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Honorable Tracy Quint. My name is David Reed, a resident of Rockport, Maine. I am urging a vote YES for LD 867, an Act to Prohibit Mandatory COVID-19 Vaccination for 5 Years to Allow for Safety Testing and Investigation into Reproductive Harm. The mRNA technology is not the same as the vaccine technology of attenuated strains and other conventional immunization programs whose safety has been established with long term usage. The mRNA is a technology of gene engineering. Researchers report creation of “spike proteins” suspected of causing pathologic cardiac, vascular, pulmonary and joint changes. There are many post vaccination reports of generalized arthralgia and joint pain in the short term raising questions about autoimmune disease in the long term. Intrauterine fetal damage has not been adequately investigated. The complications from thalidomide use during pregnancy come to mind. The present vaccines have not been thoroughly vetted and are being used under an “emergency use authorization.” This may be justified for high risk groups such as senior citizens and the immunocompromised, but I question the wisdom of an across the board, general mandate for children, women in the child bearing period, and adults who have survived a Covid-19 infection and already have natural immunity.

Thank you for introducing this legislation. I, and many like me, support the bill.

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