



**Testimony of American Families for Vaccines  
In Support of LD 2146 and LD 2071**

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on behalf of American Families for Vaccines in support of LD 2146 and LD 2071.

American Families for Vaccines is a national organization that works with families, health professionals, and state-based partners to support evidence-based immunization policy and protect access to routine vaccines. Our focus is ensuring that vaccine policy remains grounded in science, functions reliably for families, and continues to deliver the public health benefits it was designed to achieve.

Maine is widely recognized as a leader in this space. In 2019, Maine voters sent a clear and decisive message in support of strong vaccine protections. Since then, other states have looked to Maine as an example of how to maintain high immunization rates, minimize preventable disease, and build public trust in public health policy.

At the national level, that stability has become harder to maintain. Federal advisory and funding processes that states have long relied on to anchor immunization programs have become increasingly unpredictable. While federal guidance remains important, states now face a growing need to ensure continuity and clarity on their own—particularly in states like Maine, where vaccine confidence is high and the public expects systems to function smoothly.

LD 2146 responds directly to that challenge. The bill helps ensure that Maine's immunization framework remains stable even during periods of federal uncertainty. It protects continuity in standards and funding so that vaccine access does not depend on shifting national dynamics. From a public health perspective, this kind of structural resilience is critical to keeping routine vaccination routine.

LD 2071 addresses another essential component of system performance: delivery. Across the country, primary care capacity constraints have made pharmacies an increasingly important part of routine vaccination. This bill recognizes that reality and helps ensure vaccines remain available and affordable through familiar, accessible settings, while maintaining appropriate safeguards and oversight. Clear rules around coverage and delivery reduce confusion for families and providers alike.

Taken together, these bills strengthen Maine's ability to sustain the outcomes it has already achieved. They reinforce the systems that keep immunization rates high and prevent the re-emergence of serious, vaccine-preventable diseases.

Recent measles outbreaks in states with lower vaccination coverage underscore what is at stake. Maine's limited measles activity stands in contrast, reflecting years of deliberate policy choices that prioritize prevention and public health stability.

American Families for Vaccines supports LD 2146 and LD 2071 because they help ensure those protections endure. These bills align with best practices we see emerging across states and reflect a proactive approach to maintaining effective immunization systems in a changing national environment.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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