My name is Dana and I used to be a registered nurse working in a Maine hospital. I have been unemployed since the mandate took effect on October 30, 2021. I worked tirelessly throughout the pandemic but was no longer welcomed back to work due to the mandate of the experimental COVID-19 vaccines. These vaccines that are being mandated throughout Maine hospitals are vaccines that have yet had the full, FDA stamp of approval; they are authorized only for experimental use. I refuse to consent in this medical experiment and was left the sole choice to step away not only from my passion, but my source of income due to my inability to consent.

Informed consent is one of the basic, fundamental practices I was taught in nursing school and as a nurse, I take the process of consent incredibly seriously. It was my duty as an RN to ensure that the patient understands the procedure, risks, and even alternatives methods and risks of those alternative procedures. The nurse's role is imperative as they are the advocate for that patient. With informed consent, that patient also has right to refuse because of the concept of bodily autonomy.

I feel the need to explain informed consent because this mandate of COVID-19 experimental injections is violating my right of informed consent. I have chosen to wait to have the COVID vaccine because of the lack of long-term studies. As a young woman, choosing to participate with an experimental vaccine could have reproductive harms later down the road. That is a risk I am just not willing to take.

For the many reasons listed above, I think that it is in the best interest for LD 867 "ought to pass" because health care workers deserve to know the long-term effects that these vaccines carry. We have seen, firsthand, short term side effects such as myocarditis, pericarditis, Bell's Palsy, anaphylactic reactions, thrombocytopenia, miscarriages, and many more alarming reactions and/or death to these experimental vaccines. There have been thousands of these side effects formerly reported to the VAERS COVID data (VAERS). I truly believe that is in the best interest for LD 867 "ought to pass" because health care workers deserve to have their questions answered and that can only legitimately occur when long term studies are available and released to the public. Only then will full consent be possible to such a vaccine that utilizes a new, MRNA technology that has the goal (not science, yet) to prevent infection and reduce viral transmission.

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