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LD 51: An Act to Restore Religious and Philosophical Exemptions to Immunization Requirements

**NOTE**: In my written testimony which you should have all received, I have included links to studies and sources that validate my comments.

Thank you for your service to the State of Maine. I want to speak in favor of passage of LD51 and or LD 1098. These are critical bills that need your complete attention and support. This is not a partisan issue, this is an American issue and furthermore, a Constitutional issue!

As we look back on the Covid Pandemic, research has proven that as a Country and with regards to health care policy, we did more things wrong than we did right! Blind trust in "experts" led to untold hardships and in many cases, even death.

15 days to "flatten the curve" turned out to be 2 years of economic disaster.

(https://www.moderndaypublius.com/essays/one-year-of-15-days-to-flatten-the-curve)

• "Masks are effective in slowing the spread." Not with an airborne pathogen.

(https://davidson.weizmann.ac.il/en/online/sciencepanorama/can-face-masks-really-stop-spread-disease)

(https://www.cochrane.org/CD006207/ARI\_do-physical-measures-such-hand-washing-or-wearing-masks-stop-or-slow \_down-spread-respiratory-viruses)

 "Lockdown's and Social Distancing" did nothing more than instill unnecessary fear that was used to control and manipulate the public.

(https://paragoninstitute.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/20230201\_Zinberg\_FreedomWinsStateswithLessRestrictiveCOVIDPoliciesOutperformedStateswithMoreRestrict.html)

• Vaccines are "safe and effective" and therefore they should be mandatory! And if we can't make them mandatory then we will do all that we can to eliminate and marginalize any who do not comply. All of this in spite of the fact that even to this day, we still don't know exactly what is in these vaccines. Clinical Trials run under the direction of the Pharmaceutical companies that were producing the vaccines, were discontinued after only 28 days! Why? Largely because they were beginning to show results that were anything but "safe and effective".

(https://www.canadiancovidcarealliance.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/12/The-COVID-19-Inoculations-More-Harm-Than-Good-REV-Dec-16-2021.pdf)

• But maybe worst of all was the political manipulation of a serious healthcare emergency to tear down our 1st Amendment right of freedom of religious expression. One of our nation's motos is: "IN GOD WE TRUST". But do we? Or do we rely on the 'experts' at the CDC, FDA or WHO. Based on the recent track records of these agencies and many others like them, I choose God, and my God given 1st Amendment right, which states that the Government can not prohibit the "free exercise" of my religious convictions!

I urge you to support the passage of LD 51 and or LD 1098 and restore our Constitutional right of religious expression!

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