

**Written Testimony of Salesha Olson in SUPPORT of HB 1323
relating to limitations on mask wearing requirements**

I am strongly in favor of HB1323 and ask that you recommend a DO PASS.

If passed:

- businesses will still be able to implement their own policies regarding mask wearing
- individuals will still have the freedom to choose whether or no to wear a mask, as it should be
- those with conditions that make mask-wearing unsafe will not be under risk of condemnation
- government overreach will be hindered

These are important concerns especially when considering the fallacy of mass mask-wearing. I am confident that you have received and examined the abundance of resources regarding masks so I will spare you any further reading materials. If you have not looked into it, now is the time. Public health is an important topic, but masks are not an effective public health tool.

During this entire "pandemic" masks have been a placebo, a way to feel like something is being done, a way to instill fear in people, NOT a way to control a virus.

I urge you, the Senate Political Subdivisions Committee, to recommend a DO PASS on HB1323 and continue to allow health freedom to exist in North Dakota.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

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