

To: Legislative Assembly of North Dakota

From: Heather Miller,
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RE: Testimony in favor of HB 1320

Ladies and gentlemen, my name is Heather Miller and I am a resident of Mandan, North Dakota. I hereby give testimony about House Bill 1320 which would prohibit state and local government from mandating vaccination and would prohibit making the receipt of a vaccine a condition for entry, education, employment, or services. I support this bill.

As a mother of a vaccine-injured child, this bill is important to me because I have not vaccinated any of my children since my second-born was vaccine injured. I am proud to live in a state where I have the freedom to choose Exemption to Immunization Law. My third-born child has never been vaccinated and has been the healthiest of my three children. The difference is remarkable. Vaccines carry the risk of injury or death. I propose it should be up to the individual to assess the risks of taking a vaccine and to have the right to refuse any vaccine without penalty. House Bill 1320 needs to be passed to prevent law abiding citizens from losing their jobs, losing access to education, losing access to enter into businesses or obtaining services for refusing to take a vaccine.

House Bill 1320 helps my family because it protects our right to choose what we put in our body. Every body is unique. The varied symptoms of COVID-19 underscores the uniqueness of an individual's immune response. At the height of my son's vaccine injury he lost the ability to speak. He was lethargic. His smile and shining 18-month-old eyes were replaced by a blank stare. So devastating. But it was a choice I made to vaccinate. And I fought the battle to restore healing to my child. I prayed. I researched. I took him to various doctors. We changed our diet. It was a long journey. Now I choose to not vaccinate. Would North Dakota take away my ability to choose? Does North Dakota know what is best for my body and would North Dakota fight to restore healing to my vaccine-injured body?

Please pass House Bill 1320 and protect my right to choose what I put in my body. Let the individual decide. Let parents and caregivers decide what is best for their charges. Please protect my family's right to refuse vaccines while preserving access to employment, education, and services.