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Senator Claxon, Representative Meyer and esteemed committee members,

Hello, my name is Susan Brenner, and I am in support of LD 867. Passing this bill simply supports scientists, doctors, parents and individuals to continue to monitor the health of everyone who has been vaccinated for Covid-19, to watch for any long term safety issues that might arise during the next 5 years, and eliminates the feeling of pressure and coercion that individuals who are not comfortable taking this vaccine at this point in time are experiencing.

This vaccine has been manufactured faster than any other vaccine, and there is no way to get around the fact that it hasn't been around long enough for us to know if it will have negative long term effects for certain people. Some valid concerns already being looked into are reproductive issues, cancer, strokes and other blood clotting issues, Guillain-Barre syndrome, severe allergies and cardiovascular issues. There is absolutely no harm in pausing to do more research, we all will win, either from gaining 5 years of studies proving a solid, healthy track record for these vaccines, or through revealing health issues that are of current concern or unforeseen to us yet.

I know too many families who have experienced first hand vaccine injuries, permanently damaged or dead children. It is unconscionable to force someone to undergo any medical intervention or procedure against their will.

Please vote Ought to Pass on LD 867, give Mainers and scientists time to study the long term effects of these new vaccines. It is in the best interest for our state and the health and well being of all Mainers.

Thank you, Susan Brenner Ellsworth