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From: Chris Gil
Sent: Saturday, February 12, 2022 9:11 AM
To: Jomsky, Mark
Subject: End the Mandates

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From: Graeme Gilfillan ·
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From: Heidi Girvetz
Sent: Sunday, February 13, 2022 10:06 AM
To: Jomsky, Mark
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From: Whitnee Haston <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Sunday, February 13, 2022 9:20 PM
To: Jomsky, Mark
Subject: We Are Going on Two Years- End the Mandates

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From: Kaitlin Hawk
Sent: Saturday, February 12, 2022 1:17 PM
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Subject: Stop Masking Kids

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Kaitlin Hawk

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K-12 student mask mandates, asymptomatic testing and close-contact quarantines are now ineffective, unnecessary and damaging to children. These policies must end February 15th when the state indoor mask mandate expires.

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I am calling on my local elected representative and health agency to discontinue these harmful policies on February 15th when the state indoor mask mandate expires and finally act in the best interest of our children. If we can host the Super Bowl in California, we are no longer in a state of emergency. Please let my child return to normalcy.

Sincerely,
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Re: Stop Depriving Kids of Normalcy

Dear Mr. Jomsky,

In recent days, governments across the US and around the world have rolled back their restrictive Covid 19 mandates. They have done this for a variety of reasons – covid numbers are rapidly declining, scientists are openly questioning the lack of science supporting the efficacy of the mandates - as well as the real-world realization that they just aren't working, and citizens are expressing frustration over the mixed messaging and outrage after witnessing the toll mandates have taken on our communities and especially our children.

On Monday, Governor Newsom announced the end of indoor mask mandates in California as of February 15th. That is, of course, except for children, who must continue to wear masks in school and day care, all day, every day, likely indefinitely. School children and masking are not even part of the discussion when it comes to ending these harmful mandates. This is outrageous for so many reasons but mainly because the LEAST at risk population are being forced to protect anxious adults and they are suffering immeasurably for it. The United States is uniquely aggressive in masking children as young as 2 years old, against the recommendation of the WHO. According to Vinay Prasad, oncologist at UCSF, Jonathan Darrow of Harvard University and Ian Liu of the University of Colorado, "We are well past the emergency phase of this pandemic, and it should be well-known by now that wearing cloth face coverings or surgical masks, universal or otherwise, has a very minor role to play in preventing person-to-person transmission. It is time to stop overselling their efficacy and unrealistic expectations about their ability to end the pandemic."

The argument that students must wear masks all day at school seems to be that they must protect teachers and vulnerable people in their homes. With vaccinations available to teachers and those vulnerable relatives, why do students need to wear masks? We have made this unforgivable decision to shift the anxieties of adults onto the youngest members of society that count on us to defend their interests before our own. Kids don't protect adults! Vaccines and masks protect the individual that chooses to take and wear them. We can no longer place the burden of protecting the vulnerable on our children. They have suffered enough. NO one needs "normal" more than children. We have deprived kids so much already these last two years, and it is time to stop restricting their ability to achieve normalcy when COVID is now on par with the flu in terms of risk to kids.

Sincerely,
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