

Testimony to Support LD 833
By Stacy Minkowsky of Lewiston

Senator Rafferty, Representative Brennan, and distinguished Members of the Education & Cultural Affairs Committee,

My name is Stacy Minkowsky, LMSW-cc, CADC. I live in Lewiston. I request you vote to support LD833.

By removing religious exemptions with the passage of LD798, the Maine Legislature mandated the use of pharmaceutical products containing aborted fetal cell lines in exchange for an education. We were told that since major religious institutions support the use of vaccines derived from aborted fetal lines that we, too, should be okay with this practice. We were told that these cell lines came from long ago and that it was best to use them to support public health measures. We were told that the use of these products was for the “greater good” and that only a couple of babies were used to make these pharmaceutical products (e.g. WI-38 human diploid lung fibroblasts, MRC-5 human diploid cells). This is simply false.

Multiple abortions are performed for one cell line to be produced. Dr. Stanley Plotkin, the ‘Godfather of Vaccines,’ gave a deposition in 2018. He was handed Plaintiff’s Exhibit 41, a study from the Wistar Institute, where 76 fetuses, all three months and older when aborted, had been used “...to determine whether or not they could be used to make vaccines.” Plotkin explained that these tissues were harvested from organs such as the lungs, skin, kidney, spleen, and heart. When asked if the tongue was used, Plotkin laughed and stated, “I don’t recall, but probably; yes.”

In a January 2021 interview with *Life Site*, Pamela Acker, a vaccine researcher and expert, explained that in order for a viable cell line to be produced, the tissue must be harvested within five minutes of the abortion or else it is “useless.” Subsequently, she explained that “...this had to have been a baby that was aborted and they knew that the tissue was going to be used for research...” ruling out the possibility of a spontaneous miscarriage or abortion. Furthermore, Acker stated that “...they will actually deliver these babies via cesarean section, the babies are in some cases still alive when the researchers start extracting the tissue. To the point where their heart is still beating, and they’re generally not given any anesthetic because that would disrupt the cells that the researchers are trying to extract. So, they’re removing this tissue while the baby’s alive, and in extreme amounts of pain, and so this makes it even more sadistic.”

The practice of using aborted fetuses for vaccine production continues today. The aborted fetal line, HEK-293, is currently being used in the COVID vaccine production. Acker states, “...the HEK stands for Human Embryonic Kidney, but 293 stands for this is the 293rd experiment that this particular researcher did to develop a cell line. And that doesn’t mean that there were 293 abortions, but for 293 experiments you need far more than one abortion. And we’re talking probably 100s of abortions...”

Evidenced by the passage of LD798, there is an obvious lack of understanding as to why religious exemptions are necessary. The passage of LD798 mandated that I must go against my conscience and against my relationship with God in order for my children to receive an education. Despite the argument that all major religious institutions support the use of these products, let me be clear. I do not answer to the Pope or the Bishop or any man. I answer directly

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to Creator. Please support the passage of LD833 to reinstate religious exemptions and uphold our constitutional right to freedom of religion.

Resources

Covid Vaccine Chart by Sound Choice Pharmaceutical Institute- Dr. Theresa Deisher:

<https://soundchoice.org/vaccines/covid-19-vaccine-chart/>

Fetal Cells Discussed Under Oath by Dr. Stanley Plotkin:

<https://deeproootsathome.com/dr-plotkin-admits-fetal-cells-under-oath-and-human-dna-in-vs/>

Pamela Acker Interview with Life Site:

<https://www.lifesitenews.com/opinion/a-hill-worth-dying-on-expert-explains-how-aborted-baby-cells-taint-covid-vaccines>