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My name is Bonnie Lowell, I am an RN who has worked for MaineHealth from 11/05/2001-10/29/2021. I was let go due to the vaccine mandate. It has effected me by not being able to work in my home town/state. I have heard from friends who are looking forward to me being their nurse when they deliver their babies, as I have done in the past. I have a daughter who is pregnant and due in June. I was with her with her first son and will be there with her second baby unless the hospitals are on lock down. This is very sad for our family. I have been in the delivery room with 8 of my grandchildren. This is also bothering me as my mom is elderly and I have had to move her in with me. I would have been able to travel to other states to work but now need to be here to care for my mom. This is causing a financial burden on my family. I have a husband who is disable and is unable to work. If this is passed I would be able to go back to my home hospital and help my community hospital as they are short staffed and paying higher rates to travel nurses. Be close to home and able to provide for my family and my community. I have also inquired to continue to work as I have natural immunity due to having Covid in August. 16 family members were infected and not one of us were hospitalized. We all recovered and have no long term effects. Thank you for hearing my testimony!