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To the Distinguished Members of the Health and Human Services Committee,
Thank you for hearing the bill on mandatory COVID-19 vaccinations today.

I wish to share my support of LD867- an act to prohibit mandatory vaccinations for 5 years to allow for safety testing and investigations into reproductive harm.

I am elderly.

I have had my vaccinations.

I have been boosted.

I have COVID right now after having received my booster.

While I know COVID is very, very dangerous for some, I was hesitant to get the shot because it is brand new. It concerns me how quickly this vaccine has been pushed through. I still worry about the long term effects on my body. I only accepted the shot after being pressured relentlessly from my doctor and then being told I could not volunteer at the hospital anymore unless I have my shots up to date.

I support allowing a five year period of time to pass before there are any more mandates on this vaccination. I also would like to see my granddaughters be able to have children without fear of reproductive harm. Beyond that, I support freedom of choice. I was around when Polio was an issue and children were becoming very sick. This is not the same situation. Social distancing, hand washing, and even masking has helped in a lot of cases. For me, I was directly exposed by a healthcare worker who had COVID but was still working due to the CDC guidelines- if anything we should probably be looking at those guidelines before we mandate anything else.

Thank you again,