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Senator Claxon, Representative Meyer and esteemed committee members,

My name is Rosanna Bowman and I live in Hope. I am a Licensed Master Social Worker. Prior to the Covid-19 vaccine mandate I was employed as a social worker at a nursing and skilled rehabilitation facility. While the job was not always easy, I loved being able to help patients, residents, and their family members navigate what can be a scary and confusing time.

Despite the love I had for my job and my patients and residents, I chose not to comply with the Covid-19 vaccine mandate for health care workers. At this time I do not feel comfortable injecting the Covid-19 vaccine into my body, as true long term effects are unknown. And while this is anecdotal, I have witnessed many adverse events post-vaccine in people that I know personally. From heart attacks and other cardiac problems, lymph issues, continual gastrointestinal distress, joint pain, to most devastatingly - deaths. Due to the novelty regarding the use of this type of vaccine in humans, it would appear prudent to halt all mandates to allow for further safety testing and research.

Lastly, I have lived in Maine my entire life and earned my degrees at the University of Maine and the University of New England. I love living in Maine and hope to be able to remain here. However, after leaving my position as a social worker, I have taken a 32% hourly pay cut and currently have no benefits (health insurance, paid time off, etc.). This does not provide a feasible income to live and thrive here in the great State of Maine. I am also no longer working in my field of expertise that I have put much time, effort, and money into - and like many other professions, has a shortage of workers.

I would strongly ask that you vote Ought to Pass for bill LD 867.

Thank you very much for your time.

Respectfully,
Rosanna Bowman, LMSW