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To: [Community Support and Services Committee](#)
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Dear Sir/Madam

I believe the government needs to take into account the fact that many, many countries have now released all mandates so they therefore think that the height of the Pandemic is over. Many world experts now say we have entered the Endemic Phase and we just need to live with Covid 19 now. **Endemic** is an adjective that means natural to, native to, confined to, or **widespread within a place or population of people**. Covid 19 now fits within this definition and will forever be a part of our lives in some form. COVID "is too widespread now for us to stop or eradicate from humans, so it will very likely become an endemic disease," Dr. Rachel L. Roper, a professor at East Carolina University's medical school who has a doctorate in microbiology and immunology, wrote in an email. It is now burrowed so deep that it will constantly hum along, albeit at controlled, predictable levels, that means it's endemic.

The pandemic has killed many businesses and our economy is suffering badly already but now when communities are having to also deal with serious damage from flood, it is unfair to keep he extra burdens on them. Some people have lost their home and their business. There are much more important things on their plates now than the relatively mild Covid 19.

I believe it is an overreach of government power to further extend the state of emergency and it is completely unnecessary to do so. My will is that you vote AGAINST extending the emergency powers.

Regards
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