

Chairman Weisz and members of the House Human Services Committee,

I would like to submit this testimony in support of HB1328. I am thankful that this bill was brought forward, as I believe it is vital to supporting the health of North Dakotans. As I am sure you already know, Vitamin D is essential for immune function and is also something many people in northern regions tend to be deficient in. However, due to insurance limitations, I have only ever been able to utilize Vitamin D screening while I was pregnant, because that is the only time it was covered.

Proper Vitamin D levels are such a simple, inexpensive way to ensure immune health. I support any measures making screening more readily available.

Thank you!

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