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To: Members of the Tennessee General Assembly

RE: PLEASE Support HB9044 / SB9067

My name is Kristin McKinney (Benton) and I am the mom of two girls that attend Williamson County Schools. My daughters have now spent **THIRTEEN DAYS** in In School Suspension (ISS) without any educational instruction, socialization, or contact with other students, and will remain in ISS indefinitely simply **for not wearing a mask to school.**

If *I* were to isolate my children for 7 hours a days, keep them in silence, and allow only scheduled bathroom breaks, Child Services would most certainly be at my door.

HOWEVER, Williamson County schools is enforcing this criminal child abuse and neglect of my children and getting away with it. This cannot continue and your leadership is the key to protecting not only my children, but the hundreds of thousands of other children in Tennessee Public Schools.

The current mask mandate is arbitrarily effective through January 2022. It is important to note that **as of Tuesday, October 26, there were only 19 students in Williamson County (a district of around 40,000 students) are at home with a positive COVID indication.**

As you prepare to read bills in committee, I ask for your **support of HB9044 / SB9067, which prohibits mask mandates.** There are many bills for consideration that provide protection from “vaccine” mandates (PLEASE be mindful that this language specifies “INJECTION mandates”), medical discrimination, protection in the workplace, among others; but, **HB9044 / SB9067 is the ONLY bill that can save my children** and protect children across the state from enjoying school freely.

My children remain in ISS until mask mandates are explicitly banned in our schools and I stand with you in ensuring this protection is written into law. I have additionally attached **data from the Florida Department of Health showing COVID cases over the last school year in unmasked versus force-masked school districts - there is NO difference in cases between those school districts that force-masked and those that did not.**

You have my full support in protecting the rights of parents and our precious children and **myself and/or my children are at your disposal to testify** during this special session to help you accomplish this important work.

We are anxiously standing at the front of the line to congratulate you on a job well done when HB9044 / SB9067 are passed into law!

For our Children. For Freedom.



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