

Senator Claxon, Representative Meyer and esteemed committee members

- My name is Michael Scott. I live in Porter Maine with my wife and children. I had been working at Maine Medical Center for 4 ½ years before this August's Mandate for health care workers to be vaccinated. As a Building Controls Specialist I was responsible for ensuring aspects of infection controls, facilities compliance to CDC, ASHRAE, AORN, WHO and USP requirements for engineering controls; the mechanical means to which involve air change rates, temperature and humidity limits, room pressurization, particle filtration and infectious exhaust. I chose this profession to save lives through reduction of hospital born infections. This requires education in infection control and transmission.
- The goal of these mandates is to reduce transmission resulting in new infections. In the CDC investigation of the Massachusetts Outbreak they recorded "74% occurred in persons fully vaccinated" and "The viral load of vaccinated and unvaccinated infected with SARS CoV-2 is also similar"<sup>1</sup>. This is evidence the vaccinated can spread the virus like unvaccinated persons. This is why on July 27, "CDC released recommendations that all persons, including those who are fully vaccinated, should wear masks in indoor public settings in areas where COVID-19 transmission is high or substantial"<sup>1</sup>.
- This shows that the science was still evolving as science does when new data is examined. Even as the new variant Omicron has entered our community we see the CDC admits the vaccine does not stop transmission. The director for the CDC publicly acknowledged in a CNN interview that the COVID-19 vaccine is not effective at preventing transmission of the virus<sup>2</sup>.

If the goal of a vaccine mandate is to reduce transmission of a virus, these vaccines have failed to meet the objective. My family and I are healthy and take good care of our bodies. We do not have underlying conditions like diabetes, obesity or hypertension. Colds and flu are practically nonexistent in my household. A healthy body and a strong immune system is the best defense against these viruses that cause respiratory infections. Even when Sars-Cov 2 entered the household it was short and over within a couple days. None of us are vaccinated for Covid 19. I refuse to subject my family and myself to an experimental medical treatment that does not stop transmission and has no benefit to our bodies but has risks. These risks have only begun to be sorted out and possible reproductive harm is one of them.

I was dismissed from Maine Medical Center for refusing the mandated treatment. I was easily employed due to my education and expertise but at about 75% of my former income. We could have moved out of state to maintain the level of income but I feel that would have been an enormous strain on the kids. My wife had to increase her hours to compensate and this loss of income and has still put a great strain on our children. They have lost interest in school and my daughter is now in counseling for depression.

I am also concerned for those doctors and nurses who also knew this doesn't stop transmission and refused the treatment. They have to move or reinvent themselves.

The August healthcare worker mandate has had far reaching negative effects without mitigating the spread within the hospital. There have been many outbreaks ever since the mandate was implemented, while the health care workers are "Vaccinated".

Thank you all for considering this necessary act. You would all be heroes of not only my family but families all over this great state of Maine.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/70/wr/mm7031e2.htm>

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.msn.com/en-us/health/medical/cdc-director-covid-vaccines-cant-prevent-transmission-anymore/ar-AASDndg>