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To: Community Support and Services Committee

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

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To whom it may concern,

I am writing to you today to express my OBJECTION to the PUBLIC HEALTH AND OTHER LEGISLATION (EXTENSION OF EXPIRING PROVISIONS) AMENDMENT BILL 2022.

Every day I see more and more small businesses struggling to make ends meet. My local cafe that I visit every day has consistently had under half of the patrons that you would have expected to be in the premises pre pandemic. It is obvious to me that the continuous propaganda the general media and your press conferences push out is having an effect on consumer confidence.

Vaccinated or not, people are ready to move on with their lives and the extension of these powers continue to inhibit that want every day that remains in place.

Personal responsibility has always had its place in day to day life. We have listens to you over the past 2 years and although your directions in most instances were ever changing and frustrating to us; they were mostly complied with. It is time to give this personal responsibility back to the individual and for us to decide whether the tools we have all used over the past 2 years are going to be helpful to the current circumstances we find ourselves in.

We are not incompetent and can make decisions on our health for ourselves.

Furthermore, it is time to end the medical apartheid you have created. Yes that is a harsh discrimination of what the government has subjected the public to, but it is the reality. We as a society haven't fought for equality over the years to be segregated by this disease. You yourselves report that this disease has a very low mortality rate for the vast majority of the people that make up our communities.

I'm sure you have received many of these emails today. It would be helpful if you actually considered them and not just dismiss them as the minority as it seems you try to portray this belief system to be.

James O'Donohue