

Senate Public Health and Welfare Committee

SB 6

Proponent Testimony

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Dear Chairwoman Senator Beverly Gossage-

I strongly urge your support of SB 6. The current language used is Orwellian and to be honest, scary. To read something like this and know that the government can, technically, force these actions with a gun on what is supposed to be a free society is very troubling, concerning, and yes, scary. The verbiage needs to be changed from "required" to "recommend." Again, this is a free society, and we can think and act for ourselves. Please help preserve these freedoms we enjoy. No more medical mandates, please! My children lived under the threat of forced quarantine during Covid. While some situations made this easier to live with (big city or living in the country) we were in a small town that had health department employees feeling emboldened to drive around and look for license plates in driveways that didn't belong there. This is not America. My children were also forced (yes, by physical force) to wear masks that obstructed their breathing. When the force did not work, they were threatened by emboldened teachers, principals, superintendents, and school nurses with scolding words like "we will make you do virtual school at home for the rest of the year." Again, this is not the America we know.

Again, I would greatly appreciate your support of SB6.

Sincerely,

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