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Hello, My name is Juni Charlton and I am a Licensed Practical Nurse. I am in support of LD51, An Act to Restore Religious and Philosophical Exemptions to Immunization Requirements. Born and raised in the state of Maine, one of 10 children, I witnessed many times my mother assisting us back to health and how our natural immune systems work. I have used the religious and philosophical exemption for my son's attendance at school. My son, a vibrant healthy child, received many well child visit vaccines, and I declined some. At the age of 4 he received 4 injections, which included the Measles, Mumps, and Rubella (MMR). He never once cried after the previous well child visit injections, and did this time. Two weeks after the MMR injection, he had an episode of being glassy eyed, staring, not able to understand a simple command. I called the doctor and reported this episode, only to hear that it was two weeks after the injection and that it was not something to be concerned about. I reached out to a naturopathic doctor who helped my son. This naturopathic doctor described how the MMR has had many complications and at the time she was treating several other children for similar symptoms. I stopped then with any further injections. At the age of 11 my son's therapist suggested that he have a psychological evaluation test. The psychological evaluation determined my son had attention deficit hyperactivity disorder combined type (ADHD).

<https://childrenshealthdefense.org/news/government-corruption/cdcs-vaccine-science-a-decades-long-trail-of-trickery/>

I believe there are far too many vaccinations for our children and that where there is risk there must be choice. There is a psychological and financial drain on parents due to having to follow through with dictates that are in essence quite harmful. Please restore the philosophical and religious exemption so that Maine parents can continue to raise vibrant healthy children. Sincerely, Juni Charlton