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To Senator Claxon and Representative Meyer and the other esteemed committee members: I wish to express my support in passing of LD 867, An act to prohibit mandatory COVID-19 Vaccinations for 5 years to allow for safety and testing and investigations into reproductive harm.

As you discuss and review this bill, I would like to share my thoughts on this bill and why I support it. I am a healthcare worker, dedicated 18 years to serving others as an occupational therapist. I have 18 years' experience working in acute care in hospitals. I have been a part of the recent pandemic the last 2 years working in Bangor ME and treating COVID patients and giving them the care, they need to help get them stronger and return home. I have concerns for certain populations taking this vaccine as science is still researching the full the effects of COVID-19 vaccine. For me, I lost my job when Governor Mills mandate was activated, I had to make difficult decisions affecting my income, my family, my livelihood, my passion to serve others as an occupational therapist in the hospital. I know my co-workers still need my services to help share the burden. I am saddened that I am now unable to help those I had been helping through the pandemic. My faith is strong, and I needed to be able to sleep at night and not go against what I felt morally wrong to be forced to engage in a new medical advancement.

It is time to allow this bill to help let science see the long-term effects of this new medical vaccine and continue to assess the ever-changing effects of the virus. Recently, the FDA has been ordered to release the safety data in a more efficient timeline regarding the Pfizer COVID 19 vaccine. Another concern, the World Health Organization has a database, [Vigiaccess.org](https://vigiaccess.org), that is listing a significant number of reports in reactions to the COVID 19 vaccine. In 2021 alone, there were 2,878,336 reports of reactions for Covid-19 vaccines versus only 148 for measles vaccines in one year (5,865 total reports since 1968 for the measles vaccine). There is a significant amount of concern here to be reviewed and evaluated to ensure safety for all individuals. Passing LD 867 will allow more safety data to be reviewed and to ensure this new vaccine is appropriate and everyone is fully informed of its effects and benefits.

Thank you for taking the time to read my letter and consider supporting LD 867. This LD 867 ought to pass to help our Maine people.

Sincerely,
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