

Testimony in OPPOSITION to LD 174 and LD 727

Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs  
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Senator Rafferty, Representative Murphy, and distinguished members of the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs,

My name is Kaylee Wolfe, and I am a family nurse practitioner from Brunswick. I'm writing to express my strong opposition to LD 174 and LD 727.

As a family nurse practitioner working in primary care, counseling patients and families on the importance of immunizations is one of the most important parts of my job. Vaccines protect my patients, their families, their classmates, and our communities from preventable and potentially serious illnesses.

I am grateful to practice in a state with strong, common sense policies regarding school vaccine requirements. Unfortunately, one need only look at the news to see the consequences of more lax policies in other states. As of this writing, two children have died of measles in Texas and hundreds more have fallen ill. LD 174 and LD 727 threaten to repeal the very laws that help protect Maine children from similar tragedies.

Maine's school vaccine policy is evidence-based, effective, and supported by most Mainers. Our current vaccine laws were passed with bipartisan support in the legislature. A subsequent referendum overwhelmingly rejected an attempt at repeal, with 73% of voters standing on the side of science and public health in support of our current laws.

Maine voters have spoken. I respectfully urge you to stand with us. Keep our schools and communities healthy and safe by voting OUGHT NOT TO PASS on LD 174 and LD 727.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Kaylee Wolfe  
Brunswick