

To the distinguished members of the Health and Human Services committee,

Thank you for taking the time to read this. My name is Moriah Estes from Old Orchard Beach, and I am asking you to please support LD 867. We really need a bit more time and a bit more comparative studies to make sure we do not end up doing more harm than good because there are quite a bit of claims saying otherwise... I just do not understand how we as a people can support and protect ourselves/others to such extremes where we shut down an entire state (for much longer than "2 weeks," losing jobs, homes, and livelihoods) to protect ourselves/others, yet to take some time to do a little research is too much to ask for. Think of how much we did, how much we gave up, how much we changed our own lives to help protect ourselves/others/the most vulnerable, yet what are we doing for those, now, who are screaming at the tops of their lungs saying that they are losing loved ones to these covid vaccines, or that they are being left in debilitating conditions because of them? Why don't we care? Why are we ignoring them? Because their sacrifice is for the greater good? Because it did not happen to us and it is not on TV, so it is easy to ignore and block out? How would you want to be treated? Would you want to be ignored and told you do not know what you are talking about? We upended an entire state and changed every way we lived our lives to protect the "most vulnerable," how can they/we just sit back now, and let these people cry and plead at their/our feet to help them? How can we demand so much from them and not give a thing in return? What sort of high horses on we on? How can just we just do nothing? I cannot imagine upending an entire state is less work than putting a pause on shoving this thing down people's throats and instead maybe doing a little investigating? We did SO MUCH at the beginning of this thing to protect EVERYONE, and right now, EVERYONE still needs protection, but EVERYONE clearly cannot have the same ONE THING, so maybe we can put a pause on these shots since it is clearly only causing rifts throughout the entire state (literally) and work on finding MORE THINGS, so EVERYONE can have the protection they need and can live equally. There is such cancel culture around this topic, and it is inhumane to let it continue as such. I see no compassion, no humanity, no empathy in the conversation about covid vaccines. A hundred percent of people cannot eat the same food (nuts anyone?), cannot use the same laundry detergent, cannot take the same medication. Obviously, it is going to be the same with these covid vaccines, it is just logical. We must get rid of the cancel culture. We must stop pretending the truth is not the truth. How heartless can we be, really, to just ignore these people whose lives have been changed FOREVER. How would you want someone to treat you?

Furthermore, vaccine mandates imply safety. Which is not really such a bad thing; we all want to feel safe right now. We all want to know we are going to be okay. The unfortunate situation is that we all know the vaccines do not prevent catching covid or transmitting it to others (which Dr. Fauci stated as well as the CDC). It is a truth that cannot be ignored. So to imply that a place is "Safe from covid" is essentially misinformation in and of itself.. It is misleading. A false sense of security that would impact our most vulnerable the greatest, as it is they that are truly hoping to find "Safe spaces" right now. To lure them out, letting them believe they will be okay because only vaccinated individuals are allowed, yet knowing that they do not prevent catching or transmitting, is horrific. Instead of focusing so much on how to shove this vaccine down peoples throats, what to do to get people to just take it, will go nowhere. They won't have it. Coercion is not science. We need to focus instead on using, and more importantly ACCEPTING, that there are other ways we can use along side these vaccines so everyone can go about their daily lives again.

Please support LD 867 to help the rest of your Maine citizens, so we can find multiple ways to reach the same goal, together.