

Strong support for HB 1377

I strongly support HB 1377 to provide transparency within the system and to truly allow informed consent with immunizations/vaccines. If the proposed criteria were required, then informed consent can truly happen. Those that strongly believe in their decisions will have a fair and just path to exemption.

I currently feel the ND Health Department, medical offices/clinics, media, CDC, WHO provide a very one-sided picture with immunizations/vaccines. This does not allow for full transparency for people to make the best decision for themselves and their children. These resources of information should be providing neutral information to allow the person to form their own opinion and make the best decision for themselves and their children.

I feel it is in the "common goods" best interest to be able to seek an exemption if important information is missing when making such an important decision. The decision to vaccinate/immunize is not taken lightly. There is a "social norm" surrounding immunization that has prevailed which causes shame and fear. This is only because the information readily provided is one-sided verses neutral.

Passing this bill is a huge step in the right direction that shows how our incredible state of ND is challenging the country to demand transparency and neutral information to allow the best decision to be made for all people. Let's set the right standard!

Respectfully submitted in support of HB 1377,

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