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Ought to PASS

Dear Senator Claxon, Representative Meyer and esteemed committee members,

I am writing to urge you to vote "ought to pass" on LD 867. I received the Johnson and Johnson Vaccine in April, 2021 at the kind request of a family for which I was providing elder care. This seemed like a reasonable request and I was happy to honor them in this way. I felt like a true USA citizen, making a choice that was best for me and the people I care for.

With recent events and especially the inconsistency concerning vaccines/mandates, I am starting to lose trust in my government which has (in the past) had best practices in mind including the rights of each individual citizen.

If there are mandates coming, this will have a negative effect on my family. While 3 of us did choose to be vaccinated, one member has chosen to refrain from the vaccine and he needs to be able to follow his convictions concerning this virus. He is well read and gives good sound reasons for his unwillingness to have the vaccine at this time. For myself personally, having a mandate would keep me out of some businesses and force me to make changes in the way I conduct my business.

I know you all have been put in a difficult position to have to make these types of legislative decisions. Please respect the needs of families such as mine and vote "ought to pass" on LD 867.

With kind regards,

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