

Senators,

I am writing you today to request a DO Pass on HB 1323. We need this bill to protect our rights and freedoms as a citizen of North Dakota and the United States of America.

Covid-19 brought on a unique situation of local, state, and unelected officials mandating masks be worn. In my city, Minot, the City Council's decision to implement a city-wide mask mandate, overrode my children's school's decision to not mandate them. In email exchanges with these officials, not one of them could cite a study proving a mask would help stop the spread of this virus. One admitted to not realizing how a city-wide mandate would affect a private school. These decisions were thrust upon us and no guidance was given. We are treating ourselves and our children no better than lab rats using experimental practices.

To date, there have been no studies completed to prove masking works. There are no studies done on the harmful effects of improper masking or unsanitary masking. Proper masking techniques were never taught, and cross-contamination was never discussed. When schools wanted to make masking decisions themselves, unelected public health officers bullied them by implementing contact tracing quarantine guidelines. These decisions were made on emotions and the policing of them was nothing more than emotional manipulation.

If we are worried about future viruses, we need to look at modalities that have been proven successful. We don't mandate Vitamin D, zinc, Vitamin C, and other natural supplements, even though they have been proven successful without harmful side effects. We don't mandate weight loss even though a CDC study shows 80% of hospitalizations of Covid-19 were from people who were overweight or obese.

Again, I am asking you to render a DO PASS on HB 1323. Protect the rights of North Dakotans and take a stand that we will not let a year like 2020 happen again. Thank you for your time.

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