

SB 2212 – Testimony by Dustin Gawrylow (Lobbyist #266) North Dakota Watchdog Network

The North Dakota Watchdog Network supports the idea of studying ways the state can amend its own laws to help industry make prescription drugs and healthcare generally more affordable.

However, we oppose efforts to create price controls such as using Canadian price controls as a basis for North Dakota laws and policies.

If this study goes forward, it is our hope that the committee will bring in experts from industry to discuss in depth the various factors involved that increase the cost of prescriptions.

On the issue of re-importation, the committee should also invite experts from Canada to ask them how their system works as well as if their government would actually let North Dakota or any other state implement such policies.

Again, we support a study as long as it is complete and not just for show - one way or another.

Extra-credit for legislators: Take 45 minutes to watch a discussion I had with Peter Fjelstad, Senior Director of Public Policy of PHARMA: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7aUQfQ7rX48>