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LD 51

Dear Honorable Members of the Joint Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs,

My name is Maggie Zamboni, I am a resident of Portland, I am a practicing pediatrician in South Portland, and I was raised in Milo. I'm writing to strongly encourage you to OPPOSE LDs 51, 1098 and 1209.

High immunization rates are tremendously important for community health and safety. Removing the philosophical and religion exemptions from Maine vaccine requirements was an incredibly valuable shift in the law. Our vaccination rates have improved and our communities are safer. The public overwhelmingly supported this effort. All major medical organizations supported this effort.

I would kindly ask that you lean on medical experts for your information, as you consider these bills. Thank you for your time and consideration of this very important topic.