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**Subject:** Written testimony

Hello,

My name is Jessica Leblanc, I am writing to you concerning my support of bill # 7218  
JOINT RESOLUTION TERMINATING THE GOVERNOR'S STATE OF EMERGENCY DECLARATION.

Governor Mckee extended our state of emergency in the fall for yet another 6 months, at the time we were actually noted per the RIDOH to be at a low case/hospitalization rate. So why was he able to extend another state of emergency? This state of emergency is set to expire in the next 2 weeks, I ask you all to please end this state of emergency in RI. The citizens of RI have complied for almost 2 years & despite all of the department of health's ineffective mandates, RI just a few weeks ago had the highest number of covid cases/hospitalizations in the country! The definition of insanity is repeating the same thing over & over, expecting a different result.

The firing of healthcare workers during a pandemic (most who have proven natural immunity), was a detrimental mistake. Then allowing covid + vaccinated workers, with symptoms, to work with vulnerable patients is the definition of hypocrisy. This decision is now costing people their livelihoods & patients their lives from staffing shortages. There are over 100 scientific studies proving that natural immunity is robust & protective, please allow an exemption for natural immunity to be accepted to get healthcare workers back to work.

The state of RI being ruled under a constant state of emergency, bypasses the checks & balances required by a democratic state. The need for the state of emergency has long since expired due to the continuing variants that will inevitably emerge. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,  
Jessica Leblanc