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The Honorable Jill Krowinski The Honorable Becca Balint Vermont General Assembly Joint Rules Committee 115 State Street Montpelier, Vermont 05633

Dear Speaker Krowinski and President Pro Tem Balint,

As you are well aware, beginning yesterday, March 14, 2022, masks are no longer broadly recommended by the State of Vermont. What has been instituted is an almost complete "mask-optional" policy. This means that throughout the state – including schools, state buildings, and the vast majority of businesses – the decision to wear a mask is now up to each individual and what that individual deems necessary based on their own circumstances and health.

We are writing today to respectfully request that at its meeting today, March 15, 2022, the Joint Rules Committee follow this guidance and make the State House mask-optional immediately.

We thank the Joint Rules Committee for its work throughout these last two years to ensure the safety of members, staff, and the public. You have done an admirable job. We ask now that we continue to follow the science and institute a mask-optional policy effective immediately.

Thank you very much, in advance, for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

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