

I am speaking on my own behalf and not that of an employer or town.

Senator Rafferty, Representative Brennen, members of the Education & Cultural Affairs Committee, and my Senator Lisa Keim...I am here in support of Bills LD 51, 1098 and 869.

My name is Lisa Miller. I am a volunteer Fire Fighter, Town Health Officer for the Town of Weld, Select Board Person for the Town of Weld and I am a Registered Nurse. Let this be a testimony of my public service to the people of Maine.

In 2020 when the Covid Pandemic hit, I was a nurse manager in charge of Infection Control and Nurse Education at a Long-Term care facility in Farmington owned by the Genesis Healthcare Corporation.

It was my job to understand the virus. I spent hundreds of hours, in my personal time, reading research from scientists and doctors around the world. Given the information I'd obtained, I applied for and was granted a Religious Exemption from Genesis Healthcare.

But science and evidence-based practice were thrown aside and replaced by fear, censorship, and coercion during the pandemic.

My Religious Exemption was revoked by the state and federal government and my last day of work was October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

In my home, I was the main income provider for my family. My household income has been reduced by 79.8% since I was terminated for not taking the Covid Shot.

I was forced to leave the bedside of my residents and a 5 Star nursing team which I was proud to be a part of. Nursing has been a calling on my life since I was 10 years old.

I was asked in so many different ways to set aside my religious beliefs and what I know to be truth; to stay and help my team through the pandemic. In the end I was forced to choose between doing what was right and my livelihood.

On Sept. 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022 President Biden declared that the pandemic was over and has stated he will end covid 19 emergency declarations on May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

On March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Edward Dowd (who has previously given US Congressional Testimony on Dec. 7, 2022, author and Founding Partner of Phinance Technologies)

released the Estimated 2022 US Vaccine Damage Report. (He used source data from the Society of Actuaries and the US Bureau of Labor Statistics to identify trending safety signals.) I'd like to review that with you now.

For Americans age 16 to 64 -

- Estimated Human Cost:
  - 26.6 million Injuries
  - 1.36 million Disabilities
  - 300K Excess Deaths
- Estimated Economic Cost:

Injuries: \$89.9 billion

Disabilities: \$52.2 billion

Excess Deaths: \$5.6 billion

Total \$147.8 billion

Add to this the loss of state revenue from families like mine, whose income has been so dramatically reduced.

So, I ask you; is the continuation of mandates based in science and data, or as a punishment for those who refused to go along with the program? Is this what we want Maine to stand for?

If you, the representatives of Maine, care about healthcare workers and the Mainers' they care for, you'll reinstate religious and philosophical exemptions for vaccinations and let healthcare workers return to serving their communities.