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LD 51

I am strongly opposed to LD51 and the five other bills under consideration to increase the ability to get waivers from current vaccine requirements. Religious and philosophical exemptions should not be allowed to supersede the rights of other Maine children to avoid being exposed to dangerous illnesses in their public schools.

Evidence shows that vaccines work, and are safe and effective at reducing the number of serious illnesses Maine's children get. In March, 2020, Maine voters overwhelmingly chose to support closing loopholes on vaccine exemptions. That vote spoke loudly as to the support for a science-based approach to vaccine requirements to keep our kids safe.

Please oppose all of these bills.