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To: <u>Community Support and Services Committee</u>

**Subject:** Public Health Order - Extensions of Expiring Provisions Amendment Bill 2022

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Dear Chairman,

I wish to express my concerns for the extension of the public health order. I truly believe that more harm than good has come from these powers being used on an on-going basis, regardless of the need. The idea that we would extend the public health order on the basis that there may be an outbreak in the future is baffling. The public health orders should only be for when we are in the midst of an emergency. I don't believe COVID-19 is still an emergency situation. As it currently sits at 38<sup>th</sup> as a cause of death it seems the public health orders have run their course.

Most people are vaccinated, have recovered from the virus, or more than likely both. This means our level of immunity is incredibly high and we should be ready to ride any future waves organically and without political intervention.

These public health orders are hurting us more than the virus has. Please consider how dangerous this bill is and the toll it has taken on lives.

"Those who would give up essential Liberty, to purchase a little temporary Safety, deserve neither Liberty nor Safety."

- Benjamin Franklin

I look forward to your careful consideration.

Kind Regards,

Lisa De Caluwe