

Testimony in support of LD 51: "An Act to Restore Religious and Philosophical Exemptions to Immunization Requirements".

Good morning, Senator Rafferty, Representative Brennan, and Members of the Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs.

My name is Victoria Bucklin, I live in Appleton, and I thank you for this opportunity to speak briefly with you about immunization requirements. As you know, each of us is unique – a one-of-a-kind, and when we acknowledge that, we realize that what keeps us healthy, and even alive, depends on treating our body and our soul uniquely. Current medical protocols, especially children's immunization rates do not acknowledge this uniqueness. They are a one-size fits all with disastrous results.

I was an elementary school girl back in the 50's and 60's in Maine when we still got sick from mumps, measles, chicken pox, and other contagious diseases. We built up strong natural immunity and those of us who grew up and bore children passed this natural immunity to our infants. Autism was unknown and most children were vibrant and healthy. Today we have vaccination schedules that fill young bodies with toxins that many children cannot tolerate. We now have soaring rates of autism and many sickly children.

The passage of LD 798 a few years ago took away two pathways that parents had to protect their children. Since then, even more rules and regulations have taken away the basic freedom to choose the proper health care for each person. Now pharmaceutical companies and government agencies decide what goes into our bodies and when. We are no longer respected as unique, individual human beings.

LD 51 is a small but important step in moving back to respecting each of us, as well as our children and our grandchildren. I ask that you vote **OUGHT TO PASS** on LD 51 and on all the other bills before you that restore medical freedom to each unique human being.

Thank you for your time and thoughtful consideration on this issue.