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LD 51

Good morning my name is Stephanie and I have been in health care for eight years. Let me begin by saying that I have always opposed LD 798 when it was passed in 2019. I was concerned about the potential implications that might come from it. Even in my wildest imagination I could not foresee the consequences it would bring. As a technologist I must get informed consent from my patients in order to administer a contrast agent that has been approved by the FDA. Everyday I work I am proud to serve my patients and support their choice to go through the exam or not. You cannot begin to imagine how disheartening it is to now work for an organization that does not allow me the same right. The passing of LD 798 means I have to say yes to every vaccine that my employer deems necessary no matter my concerns or religious beliefs. If I say no I lose my job, the means I have to take care of my family and the profession I love. The vaccine mandate has made healthcare lose many great workers and these people have not been replaced. COVID-19 has allowed us to see how dangerous vaccine mandates are and we have the opportunity to make it right. Now the fear of COVID has passed we can look at things more clearly and ask, is it right to have someone lose their job, for a child to be denied an education because they are not comfortable getting an experimental vaccine? Please make the right steps in reversing this mistake and pass LD 51. Thank you for your time  
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