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To: House State Government and Elections Committee

Subject: RE: In support of House Resolution 7217 and 7218, against House Concurrent

Resolution 7256

Rhode Island General Assembly,

I am writing to you as a mother in light of the continued mask restrictions on our children in Rhode Island schools. I am aware of the fact that the State of emergency enacted by Governor McKee is due to expire on February 4, 2022. I do not believe that extending this will save lives or keep people safe. I do, however, believe that the continual masking of our children has caused more harm than good. Anxiety and other psychiatric issues among children have risen more than 50% in Rhode Island. Children need to breathe freely without the need to cover their faces. Children need to see their teacher's and their peers' faces. They do not need to shoulder the unnecessary burden of fear that has been placed upon them for far too long.

There have been a total of ZERO deaths of children from covid here in Rhode Island. You have the power as a legislative body to put a stop to the continued masking of the children of RI. I implore you to do the right thing. The time to unmask our children is now.

Thank you, Alisha Burden Wakefield, RI 401529-8456