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Good afternoon,

I would like to express my views on the subject of the extension of expiring provisions. In short, **I am against the extension of any emergency powers granted to the CHO and any other State actors in response to COVID-19**, for the reasons outlined below. I am not qualified to speak from a legal, medical or economic perspective, so I will keep to the subject of the observed effectiveness of said provisions.

1. The provisions in place have not affected the nature or severity of COVID-19. However they have done a good job of convincing most people to self-regulate against the virus and get vaccinated/boosted; therefore most individuals do not require further provisions to 'do the right thing'. The virus currently shows a mortality rate of 0.1%, with 12% of the population infected at some point in time.
2. These provisions have seen many state departments, all of which were severely undermanned to begin with (i.e. healthcare and education) lose critical personnel, and are now less able to deliver vital services to the public.
3. Removing these provisions will not remove the provisions declared under the 'human biosecurity emergency', so COVID cases can still be managed very effectively on an individual basis, using qualified biosecurity officers rather than using unqualified police officers.
4. Extension of these provisions will not convince those against these provisions to change their stance, but it may enable them to justify themselves to cause more civil unrest and protests; which of course creates unrest and discomfort for the rest of us.

Regards,

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