

Tuesday January 11 at 9 am. Health and Human Services Committee

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Senator Claxton, Representative Meyer and distinguished members of the Maine Committee on Health and Human Services,

I am here to testify in support of LD 867, An Act To Prohibit Mandatory COVID-19 Vaccinations for 5 Years from the date of a vaccine's first emergency use authorization by the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Food and Drug Administration To Allow for Safety Testing and Investigations into Reproductive Harm.

I am against mandates. It is not the government's jurisdiction to announce or enforce any kind of mandate which forces a person to put something into his/her body. The purpose of government is to protect our liberties. The Declaration of Independence specifically states that we "are endowed by our Creator with certain unalienable rights, among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness – that to secure these rights, governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed." Our government's purpose is to secure our rights.

- As an elected first selectman, I certainly have no right to interfere with a citizen's medical choices, nor is it my business or right to know about anyone's medical conditions, medical choices, or medical beliefs. People have a right to privacy and individual autonomy.
- The majority of the US Supreme Court seems poised to reject the sweeping federal mandate, with a decision expected in days.
- There are major legal, medical and philosophical holes in any sort of mandate upon employers. Citizen's intimate medical details are not an employer's right to know, nor are they the government's right to know.
- Last week, a judge blocked the Pentagon from taking 'any adverse action' against sailors who have refused the vaccine.
- Also, a group of Navy Special Warfare service members won a lawsuit challenging the Navy's COVID-19 vaccine mandate in November, contending it breached their religious freedom.
- Also, the United States Postal Service is seeking temporary relief from the Biden administration's vaccine or test mandate, warning of 'potentially catastrophic impact' to the postal service.
- Maine already has a healthcare crisis in our state due to one mandate, and now nursing homes are closing, hospitals can't operate due to lack of staff, and the public is suffering because our health care system has been compromised by bad policy against the will of the people.
- I have spoken with countless members of the military, border patrol, first responders such as firefighters who were forced to give up their livelihoods due to an unconstitutional mandate where the government is forcing substances into their bodies against their will. Now these hard working citizens are forced to lose their jobs, income, livelihoods and pensions. This attack from the government upon the people, violating their rights, is not just injuring them in the present, but for years to come as their earned pensions have been eradicated.

This concept of mandate is abhorrent, a maneuver against the citizenry that simulates communism. This is not how we reward hard workers. We are certainly in a labor crisis as it is, the traditional American hard work ethic is hard to find, and a mandate would cause even more loss in the diminished labor force.

Finally, the white elephant in the room is that none of these vaccines have been adequately tested and studied as all previous vaccines. Animal testing was never done, and instead, the pharmaceutical companies have exchanged humans for animals. The facts that traditional vaccines take years to study for adverse reactions and reliability, that the current vaccines are emergency use, that VAERs are growing in number every day—at least the ones that are being reported, that pregnant mothers have reportedly been miscarrying at astronomical rates and that females are reporting menstrual cycle disruptions, and that the vaccine does not even stop transmission, sickness or death. The term “vaccine” has actually been redefined for Covid 19 due to these injuries and in order to push an unvetted, untested pharmaceutical on the American public.

To be clear, there is no rush or panic to fight a disease with a 99.95% survival rate for people under 50. This weekend, CDC Dir. Rochelle Walensky admitted that there are actually different death totals for those that died *with* COVID vs. those that died *because* of COVID. She said that in fact 75% of deaths had 4 comorbidities. Please don't panic.

This committee ought to support this bill and protect Mainers' liberties and health.

Thank you for your time, attention, and your service to our citizenry.

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