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I write in support of LD867.

I am a lifelong resident of Maine. I am a Viet Nam Veteran of 4 years with the operational arm of the Army Security Agency (intelligence). My degree is in Biology and Chemistry and retired from teaching Biology in 2012. I am momentarily in a state where no "vaccine" mandates exist nor mask mandates exist and the economy is thriving... people seem healthy and happy and without fear.

1. I have great concern about mandates in general. I now hear and read the same words and messages used by 1960's communist China as it was working to achieve its totalitarian condition. Our politicians use the same words, techniques, and fear mongering. I live in a country that is much like a country that we worked very hard to stop its totalitarian push down thru the countries of Southeast Asia. America is rapidly becoming a country I do not recognize as it attempts to push medical tyranny. There must be many old veterans agonizing in their graves.

2. I have paid close attention to the evolving Covid 19 saga as it is the type of thing I spent time teaching. It became quickly clear to me from my knowledge that our health agencies had about everything wrong they were advising Americans on. One of the key elements was that of masks and the other was the issue of mRNA vaccines.

There was nothing that the "vaccine" allegedly did that matched any definition of a "Vaccine" even when they temporarily morphed the concept into emphasizing its "gene" therapy benefits. It did not even fit the definition or functional capacity of a gene therapy wherein a "bad" gene sequence was replaced by an "improved" sequence. To the interested observer as more people were vaccinated the case count rose instead of diminished. Some politician announced it was a pandemic of the unvaccinated but worldwide that claim was put down as we realized it was the fully vaccinated that were in hospitals. Any Biologist worth his or her salt knows pathogens challenged by an environment and not killed by that environment will evolve to survive. (All life on earth responds to one biological imperative and that is "survive if you can". Evolution is the escape clause for that commandment. The mRNA shots do not kill pathogens (viruses); those left are able to evolve and the result is more often than not potential more aggressive forms. Fauci, CDC, WHO all admit the shots do not kill all the pathogens opening the path for its inevitable evolution. It becomes clear the shots may contribute to the inevitability of more dangerous pathogens. If a pathogen is left largely unchallenged by its environment the historical perspective is simple "as time passes viruses become less virulent and fade into an endemic relatively benign stage and more contagious. That is the simple clear biological historical perspective. Mandating a substance that cannot destroy the pathogen completely changes that equation for the worse.

3. Right now the Omicron variant appears relatively benign although it seems quite contagious. Again this is what should be happening- these viruses should become less severe, more benign but more contagious. This is all good. If we just thank our lucky stars and allow this variation to become the dominant form- avoiding mandating shots that are designed for a variant already largely gone- but only "irritating" the dominant form now (Omicron) and driving it to become more aggressive. Chances are pretty good that the "emergency" is over. If we get crazy and force Biological imperatives on it with an aggressive mandated series of shots that do not kill it it will evolve into a more serious form. Right now this should simply become more benign, more contagious and settle into an endemic stage like the common cold. (Now if you stop and think back on high school and college Biology classes you will recall some discussion some old teacher or professor engaged in that is pretty much like the above.

On Kock's deathbed (Kocks postulates of disease) he admitted he was wrong. He acknowledged that "terrain" was the big actor in disease and transmission. The idea had been around for awhile that the health of the body had a great deal to do with what disease did. The problem was he did such a great job with his postulates that the "terrain" idea could not take hold. He left this life finally agreeing to the importance of terrain on health.

So suppose we just simply change tactics and explained to people in real ways that diet, exercise, rest, stress mediation- could do more to keep us healthy than any series of mRNA mandated vaccines? Yup that is hard thing because most of us want to do the easy thing- getting that shot is much easier than giving up that Coca-Cola or orange soda; preparing that home cooked organic meal is much harder than just getting that booster shot. But we know that you put yourself at substantial risk with the shots- reference the VAERS reporting system for deaths and adverse events from the shots. That list may be only representing as little as 1% of the actual events! and optimistically it may represent only 20 to 40% of the events.

These shots continue to be approved only for emergency use. The emergency is over. We are OK. There are many people who slept through Biology class and cannot understand how they can be OK so why not simply say:

"Get the shot(s) if you want it-you are free to do that" and if the person happened to be awake when these biological idea were discussed simply say to that person:" If you do not want the shot you are free to not get it".

We know a lot more about this thing now and we know who is getting sick and why and we know who is not getting sick and why... very little has to do with preventing anything with mRNA shots. There is no pandemic of the unvaccinated.

Lay down fears...the great Gordon Bok advises we "are always turning toward the morning" in his great folk song. We are Ok. Thank you for choosing to help protect people from mandated vaccines. You will make many old soldiers and old Biology teachers smile at your courage and wisdom. You will be remembered for those two traits.... nothing wrong with having courage and wisdom to do the right thing.

Best regards- John Gordon (Blue Hill, Maine)