

Dear Honorable Members of the Health and Human Services Committee,

We are writing today on behalf of SAFE Communities, a non-profit organization whose purpose is to support pro-vaccine lawmakers and legislation. We strongly oppose LD 867, An Act To Prohibit Mandatory COVID-19 Vaccinations for 5 Years To Allow for Safety Testing and Investigations into Reproductive Harm. We are very concerned about the impact this bill would have on the health and safety of the communities you represent.

LD 867 is based on fear and misinformation and obstructs the ability of our hospitals and long-term care facilities to protect our most vulnerable citizens from a contagious and deadly disease. In addition, it denies our businesses the freedom to protect their workers and customers from preventable disease, hindering the ability of the free market to do its part in protecting our communities.

Vaccines are a significant benefit to public health and one of the most important ways we can safely come through the devastation of this pandemic. Millions of people in the United States have received COVID-19 vaccines under the most intense safety monitoring in our history. There is no logical or scientific basis for LD 867, which panders to anti-vaccine conspiracy theories and undermines our collective progress in protecting our children and families from deadly diseases.

SAFE Communities respectfully asks for your no vote on LD 867. Thank you in advance for your consideration of the many organizations that are in opposition during your deliberations.

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