

**Dear House Members of the Human Service Committee,**

My name is Tara Dukart and I am a business owner. I urge you to **support HB 1307**, “to prohibit public accommodations from refusing services to an individual because the individual has not been vaccinated; and to provide a penalty.”

I have been following laws pertaining to medical freedoms in other parts of the US. What has happened in states like California and New York is extremely concerning to me. I trust that you, our elected decision-makers, will be willing to secure our medical freedoms here in North Dakota.

Vaccines are not safe for everyone. All vaccines have potential side effects and risks. While some adverse events of vaccines may be mild, like pain and swelling at the injection site, some are severe and can be significantly life-altering. These risks include, but are not limited to:  
(Sources: vaers.hhs.gov and CDC.gov)

Death, SIDS, miscarriage  
anaphylaxis or anaphylactic shock  
Guillain-Barré Syndrome, transverse myelitis, paralysis  
autoimmune diseases, arthritis, gastrointestinal disorders  
myocardial infarction (heart attack)  
long-term seizures  
strokes, coma, lowered consciousness, or permanent brain damage  
pneumonia, respiratory illness, asthma, ear infections  
swelling of the brain and/or spinal cord covering  
temporary low platelet count which can cause unusual bleeding or bruising

Because vaccines are “unavoidably unsafe,” and come with potential risk, I believe vaccines should always, always be optional. Therefore, everyone should have the right to opt out of a vaccine or other health-related decision for any applicable reason including: medical, moral, ethical, religious, or philosophical concerns.

I pray that law makers in North Dakota would never require citizens to show proof of vaccination in order to buy or sell goods. Medical decisions are personal, and I believe they should remain that way. The unvaccinated population poses no true risk to the general public, including in commerce settings.

Sources will be included in additional document files. Thank you very much for your time and consideration.

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