

Representative Jed Davis Fighting on Behalf of Local Constituent Denied by Secretary of State

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Springfield, IL - Let's go back 422 days ago, all the way back to February 28, 2022. Governor Pritzker dropped all masking requirements across Illinois on this date. Again, 422 days ago!

Regardless, did you know our Secretary of State still requires masking for all roadway tests? Representative Jed Davis didn't, until a constituent reached out sharing her story.

Who remembers turning 16 with the excitement of getting their driver's license? Talk about freedom! 16 year old Caitlyn from the 75th District didn't share this excitement. She instead was denied a roadway test by the Secretary of State's Facility in Plano, IL. Why? She simply refused to wear a face mask.

In fact, reference the attached receipt where the Secretary of State's Staff literally wrote the words, "Refused to wear a face mask or shield."

Representative Davis called the Secretary of State's Office and confirmed this policy does exist. However, when requesting the written policy, he was told it's unavailable because it's an internal policy.

Representative Davis commented, "We're no longer in the midst of a pandemic. Our own state, one of the most progressive with restrictions, dropped these requirements well over a year ago. Did our Secretary of State miss the memo?" Representative Davis continued, "I commend Caitlyn, what courage to stand against government, advocating for her rights. She's amazing! I'm sending a letter to the Secretary of State on her behalf requesting this 'internal' policy be dropped immediately and asking my colleagues to follow suit."

Representative Davis leaves one question for everyone, "How much power should a state office hold? Here we see the Secretary of State ignoring Governor Pritzker and enacting separate health policy even though the Secretary of State has nothing to do with health. It's clearly out of bounds from their defined obligations. Alarming, no?"

Hats off to Caitlyn for bringing this matter to everyone's attention.

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