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Dear Committee Members,

I am writing today to support LD 867 to prohibit mandatory COVID-19 vaccinations for 5 years to allow for safety testing and investigations into reproductive harm. I have been in healthcare for 10 years, 5 years as a RN and 5.5 years as a Nurse Practitioner. My time as a nurse practitioner has been with Maine Health, Southern Maine Health Care at their walk in clinics which serve as the local urgent care. I examine and treat between thirty and forty respiratory patients each day at work. With the vaccine mandate in place, I was terminated on 10/29/21.

As a provider, I have evaluated patients post vaccine with injuries, including shingles, cold sores, "Covid Arm", cellulitis, pneumonia, COPD and asthma exacerbations, chest pain, miscarriages, rashes in breastfed babies, menstrual cycle changes, and neurological symptoms. I have now evaluated and treated thousands of patients with COVID-19 viral infections, 99% of whom have mild to moderate head cold symptoms. I have sent only one of my patients to the emergency room for low oxygen. Therefore, I can very easily say that I have seen more complications due to the COVID-19 vaccine than I have from COVID viral illness itself. In my past two urgent care shifts with the onset of a new COVID variant, 85% of my positive covid patients were vaccinated. If a vaccine is mandated by law it must be efficacious, and right now it is not.

Furthermore, natural immunity is being discounted and seen as inferior to immunity provided by a vaccine. It is not even seen as an exemption, as it is with other mandatory vaccines for health care workers such as varicella (the antibodies for this virus are accepted in lieu of the varicella vaccine).

Thank you for your time, and please consider my thoughts into your decision.

Sincerely,

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