I am asking that you DO PASS HB 1323 regarding limiting mask wearing requirements.

Before the political chaos that was 2020, science was clear that masks, especially fabric masks worn by healthy people, outside of a medical setting, were ineffective at preventing transmission of viruses and would never have been recommended or required to be worn. The science regarding their ineffectiveness is still true, though now we realize how detrimental face coverings can be both for health and mental health reasons.

Every place that has mandated masks, has seen increases in illness, not a decrease as they have been credited. We have **spent millions of dollars** trying to convince the smart people of North Dakota of the **illogical motto that masks work, they show caring, and have no risks.** All along knowing that the health of the person is far more important to preventing illness than wearing random pieces of fabric over the face.

I want this law in place to support my decision, and my family's decision, to decide what medical products we use or don't use. Masks are not harmless and should not be required. They are not effective so should not be required. Millions have been wasted already on this lie. Let's make sure that it doesn't take over our good judgement again.

Knowing what we know now, please support this bill and it's goal of limiting mask requirements. If you want to be caring, smile and lend a hand to your neighbor. **Masks are not magic** and have not earned the role of "savior" from illness.

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