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I am writing in support of LD 867.

There are many reasons people may choose not to receive a shot for Covid, starting with the simple fact none of the shots currently available function in the traditional manner of a vaccine.

A productive government should strive to enable and empower people to make the best choices on their own behalf, not bludgeon and coerce a free people with healthcare mandates that can, and have had, very real, negative consequences for a portion of the population. In particular, it is a waste of money and insults the goodwill of citizens to enact and enforce mandates that do nothing to address the true risk factors predisposing a population to a particular illness in the first place. We all know full well what some of those risk factors for Covid are by now.

If preserving the safety and dignity of citizens and their right to bodily autonomy in medical matters is not sufficient reason to pass LD 867, there are the economic consequences to consider. Mainers who happen to visit states without mask and "vaccine" mandates will certainly see with their own eyes the difference in the business climate, general health of the populace and the vibrancy of those states ( AZ, FL, TX, etc) that avoid heavy-handed and (already proven wholly ineffective) mandates. They will wonder why their chosen and trusted representatives permitted such faulty and failed policy. Those who are able may leave, despite a great love of the landscape and heritage of Maine. We cannot afford to lose businesses and loyal residents due to mandates for shots that are unable to control the virus + all successive variants as they evolve.

Big Pharma would happily steam roll over Maine and never look back. Considering that there is absolutely no liability on the part of the manufacturer, it is completely amazing that any American citizen, or any representative of the people, would tolerate a mandate for these experimental shots. It is up to all of us to decide when "enough is enough" and support each other's individual journeys to health in the best ways we can, NOT with an already doomed, mandatory, one-size-fits-all mRNA shot program.

Please pass LD 867 and work to make Maine a place where diversity of health choices are allowed and supported.

Respectfully,  
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