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Please have this read aloud:

Men and women gather here today,

I am writing here today on behalf of Bill LD 867. I'm asking you today to vote that this bill ought to pass. I could talk at length and provide quotes and figures about the risks associated with these vaccines and their lack of efficacy. All one needs to do is note the increasing vaccine rates and the increasing covid rates, that's not what happens with an effective vaccine. But I'm sure there are others that can speak to that better than I. So I'm going to tell you what I have seen as a nurse in a local hospital regarding the vaccine mandate and let it be a warning to you.

Speaking for the nurses that worked with covid patients from day one. We were there when the risks were unknown and we were reusing PPE. We helped patients talk to their families one last time and die not alone. We were personally isolated from family and friends because they were worried about our infectiousness. We have seen numerous sad and horrible things, but the vaccine mandate broke us, because why would we want to work in a system that we risked ourselves for, only to be told that we weren't capable of making our own risk-benefit analysis. I don't know that the desire to work in the hospital setting could ever be brought back for us. To see nurses that have tens of thousands of dollars of student loans feel that they don't have a choice of what is injected into their body is wrong. To see nurses who feel so strongly that this is the wrong choice for them still choose to inject something they don't want into their body to keep their job is wrong. Almost every nurse that I know, and I've been in central Staffing at one of the biggest hospitals in Maine for over 10 years, so that's a lot of nurses, have left the hospital setting for travel nursing or office jobs. Because the vaccine mandate broke us. Why would we work for a system that treats us like that?

Make the right choice. Let the people make our own choices.
Thank you for your time!