

I am writing in support of HB 1502. I am a registered pharmacist in North Dakota, and a board certified cardiology pharmacist. My particular interest in supporting this bill is the restriction on employers, especially hospitals, from mandating vaccinations that are new, largely untested, and medically unnecessary and unhelpful for many of their employees. In 2021 I was forced to choose between my career and a vaccine with the following characteristics:

- Zero medium- and long-term placebo-controlled safety data.
- Zero data about whether it halts the spread of Covid-19 in a population.
- In the case of the Pfizer vaccine, short-term safety data showed higher rates of all-cause mortality when compared to placebo, including a 4-fold increase in death due to cardiac arrest, compared with one or two Covid deaths prevented per 22,000 people vaccinated, as shown in the study results.

In my opinion, the rush by employers and federal regulators to force health care workers to take a mostly unproven vaccine of unknown safety was a mistake of massive proportions, and a moral failure. I hope this bill will provide protection for workers against the future infringement of their natural rights of conscience and bodily sovereignty.

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