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**To:** [Community Support and Services Committee](#)  
**Subject:** CANCEL THE EXTENSION OF EMERGENCY BILL  
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Good morning,

I am writing to you to call for the cancellation of the Extension to the Emergency Bill.

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My name is Amy Black and I work as a Correctional Officer. My husband is a musician and also has a mowing business which is fairly new. The bulk of his income comes from his music gigs in Brisbane of which he has been doing for over 20 years.

My husband and I chose not to have the Covid-19 vaccination as we made an informed decision based on my medical history and the information that was presented by medical professionals world wide and shared with the public. In December I was mandated to have the vaccination due to keep my job. I cannot afford to lose my job as we have a massive mortgage and two children who rely on us so I was forced to have the first vaccination. Apart from the bizarre symptoms I had immediately following the vaccine, the long term symptoms include a rise to my resting heart rate and I get heart palpitations. I also have many more veins in my legs coming up and I do not know what this has done to the tumour in my liver (liver haemangioma – made of blood vessels). I was booked in to have my second vaccination in January however I contracted Covid-19 at work after being exposed to covid positive prisoners. I was not afforded the opportunity to be fit tested with a more efficient mask before this exposure.

I had several days off work due to having Covid-19. As a Correctional Officer my base pay rate is approximately \$26 / hour. I get 28.5% loading on this to make up for working weekends, public holidays, nights, Christmas day etc. However when I have sick days, I get \$26 / hour as my sick pay rate. Which doesn't get my bills paid.

Due to contracting covid-19, I was given an exemption for 6 months as the vaccine is not recommended soon after having covid due to increased reactions. I have the 'green tick' and can go into places that require vaccination. But I am not allowed to step foot into my work place until the exemption is over and I get another vaccination against my own decision in order to keep my job, my house, my kids secure etc etc. I am being paid whilst I am not allowed into my work place but I cannot earn any over time which my family relies on to pay our bills.

Having Covid-19 gave me the exact headache and sleepless night that followed my first vaccination. If I wanted to feel the effects of covid-19, I would prefer to have covid-19 than have a vaccination that made me feel the same way. Except the vaccination gave me additional reactions that covid did not – that were scary and bizarre. Both of my unvaccinated children also contracted covid but the effects lasted less than 12 hours. My unvaccinated husband did not get covid at all.

My husband being unvaccinated lost the bulk of his income as he cannot gig in pubs and clubs. With all of this rain, working in a mowing business is earning less than a minimal wage. We have borrowed thousands from our parents in order to keep our house. But this is unsustainable!

We need the mandates to end so that we don't lose our house and we can both go back to work. It will take a considerable amount of time to get back on top of our bills even if mandates do end now.

Even though we can't go to the movies as a family because my husband isn't vaccinated, we couldn't afford it even if we wanted to. I just spend \$500 on uniforms for a public school and owe \$600 for use of text books. I can't afford my own text books for my university degree. During the latest rain episode we didn't have enough food in the house to last if we did get flooded in as we are living day to day due to having used all of our savings.

Please, end the extension of the emergency bill. End the mandates. You are killing us.

Regards,  
Amy Black