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Governor Signs Representative Chaplik's Bill Protecting the Right of Parents to Decide Whether Children Wear a Mask in School

STATE CAPITOL, PHOENIX – State Representative Joseph Chaplik applauded the enactment of [HB 2616](#), legislation he sponsored that prohibits the government or a school from requiring a child to wear a mask or face covering without first obtaining the express consent of the parent or guardian. Governor Ducey signed the bill into law today.

"Parents should make decisions for their children, not the government," said Representative Chaplik. **"Arizona law already requires parents to be consulted before instituting medical requirements for children. This commonsense bill extends the law to include masks, joining other freedom states in protecting the right of parents to make decisions for their child."**

HB 2616 received the unanimous support of House and Senate Republicans, while Democrats voted against it.

Joseph Chaplik is a Republican member of the Arizona House of Representatives serving Legislative District 23, which includes Scottsdale, Fountain Hills, and Rio Verde. Follow him on Twitter at @JosephChaplik.

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