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Senator Rafferty, Representative Brennan, and members of the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs;

My name is Representative Laurel Libby and I am presenting testimony on behalf of a fellow Mainer who could not be present today.

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First off, I am a Christian who has a personal held religious belief that binds my conscience regarding certain actions and areas of my life. Also, I am a Mainer. I was born and raised in Maine. My parents were both born and raised in Maine. All my children were born in Maine.

Professionally, I am a Registered Radiologic Technologist. I perform Xrays, CAT Scans, and MRIs. When religious and philosophical exemptions were removed, I knew that my career in Maine was on borrowed time. I began working in the community I grew up in in 2009 in this field. I knew my patients. They were neighbors, friends...family. They received personal care from someone local.

I began working at an outpatient center in Topsham that was joined with a cancer center, where I came to be very close with my patients. Once COVID began to be spoken of on a global front in late December of 2019, I saw the writing on the wall. A vaccine would be produced on a rapid basis and forced in a manner that would violate my conscience. So I made the hard decision to move. I still perform my career, but in the state of Florida.

In my field, I have seen many opportunities now pop up to do a travel healthcare position for a very generous pay. I recently tried to take a travel position both in old town as well as at CMMC. The recruiter asked regarding Covid vaccine status and I was denied the position and opportunity due to my status. I've worked with many in this staff before in southern Maine.

I was also an elder of a church at one point in Lewiston. To be able to perform my skills toward people who I have grown up loving and knowing to be taken from me and given to some random person that doesn't know these people due to my Covid vaccine status, when that same status is received here in Florida with my religious exemption, is unacceptable and a disservice to the Maine people. I stand in favor of medical freedom and religious freedom.

Sincerely,

Brian Ingalls RT (R)(CT)