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LD 867

Greetings.

About nine months ago I willfully chose to get the COVID-19 shots. I read the EUA statement provided, and though less comfortable accepting the shot after reading the statement, I accepted it. At the time we were all still getting practical experience with the virus, so in my mind the benefit outweighed the risk.

We now know more about COVID-19, the COVID-19 shots, and their respective risks of both.

I'm writing to urge passage of LD 867, because:

- 1> A large majority of the Maine population has accepted the shots
- 2> The shots don't necessarily prevent infection
- 3> The known risk factors are mostly associated with adults who can make personal choices
- 4> For most of the population the symptoms are similar to seasonal flu
- 5> The unknown long term risk at this point in time for younger people may outweigh the risk of infection
- 6> The 5 year moratorium clock is already ticking, so it's less the 5 years at this point

I again urge you to pass LD 867 and thank you for your consideration of my thoughts.

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