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To all whom it may concern:

I am a mother of two teenagers who had COVID in January of 2021. They both recovered quickly without complication. I believe this illness is not dangerous for the majority of kids, babies, or young adults especially if they are active and healthy. There is no reason for them or anyone else with natural immunity to risk adverse vaccine reactions.

The steps being taken by the governor, Maine Health, and Maine CDC are dangerous to the health of our future, our children. I love my home, but if laws are not instated to protect my rights and children's rights to bodily autonomy, we will leave.

The emergency of this pandemic is over and we need to do a serious reality check. The scapegoating and discrimination needs to end. I worked for Maine Health and was discriminated against for having natural immunity. I'm a healthy healthcare worker. There are no boxes to check as of yet for that type of discrimination and my case was dropped. But the case is not dropped.

I witnessed what I would call failure of the vaccine as well as harm.

I am not impressed with the leadership of this state or country. Too many corners have been cut, and not for the benefit of the people, but for the benefit of the few. Pharmaceutical companies should not be allowed to suppress honest open dialogue through the octopus arms of governmental overreach and media narratives.

Please, consider the constitution and what it was meant to ensure. We need the right to informed and complete consent, not bullying and coercion. We cannot have that without transparency and conversation. Out right canceling of valid voices, which means every voice, is unconstitutional.

Sincerely, Jessica Arsenault