

# Testimony for HR 131

## Committee on State and local Government

To the Honorable Committee Members:

*“Two weeks to flatten the curve”.*

Over a year later, we are still under the Governor’s mandates. Governor Mills is not letting “The People” be Free or have representation. Under the Federal Constitution and the Maine Constitution, “We, The People” have rights and our Rights are being violated every day with these Emergency Powers. Many states have opened up, and the amount of “cases” has gone down. It’s called Herd Immunity. This is a basic concept that has been used and proven for many years. Since when do we lock down the healthy?

So many small businesses have closed permanently because of this insanity. We will never get them back. How many were forced into bankruptcy and lost everything?

The wearing of masks has not been proven to work, and the damage done by constant mask wearing has not been fully assessed. Dentists are starting to see the medical problems associated with mask wearing. I like to call it a “face diaper”, because of all the germs associated with wearing one.

Many Churches are still closed. They never should have been closed because “We the People” have the right to worship freely. Pastors, Priests and Rabbis help us through the feelings of loneliness and despair that many elderly and young are feeling by being cut off physically from their families. Nursing Home patients have not been able to see their families for almost a year now and cannot leave the premises. Some families took their loved one out to Church every week. Having Churches closed prevents this. The Churches are Family to many.

The children are suffering because their normalcy has changed considerably. School schedules change from week to week because Covid-19 determines the weekly agenda. The young are the very least affected by this virus, but is one

group that is highly affected with depression and emotional problems due to not being “social” and being “Just Kids”.

Before this happened, we were experiencing a bad flu season. We didn’t shut down for that. All of a sudden, the flu is given a name, and the world goes crazy.

Let’s stop with the fear mongering and control. This virus has killed .0005% of Maine’s population and many of them had preexisting conditions or were very old.

**Take the Power away from the Tyrant in Chief and give it back to the PEOPLE.**

**WE WANT OUR FREEDOMS BACK!**