

Testimony in opposition to LD 174 and LD 727

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

I am writing to convey my **very strong opposition** to both LD 174, "An Act to Restore Religious Exemptions to Immunization Requirements", and LD 727, "An Act to Repeal Certain Immunization Requirements for Schools." I write as an individual and not as a member of any group to which I belong.

Anyone who has heard the recent news about yet another needless and very sad, tragic death of a child who contracted measles and was not vaccinated should understand how very dangerous each of these proposals is. The current outbreaks of this extremely contagious and dangerous disease should be sufficient to convince all that these proposed measures must be voted down.

The safety of our children, our communities, and our state depend on your voting 'ought **NOT** to pass' on both LD 174 and LD 727.

Thank you for your time and service.

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