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Senator Claxton, Representative Meyer, Members of the Committee,
My name is Roberta Manter and I live in Fayette. I am testifying in favor of L.D. 867. It is too early to know the long range consequences this new vaccine may have, and no one should be forced to take it against their will before that information is available. Look what happened with Thalidomide, Agent Orange, or all the medications for which we now see attorneys offering to take lawsuits because it turned out there were delayed adverse consequences. Each person should be free to choose if the risk is worth it to them.

I cannot understand how our society can insist that a woman has a right to decide what is done with her own body (even if her decision WILL result in the death of her unborn child,) yet at the same time think it's right to mandate vaccines for all because an unvaccinated person MIGHT cause someone else to get sick. (We are finding that is true of the vaccinated as well.)

In November I suffered a ruptured appendix. I waited for five absolutely excruciating hours in the E.R before anyone came to take me in because the hospital was so short-staffed. Over the next 12 days my nursing staff included nurses from Kentucky and Texas. We cannot afford to cut hospital staff by telling healthy personnel that they cannot come to work because they are unvaccinated. Those who have not had the vaccine are MORE likely to take every precaution to avoid transmission. At the very least, they should be allowed to work in non-COVID wards, with regular testing and PPE, so that vaccinated nurses are free to staff the COVID wards and Emergency Rooms.

If it turns out this vaccine has dire long term consequences, the drug companies have been given immunity. But if you force people to take it against their will, do you want to have it on your conscience that you caused them harm? Please pass LD 867 to stop the mandate.
Thank you.