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Dear Senator Claxon, Representative Meyer, and Esteemed Committee Members,  
I am in support of LD 867, An Act to Prohibit Mandatory COVID-19 Vaccinations to Allow for Informed Consent

The vaccine mandates have affected me personally in several ways as a 67-year-old retiree. Since the enforcement of the mandatory vaccine mandates and the staff shortages caused by it, it is nearly impossible to get through to my doctor. The office is open fewer days, has reduced hours, and no one ever answers the phone. After trying twice to make an appointment for a routine physical early last week and waiting on hold for over 15 minutes, I left a message to make an appointment. I have still not heard back. The lab at the hospital is now open only three days a week. The problem is more severe for my elderly in-laws who have serious medical issues. My wife and I have to help them contact their doctor which is a very time-consuming process.

Due to the rampant inflation, I may soon have to go back to work. I know many people who were hired and then later let go when they refused to get the vaccine. It is already difficult for a 67-year-old to find a well-paying job once retired. The mandates are making it more difficult.

Also, at this point in my life, I was looking forward to having more time to travel and to visit my family and childhood friends, most of whom live in Europe where I grew up. I came to the United States because I wanted to start a business, own a home, and enjoy the freedoms of an American citizen. Because of the mandates, my life is becoming more and more restricted. I am not just concerned about getting into certain countries, I am concerned about getting back into the United States without a vaccine. I have lost faith in our government, in our health care system, and in our media.

In closing, I would like to thank this esteemed committee and the supporters of LD 867. It gives me some hope for our country. I urge this committee to vote for LD 867 "ought to pass"

Respectfully,

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