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Arizona House of Representatives

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House Passes Bill Protecting the Right of Parents to Decide Whether Children Wear a Mask in School

STATE CAPITOL, PHOENIX – The Arizona House of Representatives on Thursday approved [HB 2616](#), sponsored by Republican State Representative Joseph Chaplik (R-23), prohibiting 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 bill received the support of all House Republican members.

“This is a bill to return the right to make medical decisions for their children to the parents, which I expect to become the law in Arizona,” said Representative Chaplik. **“This is a win for parents, students, and schools who have been forced by their district leadership to mandate masks.”**

HB 2616 will be sent to the Senate for consideration.

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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