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Good morning Senator Claxon, Representative Meyers, and esteemed committee members.

I am here today to urge you to vote "ought to pass" for LD 867, An Act to Prohibit Mandatory COVID-19 Vaccinations to Allow for Informed Consent

My name is Elizabeth Rudolph. I am a RN, BSN with over 5 years of acute care experience. I have worked in various facilities in Maine as well as other parts of the country as a Travel Nurse. Currently I am working in the ICU at a Northern Light facility.

I have invested a lot of time and financial cost to pursue the nursing profession, which has become a significant part of my personal identity. However, this mandate will force me to leave the nursing profession when my medical exemption will expire at the conclusion of my pregnancy.

Having to leave the nursing profession will create a significant financial burden for my family. With a new child on the way, my family heavily relies on my income. Being forced to leave the profession, when I am capable and willing to work, will greatly impact my family's ability to meet our basic needs and maintain our modest lifestyle. With our current expense and with a child on the way, we will not be able to afford the necessities of living when I lose my job because of this mandate.

With the lack of research and evidence ensuring the safety and effectiveness of this vaccine, I cannot make an informed decision. While the mandate is enforced, I am coerced to make the decision between my family's livelihood and my health. As a young woman, who is currently pregnant and plans for subsequent children I am concerned about the lack of research done with this population.

Therefore, I am urging the committee to vote for LD867 "ought to pass" so that COVID vaccine mandates will be prohibited until there is more safety testing and investigations into reproductive harm and all other harm associated with injection of these products.