



Washington State Legislature

February 9th, 2022

Governor Inslee,

Please follow the lead of your counterparts in Oregon, California, New Jersey, Delaware and other states and end your COVID-related proclamations on wearing masks indoors and requiring COVID tests or proof of COVID shot status for access to places or jobs. The time has come to reconsider your recent emergency proclamations and orders that restrict Washingtonians' actions and movements.

As has been widely reported, your colleagues in the so-called "Western States Pact" have announced ends to many of their COVID-related restrictions. In Oregon, state policy on indoor-mask requirements and other restrictions on access end March 31 and may end sooner. In California, a more limited easing takes effect next week.

Even some of Washington's most aggressive local health officers are reconsidering and easing their local restrictions.

These decisions are based on actual science and true data. COVID-related hospitalization and mortality rates are dropping. The population-wide health impacts of COVID are following Farr's Law (the "curve" we speak of so often) and becoming less dire than before. What was pandemic has become endemic.

From all corners of Washington, people—including school students—are demanding an end to indoor-mask requirements. They offer compelling testimony about the problems mask mandates and other restrictions cause in their lives, work and studies.

The people of Washington have weathered the COVID outbreaks with good spirit and good will. For several years, they have been waiting for their lives to return to something close to normal. We are at that point, now. Please act decisively to restore the quality and liberty of our people's lives.

Thank you.

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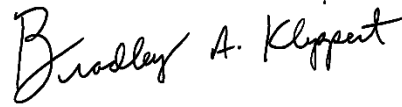
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