

Dear Health and Human Services Committee chairs and members,

I would like to make a case why you should vote **OUGHT TO PASS on the bill LD 867, An Act To Prohibit Mandatory COVID-19 Vaccinations for 5 Years To Allow for Safety Testing and Investigations into Reproductive Harm.**

It will **be prudent to block all existing COVID-19 vaccine mandates in the State of Maine** and refrain from introducing any new ones until **all appropriate safety investigations** have completed.

One big problem with these vaccines is that we **just don't know enough**. There are too many things the trials haven't accounted for and many new unexpected devastating safety concerns have arisen since the mass vaccination campaigns started.

Among obvious concerns is all-cause mortality. For instance, Pfizer reported that **nearly 24% more trial participants died in the vaccinated group**; to wit, "[F]rom Dose 1 through the March 13, 2021 data cutoff date, there were a total of 38 deaths, 21 in the COMIRNATY group and 17 in the placebo group." This is a huge concern.

Another clear concern is that the trial participants **were all without a prior infection**. Given the risks that FDA acknowledges regarding cardiovascular issues, the effects of the virus and then the vaccines on top of a previous infection **were not studied as part of the original trial**.

Per official FDA documentation, there are **several ongoing post-marketing safety studies and substudies**, including to evaluate the occurrence of myocarditis and pericarditis following administration of COMIRNATY and safety study of pregnancy and infant outcomes, which are scheduled to conclude in 2024 and 2025 respectively.

Again, we just do not know all the risks and how to best mitigate them.

Recently, a federal judge required the FDA to release all the documentation related to the Pfizer vaccine approval to the public at a pace of 55,000 pages a month to be completed by the end of this year, which is a huge improvement over the original schedule which had been expected to take up to 75 years (!) to be released. One can imagine that this will take another several months for researchers to comb through and make conclusions.

Given the enormity of data and an unprecedented pace of these vaccines' approvals, as well as **emerging data on the vaccines' limitations and inability to stop** infections and transmissions, it will be wise to refrain from mandating the use of a product **whose safety profile is not well-known**.

Thank you for considering my input and I once again urge you to vote **OUGHT TO PASS on LD 867**.

Sincerely,

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