## April Dufour Skowhegan

I lost my job at Maine veterans Home in Augusta ME back in September. I have had my CNA for a long long time ago. And this hurts I loved my residents and I took dam good care of them. And I'm out of a job cause I refuse the Covid vaccine. We the Americans should have rights to choose. I keep my residents safe when I was working. And know it's okay to let the vaccinated come to work being positive and they can still spread it to people, SO NOT RIGHT! we were always told in health care if sick do not come in stay home and get better and don't spread it. And know it's okay and people are dying and residents because workers that's been vaccinated is spreading it. Please please throw this mandate out and let us un vaccinated work. It's our choice to choose if we want it. Or residents in facilities are dying and our loved ones. I have sat in a few rooms with dying residents and family members can't even come in due to Covid and it's so sad. Loved ones should not have to die without there love one beside them holding there hand. And how many nurses in facilities can sit there holding there hand if there's a shortage of nurses ,worse then before Covid struck. We were always short. If anything think of your loved ones. And think of the health care workers that can't work due to not getting the vaccine. I loved my job and I always put the residence first and how would I want to be treated. And know I have no job to take care of my son and the job I loved is gone  $\square$