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Senator Claxon, Representative Meyer and esteemed committee members,
My name is Beth Hollowell. I live in Pittston and have spent 14 years working in Portland and I am writing to you in support of LD867. This bill is so important to me. I recently lost my job, my career, part of my identity this year. After dedicating 14 years of my life to the same unit and hospital, I was fired from my job. I was fired because I chose not to receive the covid vaccine and because of a recent mandate, it was now required at my job without an alternative choice. This bill allows for more time to properly collect and analyze safety testing on the Covid vaccine, ensuring more time to evaluate its effects both positive and negative. I believe this bill is needed to allow more time for accurate and informative safety studies to come out and aid individuals in making the right healthcare choice for them. Risks and benefits must be properly known in order to make an informed choice. While all the data is being collected and analyzed, no person should be made to receive the vaccine as contingency for employment. I know what it's like to be cautious, wanting more information, and being fired for the same things I advocate for for my patients. Please vote to support this bill. Thank you for your time.