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Statement from Senator George Borrello on End of Indoor Mask Mandate

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"The Governor's announcement that the indoor mask mandate is ending is welcome but long overdue news. New Yorkers have endured these unconstitutional mask mandates for more than two years. They have caused confusion, controversy and conflict, and have continued to weigh on our small businesses and economic recovery.

"It is indefensible that our school children, who are at lowest risk and suffering educational and social impacts from masking, will have to continue to adhere to the mandate. Where is the science that confirms masking students has any beneficial impact? These are arbitrary, unjustifiable decisions. It is time for all mandates to end and for New York State to permanently close this chapter of governing by edict."