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I am in strong opposition to both LD 174 LD (An Act to Restore Religious Exemptions to Immunization Requirements) and LD 727 (An Act to Repeal Certain Immunization Requirements for Schools).

I have been a nurse for 31 years and a school nurse for the last 10 years. I have seen several communicable diseases in the hospitals that were vaccine preventable and now I work on the public health side of nursing.

Currently we have a measles outbreak in 20 states in our country. Going backward on school vaccination requirements is not in the best interest of the health of our students and communities.

For these reasons, I oppose LD 174 and LD 727.