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Testimony in Favor of

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LD 51 - An Act to Restore Religious and Philosophical Exemptions to Immunization Requirements

LD 1098 - An Act to Restore Religious and Philosophical Exemptions Regarding Immunization Requirements

LD 1209 - An Act to Reinstate the Religious and Philosophical Vaccine Exemptions for Private Schools and Virtual Public Charter Schools

Good morning Sen. Rafferty, Rep. Pierce and distinguished members of the Education and Cultural Affairs Committee.

My name is Dave Miramant and I live in Camden.

Those of you who served with me when I was in the Senate know of my passion for this issue and the time I have spent researching it. The results of that research have proven that the allowance of a religious or philosophical exemption to the vaccine requirements in our schools had not caused any problems in the over 30 years that it was in place.

In the absence of evidence that the lack of vaccination in children causes problems, it makes sense to correct a wrong that was done several years ago when the exemptions were removed.

We have only to look at our neighbor, New Hampshire, to see that allowing these exemptions does not affect the health of our schools. They have continued to allow exemptions and have no issues with this. This is the case in many other states and undermines any argument that it makes sense to force vaccinations to receive a public education.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.