

Senators and Committee members. I am speaking today in favor of Bills LD 172, 601, 1598, 1547, 59 and 1382.

My name is Lisa Miller. I am a Select Board Member for the Town of Weld, a Fire Fighter and a Registered Nurse. Not only has the removal of vaccine exemptions affected me personally, its making it very difficult for the Town of Weld to maintain its EMS License.

I want to ask you all a couple of questions.

You took an oath to uphold the United States Constitution and the Maine Constitution. Do you believe in the First Amendment and Article One? These guarantee citizens the inherent and unalienable rights among which are to be free and independent. Do you believe in these?

How do you feel about being lied to about vaccines? The words safe and effective were beat into our consciences day and night. In an interview last July, former White House Covid-19 Response Coordinator to the Trump administration, Deborah Birx stated that they knew the Covid-19 vaccine would neither prevent transmission or protect against infection. In fact, the very definition of the word vaccine was changed by the CDC in 2021 from "producing immunity" to "producing protection". The American people were lied to; given false information about the efficacy and safety of this and other vaccines.

Former Vice President at Pfizer, Dr. Michael Yeadon, who has over 32 years of experience in pharmaceutical research, expressed his deep concerns over the experimental use of #COVID19 vaccines. He testified in Jan 2022 at the 86th session of the German Stiftung Corona Ausschus, and stated what he called the 8 Covid Lies. I will sum them up...

1. The virus is extremely lethal
2. The PCR test is accurate and reliable
3. Masks will protect you
4. Lockdowns will slow the transmission of the virus

5. There is asymptomatic transmission
6. They lied and told us there were NO TREATMENTS for this respiratory virus
7. There is no natural immunity
8. Covid-19 Vaccines are safe and effective

The vaccine industry has not conducted legitimate placebo-controlled tests on their products.

The Estimated 2022 US Vaccine Damage Report which looks at data from people ages 16-64 showed that we had 300,000 excess deaths, 26.6 million vaccine injuries and 1.36 million people disabled by vaccines, along with an added financial cost to the taxpayers of \$147.8 Billion.

The American public has been lied to, coerced, censored and threatened.

As a Select Board Member for the Town of Weld, I like to add that the removal of vaccine exemptions has also harmed people living in small towns in Maine, like Weld. Our Fire Dept. is having a difficult time obtaining medical first responders because of the vaccine mandates. We have a paramedic with over 20 yrs. experience that isn't allowed to respond to medical calls. We have Fire Dept. members willing to serve as medical responders, but our hands are tied until exemptions are reinstated.

Lastly, I will ask, is this what you want for Maine? Communities suffering, individuals stripped of their ability to serve in the medical community and thrown into financial hardship, medical professionals leaving the state to obtain work elsewhere.

Its time to reinstate vaccine exemptions.

[Why did CDC change definition for 'vaccine'? Agency explains | Miami Herald](#)

[Dr. Deborah Birx says she 'knew' COVID vaccines would not 'protect against infection' | Fox News](#)

[Dr Mike Yeadon's key testimony — Part I: The Eight Covid Lies \(thepeoplesvoice.org\)](#)

On March 28th, 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.

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

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Dear Honorable Members of the Legislature,

I thank you for your attention in this matter. I am a small-town fire chief who has ten members in my fire department. Currently we have our EMS License with one active EMT and one inactive. We also have a registered nurse. Of these three, only one can respond to medical calls.

Over the past few years with the changes we've had to make due to mandates, the world has come to know these changes with views that have separated us. Not only has bipartisanship faded politically, our religious and philosophical views should, in my opinion, be respected and considered. In a world of so many opinions, it's difficult to agree.

The act of agreeing to disagree is becoming more past tense. The welfare of all people of this great country is at stake if we can't do this.

I am an independent and open-minded individual who listens and takes advice and with all due respect, I'm confident the we all are trying to accomplish these traits, although difficult it may be.

Maine EMS laws, immunization requirements, mandates and the EMS organization (including any non-transporting EMS services, such as many of these small-town fire departments) require medical responders to be vaccinated for Covid-19. This is the same for employees of healthcare facilities on a larger scale.

Religious and philosophical exemptions have been removed for influenza and Covid-19 in the state of Maine as of 2021.

If you have non-medical personnel with the minimal requirements needed to administer Narcan, who are possibly unvaccinated and can still administer the drug, how is that acceptable and different than going to a medical call?

The complexity of this issue of available medical responders with required immunizations has become a huge problem. If I could change things, I would try to find solutions to allow people to serve in public safety medical responding regardless of medical, philosophical, or religious beliefs. There are ways around this that will work, and can work safely.

I urge you to work diligently on this. I am sure many of you are first responders, or know people who are.

In our day to day lives, we are asked to risk our lives and safety to ensure the safety of others. The risk factors of having non-vaccinated personnel responding to calls are lower than the risk factors of living in a small town with the nearest ambulance usually 20 minutes or more away with little or no medical responders available.

The average EMR course is 56 hours in length followed by a national test. The average EMT course is one semester in length. With the majority of small-town department's personnel working fulltime jobs elsewhere, with families to feed and simultaneously responding to calls when available, its not an easy task to recruit more to make these sacrifices.

I ask that you also consider the factor of our aging population in this state. The average age in Maine was about 45 years of age in 2020. Not only are we faced with providing services to an older population, it's a double-edged sword in the way that we are finding it more difficult to recruit younger people that are available to provide services. So, our responders are getting older.

In closing, I ask that you consider and be creative. As a fire chief, I know what we are facing.

Immunizations, although with the intention of protecting all, they are not for everyone. If we can find other creative and safe solutions it would be wise.

I thank you for hearing this matter.

Sincerely,

Chief Corey Hutchinson

Weld Fire and Rescue