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To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Kara Kingston and I live in Greenwood. I am writing to express my opposition to LD 93- a proposed Act to Reduce Cost and Increase Access to Disease Prevention by Expanding the Universal Childhood Immunization Program to Include Adults.

Across the State of Maine many children have now been excluded from schools, daycares, and certain healthcare facilities due to their immunization status. Not only is this a loss of access for families, and parental rights, but it costs schools and other facilities a large amount of funding. From my understanding, by changing the Universal Childhood Immunization Program to include adults, the requirements enforced for children would then also include adults. This would further limit access, restrict freedom of choice, and result in a decline for certain facilities and organizations for those who want to choose not to have a myriad of artificial chemicals injected into their bodies.

As it is right now, many facilities offer free and low cost vaccines to those who wish to have them, to include CVS, Walgreens, and many Primary Care Physician offices.

Changing this seemingly harmless verbiage will in fact result in a spiral of restricted rights for Mainers who to remain immunization free and keep their personal rights regarding healthcare. In addition to the above stated concerns, this would also be using funding and staffing for immunization implementation rather than working towards solving more critical issues such as the housing crisis, homelessness, and food insecurity for Mainers.

This is why I oppose LD 93 and I ask that you also vote against this proposal.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,  
Kara