



State of Connecticut  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
STATE CAPITOL  
HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT 06106-1591

September 4, 2020

Office of Governor Ned Lamont  
State Capitol  
210 Capitol Avenue  
Hartford, CT 06106

Dear Governor Lamont,

WHEREAS on Tuesday, September 1, 2020 you declared your intention to extend your emergency powers for five months beyond the September 8, 2020 expiration.

WHEREAS within the six month period of the original state of emergency and civil preparedness, you extended your executive authority well beyond policies that impact the public health and safety of your constituency, including but not limited to the creation of arbitrary standards for essential vs non-essential businesses leading to the shuttering and irreparable harm to numerous private companies, altering election administration, and overturning tenant-landlord contracts.

WHEREAS, the legislature has already met recently in special session demonstrating that it can do so safely.

WHEREAS, legislative leaders are currently planning another special session within days of the expiration of your current emergency powers.

We, the undersigned, call for you to rescind your declaration and allow your executive emergency powers to expire as planned on September 8, 2020.

We strongly believe it is time for the state legislature to retake control of the lawmaking responsibility for our state.

There is no way to justify calling the legislature into special session while simultaneously arguing that you are extending your emergency powers because it is unsafe for us to meet, particularly when the agenda for the session will not be focused on the looming budget deficit, business closures, landlords forced into bankruptcy, nursing home visits, nor any other true emergencies that our state faces.

If you decide to continue the emergency powers, it will be without our approval, despite growing public sentiment in opposition, and in direct contradiction to the spirit of our system of representative government.

Please do the right thing and return power to the people's representatives.

Signed,

Handwritten signature of Senator Rob Sampson in blue ink.

Senator Rob Sampson, District 16

Handwritten signature of Representative Rick Hayes in blue ink.

Representative Rick Hayes, District 51

Handwritten signature of Senator Gennaro Bizzarro in blue ink.

Senator Gennaro Bizzarro, District 6



Representative Anne Dauphinais, District 44



Representative Craig Fishbein, District 90



Senator Eric Berthel, District 32



Representative Lezlye Zupkus, District 89



Representative Gale Mastrofrancesco, District 80



Representative Irene Haines, District 34



Representative Bill Simanski, District 62



Senator Dan Champagne, District 35



Representative Harry Arora, District 151