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LD 51

To Senator Rafferty, Representative Brennan and the Members of the Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs,

I am testifying in support of ME LD 51, LD 1098, LD 869, LD 1148, LD 1209, LD1228

I am in favor of restoring religious and philosophical exemptions to immunization requirements for work and for education. As a healthcare professional, I can see that the mandates have caused much harm to the healthcare professions by reducing available professional workers and staff. Vaccine mandates have not been shown to improve the health of Maine people. Instead the mandates have driven a wedge of distrust among the government, healthcare professionals and Maine citizens.

As a Christian, the vaccine mandates are directly discriminating against my free exercise of religion in Maine in regards to education and work opportunities.

The vaccine mandates have caused suffering for Mainers across the board of healthcare and education with no measurable benefits. Religious freedom and philosophical exemptions must be restored to Maine citizens.

Sincerely,

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