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From: Sergei Chaparin of Augusta, Maine
To: The Honorable Joseph Rafferty, Senate Chair
The Honorable Michael Brennan, House Chair
The Joint Standing Committee on Education & Cultural Affairs

Dear esteemed members of the committee. I am Sergei Chaparin from Augusta. I am speaking in support of LD 51 and the rest of the bills on today's agenda.

When Covid hit, I was one of the first to mask. I was the first to request work from home due to helping my elderly mother. I ordered food to-go. I avoided contact with people and sprayed door handles with alcohol. I did everything a reasonable person would do to protect myself and others. However, I support vaccine exemptions.

I object therapy that can irreversibly change or harm my body, and which I can't remove from my system. My faith is inseparable from my body's integrity. For this reason, I've never considered tattoos or piercings. Accepting a substance that synthetically modifies natural bodily function on a genetic level is a permanent destruction of the temple of God. Plus, you simply can't inject health.

In the past, I begrudgingly took the minimum-required vaccines while serving in US Army and before visiting my wife's home in Africa. I regret I was forced to take those shots. Introduction of mRNA vaccines intensified those regrets and objections.

I urge you to examine product inserts from Covid vaccine manufacturers before mandating mRNA therapy to kids. I clicked on the first in the list on FDA's website¹ yesterday. Comirnaty's *mechanism of action* is described in measly 41 words on page 20. Its non-clinical toxicology report says that "the vaccine has not been evaluated for potential to cause carcinogenicity, genotoxicity, or impairment of male fertility."

According to ChatGPT, protection of bodily autonomy in the US is largely grounded in the Constitution and the Bill of Rights. Fourth Amendment includes the right to refuse unwanted medical procedures. The Fifth Amendment includes the right to make decisions about one's own body and medical treatment. The Ninth Amendment recognizes that individuals have rights beyond those explicitly listed in the Constitution, including the right to bodily autonomy.

Those of us objecting the vaccines are simply trying to abstain from treatment, rather than demand it. Perhaps those of us acting irresponsibly during a pandemic can be dealt with the same way police deal with drunk drivers. Instead, we are being asked to forfeit constitutional rights. If something is unconstitutional, it's unlawful. If this is for public health, you should be guarding us from untested pharmaceuticals instead. You have the power to overturn this attempt to rewrite natural law.

Author Forrest Maready and RFK, Jr. both said that the unvaccinated children and adults are some of the happiest, friendliest, and healthiest people they've ever met. When growing up, I got far fewer shots than 70+ inoculations kids receive today. I am allergy-free. Science is never settled. Proprietary therapeutics are not the answer. Non-invasive treatments² that have been on the market for decades - OTC in other countries - cure Covid in people with worst comorbidities.

The fear knows no party lines. The pandemic is over, but there are still people who are double masking. My vaccinated friends frequently take sick time, while the unvaccinated are living life to the fullest. Why are we asked to live by the magnitude of someone else's fear? We need your leadership like never before. Follow your guiding light and vote Ought to Pass!

¹ <https://www.fda.gov/media/151707/download>

² https://www.flemingmethod.com/_files/ugd/659775_409b4bb7107f4320be075ce1404b048d.pdf