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Testimony of Annalyse Sarvinas Education and Cultural Affairs Committee Testimony in Support of LD 51: April 3, 2023

Senator Rafferty, Representative Brennan, and the distinguished members on the Committee of Education and Cultural Affairs, my name is Annalyse Sarvinas and I am reaching out today in regard to the proposed LD 51, "An Act to Restore Religious and Philosophical Exemptions to Immunization Requirements". Thank you for the opportunity to testify today. I request that the Committee deem that LD 51 ought to pass. My reasons are many, but out of respect for your time, I will give you two brief accounts of why this bill needs to pass.

According to the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, many required vaccines contain fetal cell tissues. This goes against my sincerely held religious beliefs, and having to justify my religious beliefs to members of our local government, in order to access publicly funded institutions, is a violation of my first amendment rights. The first reference for my belief can be found in Exodus 20:13 in the 10 commandments. Whether you believe the life inside the womb is worth protecting is irrelevant to the fact that it is a human life, and terminating that life is murder. My second reference for my belief is found in Exodus 21:22-25; which requires any person who harms or kills a fetus in the womb to receive the same infliction that they imposed upon the unborn. I have no interest in being chemically burned, or ripped limb from limb by my just and holy God, because I was complicit in the injuring and/or killing of unborn human life by way of vaccines.

My second reason addresses the false promise made, that medical exemptions would still be available. I have dear friends whose children are vaccine injured, with reports filed with VAERS. They were promised by this committee that medical exemptions would still stand, only later to be informed that the language of medical exemptions was changed after the bill was passed. They were also informed by their doctors, that they had been issued a cap on how many medical exemptions were allowed to be given out, causing undue stress and heartbreak as many felt forced to remove their children from their local public schools.

The Education and Cultural Affairs Committee needs to vote yes on LD 51 to restore trust between the citizens of Maine and their elected officials, and to show respect for the Constitution of The United States which gives us our religious freedoms. Thank you for your time  $\bigcirc$