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My name is Evelyn and I believe that LD 867 "ought to pass" because medical employees in the state of Maine deserve the right to informed consent when it comes to these new MRNA vaccines, which have not yet completed full clinical trials and have no long-term research. As a young woman, I worry about the side effects and potential harms that I face with a vaccine that has NO long-term studies, particularly on reproductive health. Given my young age and health, I am essentially not at risk for serious illness with this virus.

I have been unemployed since the mandate took effect on October 30, 2021 because I truly believe it is in my best interest not to participate in this vaccine research. There should be options for weekly testing for both unvaccinated and vaccinated employees because ANYONE can contract and spread the virus. I am not entirely sure why these vaccines are being mandated, because they are not stopping transmission of infection.

Therefore, I cannot reiterate enough, the importance of LD 867 "ought to pass" because health care workers throughout the state deserve the right to informed consent and entirely deserve the right to wait for long term research on these experimental COVID vaccines. After all, these vaccines are still authorized for experimental use only. I would love nothing more than to go back to work but can only do so if bipartisan action is taken and common-sense applications such as testing or natural immunity are considered as options for us healthcare workers to get back at the bedside.

Thank you for your time,  
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