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LD 51

I am writing in support of LD 51.

This bill is not the creation of a new “right” but merely a reinstatement of rights that Mainers (and all Americans) had up until 2019.

In my opinion, it is moral, practical and constitutional imperative that it is passed.

It is morally right because it recognizes the right of individual bodily autonomy and for a person to have a say in what substances are injected into their bodies with respect to their philosophical and religious beliefs.

It is also a practical necessity as Mainers (especially rural residents) are being denied access to health care because so many health care workers have left their professions rather than be forced into unwanted vaccines. The results are a human toll of lack of medical care.

Finally, it is also a constitutional mandate in recognition of the religious rights granted by the First Amendment.

Thank you for considering my testimony. LD 51 ought to pass.

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