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Americans are afforded religious liberty and choosing their own paths without government interference through the many sacrifices made by the men and women in uniform with the willingness to go into harm's way to defend our American values and way of life. Honor those sacrifices and restore our American values through choice, and religious liberty by supporting LD 51 "An Act to Restore Religious and Philosophical Exemptions to Immunization Requirements."

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