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To Senator Claxon, Representative Meyer, and esteemed committee members,

I am writing to voice my request that the committee vote LD 867 ought to pass. I strongly believe that this will greatly contribute to safety for our citizens, confidence in our medical system, and protection of our constitutional rights.

I am an RN, who was working full time as a hospice nurse in the Augusta area, as well as per diem as a school nurse. I have lost my jobs, which were my family's primary source of income, as well as my means of actively contributing to our communities. To be side-lined at such a time when our health systems are already overwhelmed and short-staffed, has been demoralizing and disillusioning.

I have been healthy throughout the pandemic, in spite of known and prolonged exposure to family members who were quite sick with the virus. I credit my avoidance of illness to the use of supplements and medications used prophylactically to support my immune system.

I have grave concerns regarding the safety and efficacy of the currently-available COVID-19 vaccines. Especially in light of more recent variants which are bypassing the vaccine, I believe that there is an urgent need for further studies to prove a risk vs benefit balance that favors vaccination. This bill would give us time to do that, and restore trust in our government and medical authorities.

I want to thank the committee for taking up this important topic, and considering our input.

Sincerely,
Lauren Jackson, RN