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Dear Health and Human Services Committee,

My name is Michael Hobbs, I am a resident of Auburn, Maine and I am writing you all to request that you vote "ought to pass" for LD 867. I do not believe any mandate should be issued by any form of government regarding vaccinations, especially for one that has very little testing regarding any potential long term effects that may be caused by it. As was noted during the committee hearing on January 11th there has been substantial amounts of reports sent to the Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System (VAERS), while some will point out that these are "not verifiable" part of the issue is we haven't had sufficient amount of time to verify and study them. One of the biggest complaints that I have noticed is the alarming rate of those that have stated heart issues and chest pains. That being said what were to happen if someone, like myself, were to follow through with the government issued mandate? Who would be held accountable if anything was to negatively occur due to being forced to take the vaccine? Not the federal or state governments, not my employer and surely not the pharmaceutical companies. I would not only have to deal with the consequences on my own, both potentially physically and financially, whether that means missing work and/or cost of treatments associated. Halting any mandate associated for five years and allowing proper studies to be done seems like the only logical step. Especially as we watch as more and more shots are being suggested and approved, in some age groups we are already on a fourth shot. The fact that we are on a third and fourth shot in a matter of roughly twelve months is alarming in and of itself, we have to ask ourselves what it is truly accomplishing.

The CDC numbers tells us that this is a virus of the "unvaccinated", however personally I have known ten individuals whom have had the virus. Of those ten, eight were fully vaccinated (two boosted) and two were unvaccinated. You may say well that's a small number, true. However, individuals typically take note of what is occurring around and close to them, not some numbers that are thrown up on the television. I am not alone with noticing this trend either.

So, again I ask that you vote "ought to pass" for LD 867. Allow us, as a state to not just respect the body autonomy of all Mainers, but allow the proper studies and scrutiny to be done so Mainers have the opportunity to make an educated decision on the risk/reward of taking this vaccine. Allow Maine to finally live up to our state motto (Dirigo) and lead.

Thank you for taking the time to read this.

Sincerely,
Michael Hobbs