

This written testimony is in support of HCR 3007: A concurrent resolution terminating the state of emergency in North Dakota declared by Governor Doug Burgum on March 13, 2020, in response to the public health crisis resulting from the SARS-CoV-2 pandemic, commonly known as COVID-19.

For nearly a year we've been subject to the overtly cautious oversight of the unelected officials of the NDDOH as empowered by Governor Burgum. We have endured and survived and even thrived in the midst of a 'pandemic'. It could be argued that simply observing general hygiene, much like you would if there were a flu epidemic, is adequate to remain healthy. Instead, we are continually bombarded with fear porn in the form of statistics related to the case rate in our state. Even with the alleged inconsistencies with reporting at the state lab, this is NOT an emergency. Those gubernatorial powers need to be terminated. Let the citizens determine the best pathway to preserve their health and well-being.

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