

House Bill - 1323

Thank you for the chance to address the members of the House Political Subdivisions Committee. I am writing in opposition to HB 1323 - relating to limitations on mask wearing requirements.

According to a Jamestown Sun article from January 15th, "Medical professionals have widely credited North Dakota's mask mandate with reducing the spread of COVID-19 in the state..." which is such a relief for me and my family.

Having a state and city mandate in place has been key to bringing the transmission of the virus under control and allowing us to have some normalcy.

I hope you will not put limitations on mask mandates. It has reduced the spread of COVID-19 as we wait for widespread vaccination and it will be an important public health tool for future pandemics.

Thank you for your time.

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