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Senator Claxon, Representative Meyer, and esteemed committee members,
Please let me begin by expressing my gratitude for the opportunity to submit this testimony as well as thank you for your time taken to read and consider this submission.

My name is Sophia Currie and I currently reside in the town of Brewer. I am a registered nurse of almost two years and I became a nurse just as the Covid-19 pandemic was beginning. I worked on the frontline of the pandemic as a home health and hospice nurse for about 17 months. It was during this time that I discovered that I had truly found my passion and my calling. This time came to an end on October 30th, 2021 due to Maine's COVID-19 vaccine mandate for healthcare workers.

As the result of the loss of my career, there have been many changes to my life and the life of my family, specifically the introduction of financial hardship. As a recent college graduate and being newly married, finances have been difficult to manage. Thankfully, I was able to begin private duty work, but hours are limited due to many other people being in the same position as I am.

I have chosen to not receive the COVID-19 vaccination for a number of reasons, one of which is applicable to this testimony, lack of vaccine information. This is information only provided by years of studies and collection of long term data regarding vaccine efficacy and safety.

I am in support of LD867 and believe that it ought to pass. It would allow time for testing and investigation regarding effects of the COVID-19 vaccine.

Once again, thank you for your time and consideration.

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