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Dear Elected Officials:

I am writing this letter today as a resident and taxpayer of York Region for the last 20 years and a person who commutes to the City of Toronto every day for work. For the last 4 months you have tried to make us all believe we are facing the biggest threat to humanity. You have created a society where people are afraid to leave their homes. Thank you.

I am an Orthodox Christian who is being persecuted based on my religion. You are trying to change how we practice our faith by telling our leaders we can no longer participate in all the Holy Sacraments of our Church. Under the Constitution, I have the right to religious freedom and practices. Taking away that right contravenes both the constitution and the Charter of Rights and Freedoms. Government interference should never be allowed. If someone feels unsafe, why can't they stay home? Why do we all have to suffer spiritually? Why would I ever vote for a government who has taken away my ability to religious freedom? If people of faith continue to be persecuted, we will initiate a grass roots effort amongst faith-based voters to ensure today's leaders never see another term in public office. Can one of you please stand up and do the right thing?

You have shut down "non-essential" businesses and Churches while supporting the big box stores who we all know will survive this. You have ticketed parents for playing ball with their child in an empty park yet the thousands of protesters don't seem to be a threat. I was born and raised in this country, in the city of Toronto by immigrants' parents who came here for a better life from Europe. Today this country is NOT the same country. I used to tell my kids up until recently that we live in the best city/province in the world. I stopped saying that. Decisions are being made for us and for our families that are not yours to make. None of these decisions have been made based on science. We have faced H1N1, Sars, Ebola, Aids and yet our country and our leaders did not shut down our country or our economy. We keep hearing "We are all in this together". NO, we are not. DID ANYONE OF YOU TAKE A PAY CUT OR LOSE YOUR JOB ALTOGETHER??? Did anyone of you lose a loved one because they couldn't have surgery or go for cancer treatments? I guess those lives don't matter. Did anyone of you lose a parent or grandparent in long term care? Another failure on the part of the province. Why wasn't long term care shut down earlier allowing the rest of society to function as normal? Over 80% of the Covid flu deaths were in long term care. Industry experts have also stated that the number of deaths this year was not higher than any other year in an LTC environment.

This entire school year has been another failure. The first half of the year we lost due to the selfish teachers and their unions who once again used our children as bargaining chips. I'd love to know the details of the deal that Mr. Lecce made. I'm pretty sure they got what they fought for all year long. They always do.

The second half of the year was an even bigger failure. We all know that. They continued to get their full salary while working part time while the rest of the country was losing their livelihood. All under the guise of public health. Was no one in a position of power willing to stand up and say this is wrong? All sports canceled...entire seasons canceled. All the hard work that our kids put into their sport - all for nothing. No school, no sports. Is it any wonder that the suicide rate and depression/anxiety amongst

kids / teenagers and adults is at an all-time high? I guess those lives don't matter either. The mainstream media doesn't like to talk about that right? Instead we are all subjected to the daily fear mongering.

Are any of you parents or grandparents? Do you not care about the damage this has done to the next generation? The domino effect of these closures has been devastating on so many levels. SO, it seems like the only deaths that do matter are those from Covid-19 or what I like to call it...the flu. Where are the regular flu numbers this year? Why aren't they being reported side by side? Why isn't anyone talking about how many people die of the flu, COPD or pneumonia in a regular year?

I've been called selfish by the same people we voted into office. You know what's selfish? Those same people that don't care about the rest of humanity. I am NOT selfish for questioning the narrative when none of this makes any sense. I am NOT selfish or wrong for questioning what is best for me and my family or for flat out refusing. My body, my choice. When you start mandating masks to the entire population and taking away our constitutional right to enter a business of my choice, you have overstepped the boundaries of government. If you did any research on this topic you would quickly realize that masks DO NOT work and are actually a health risk. Restricting your oxygen intake and breathing in your expelled carbon dioxide is VERY unhealthy. Constantly breathing into a mask is a breeding ground for germs, not to mention what it does to your immune system. Who gave you the right to regulate human breathing? Masks have always been used for sick people. Quarantine the sick, not the healthy. It's just common sense which is not all that common these days. I choose to teach my children other ways in how to keep their bodies healthy. Wearing a mask is not one of those ways. I know you're probably going to point to the so called "health experts" and tell me that those are the people you turn to for advice. Well, I'm sure we can all agree that they have flip flopped on so many things from day 1. From the rate of infection, to the so-called "models" that were wrong, to the inflated numbers to the wearing of masks. The belief that masks work comes from people based on their own personal beliefs and NOT science. We weren't wearing them at the height of the "pandemic" but its now become mandatory. This started off with a 2 week closure to "flatten the curve". Shortly after, we started hearing graduations, concerts, sporting events, festivals, etc. all being canceled for the duration of the year. Its truly amazing to me how we never had a "second wave" with Sars but this time we've already went ahead and canceled the remainder of 2020. It's not a matter of if, it's a matter of when according to the "experts".

I think we can all agree that medical science has saved many lives over the past 100 years. We should all be grateful for that. However, they have also killed people and destroyed lives. These reckless decisions that are being made today on our behalf have and will continue to kill even more people. Please someone, stand up and make the right decision for the people that voted you in. If you continue with these policies which are not based on any credible science you leave us no choice but to seek recourse through the Human Rights Tribunal and legal channels.

On Remembrance Day we remember the lives of great Canadians that fought for us to enjoy our rights to freedom. Truly a sad day when the government is ripping those rights away from us. Our rights and freedoms are never more important than in times of crises.

Best regards,

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