Members of the House Human Services Committee,

My name is Shelby Downey and I reside in District #38. I am asking that you please render a DO NOT PASS on House Bill 1406.

I find section one of this bill to be misdirected towards the North Dakota Health and Human Services. While they have actively marketed and promoted COVID-19 vaccinations with no liability, I understand they are following the lead of larger organizations like the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the federal US Department of Health and Human Services. While I do think the NDHHS should be accountable for the recommendations that they promote, I urge you to NOT support the passing of House Bill 1406. They should not be required to study a vaccine that has first been promoted by the CDC or USDHHS. Those government entities should be doing their due diligence first and utilizing their government funding for such studies that then will make further recommendations to state entities like NDHHS.

I also strongly disagree with section two. State agencies, political subdivisions, or any other governmental entity should not have the ability to require an individual to take, receive or disclose whether the individual has taken or received a medical product REGARDLESS of if that medical product is liable for any death or serious injury caused by that medical product. While this bill has been aimed directly at the COVID-19 vaccine, ALL vaccines carry zero liability from their manufacturers, as just one example of medical products that are pushed on to the public by government entities. By passing this bill in to law, my fear is that we are setting precedent that any medical product that IS liable by its manufacturer is open to being required by state agencies, regardless of the potential adverse reactions and side effects of that medical product.

In my opinion this bill is extremely misguided and should be rendered DO NOT PASS on House Bill 1406.

Thank you for your consideration of this important matter and for your service to the state of North Dakota.

- Shelby Downey