

Written testimony to:

67th Legislative Assembly
House Political Subdivisions Committee

HB 1323

Chairman Representative J. Dockter and Committee Members

I am Paula Moch FNP-BC, Legislative Liaison for the North Dakota Nurse Practitioner Association (NDNPA). I am submitting this written testimony on behalf of the NDNPA in opposition of HB 1323 as written.

The NDNPA opposes creation and enacting of any sections to the NDCC that may compromise the health of the residents of North Dakota. HB 1323 is a bill that will compromise the health of North Dakota residents.

Elected officials, the state of ND, employers, education officials mandate the wearing of masks, face shields and various coverings based upon recommendations. These recommendations are based on research and guidelines set forth by the Center for Disease Controls, National Institutes of Health and various other agencies. These mandates are done for the protection of the residents of North Dakota, By limiting these officials ability to protect the residents, when the resident may not have access to factual information, puts the residents of North Dakota at risk.

Masks have been proven to reduce the spread of disease, prevent acquiring certain disease. They are a non-invasive form of protection.

This concludes the written testimony of opposition of HB 1323 on behalf of the NDNPA. I am happy to answer any questions in writing or via telephone.

Thank you for your time.

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