

November 8, 2021

Dear Representative/Senator:

My name is Kristi Larkin and I'm sending you this email in support of HB1514 and the right to use drugs off label. Today, I'm a small business owner, but after spending almost 10 years in the pharmaceutical and medical industry, I'm experienced with a physician and their ability to write products off-label of their indication, especially when they are shown to be safe, well tolerated and are inexpensive or generic.

Pharmaceutical companies are most often reluctant to spend billions of dollars to research a drug for a new indication, especially if it's generic, as they will not recover dollars invested in research and development. Physicians write products for off-label use often.

Ivermectin – an anti-infective, is a good example of a current drug that is safe, inexpensive, considered essential by the World Health Organization, is indicated for human use (dosage based on weight) and is list on the NIH website (NIH.govtable2e) as protocol against Covid 19, updated July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Anti-infectives are medicines that work to prevent or treat infections and save lives. They include antibacterial, antiviral, antifungal and antiparasitic medications.

Please support HB1514 and the right to use drug off-label by physicians in our state.

Sincerely,

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