is unable to attend without a RAT test (at cost to us) every time she attends campus and she cannot attend placements to finish her degree. Again her plans for future have caused her much anxiety and concerns. She has seen a doctor and is working through her feelings. She is also worried every time she attends works because of the risk of people asking to see her green tick.

My youngest who has always been home schooled, has missed out on attending activities because I am not vaccinated. However, she has been able to keep her job in the hospitality industry. She is constantly asking if she can go places and constantly being disappointed.

Personally these mandates, lock downs and talk of covid early on have affected me with high anxiety and panic attacks where previously I have never experienced these in my 48 years. I was able to relieve this with obtaining employment that helped me take my mind off these things. However, even though I was an essential worker during the height of lockdowns, with mandates across the hospitality industry, I was deemed unemployable. I also secured a teaching aide role at the local school and received a 3 day contract for 2022. Again, I am deemed unemployable because of mandates. To say I am upset is an understatement.

This is just one family in the community. I know personally of many more. Mostly I see a rise of anxiety and concern over futures in those around me.

Please reject this Bill and help us get back to the so called "normal" that everyone likes to talk about.

Regards,

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