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Bill Protecting Parental Right to Decide Masking of Children is Approved by House Committee

STATE CAPITOL, PHOENIX – The House Government & Elections Committee today approved HB 2616, sponsored by State Representative Joseph Chaplik (R-23), which prohibits the government or a school from requiring a child to wear a mask or face covering without the express consent of the parent or guardian. The vote was divided by party line, with all Republican members supporting the bill.

“I believe parents should make decisions for their children, not the government,” said Representative Chaplik. “The states of Florida and Virginia, with bipartisan support, have passed this similar policy. I will continue to stand for freedom in Arizona for our constituents.”

It will next be considered by the whole House.

Joseph Chaplik is a Republican member of the Arizona House of Representatives serving Legislative District 23, which includes Scottsdale, Fountain Hills, and Rio Verde.

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