

Senator Claxon, Representative Meyer and esteemed committee members,

My name is Pamela Record and I am a registered nurse from Perham, Maine that truly believes that the LD867 bill ought to pass.

I have been working in the rural hospital of Cary Medical Center since 1992. I have enjoyed being a part of the very awesome team of nurses that provide care to our special community on the Maternal/Child floor. I have had the pleasure of growing in this position for all but one of the 29+ years, except for the one year I tried out working and learning in our OR department. During this time I have seen and led out in many interesting and critical situations that I know have helped me to grow as a nurse. I have also gained knowledge, from mentoring and helping other new nurses to be trained and grow in this area of nursing, during my years of practice at CMC. CMC has been over all very beneficial to me over the years and I am very grateful for that.

On October 1, 2021 my position status was changed from full time to part time per diem because of the Maine state mandate that required all healthcare professionals to be vaccinated with the Covid 19 vaccine. I am unable to take this vaccine. Even though I am technically still an employee of CMC I am not allowed to provide care there unless I allow the injection to myself of the Covid 19 vaccine. If I am not able to work within the year from this date, I will automatically be terminated at that time.

This being said I have had to leave my home and state of my birth, to go to other states to provide nursing care in temporary positions to provide income for my family. I very much desire to return home and go back to providing care to my own community. I can not do this however as long as the Covid 19 vaccine is mandated. So again, my sincere desire is for this LD867 bill to be passed.

Thank you, to all of you on this Health and Human Services committee, for allowing me to tell you my story.

Sincerely, Pamela Record