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In Support of HB 1502

My name is Kendra Roeder from District 8. I am submitting written testimony on for myself and my family's future.

As a former healthcare worker, I am testifying in favor of House Bill 1502 in an effort to help prevent what happen to me and my co-workers from occurring in the future to my family and healthcare workers. I want my children and North Dakota's future healthcare workers to have the abilities to work in healthcare without the threat of forced experimental vaccination or being coerced into taking an experimental vaccination at risk of losing their lively hoods.

In November of 2021, I was forced to resign my position as the Safety and Health Manager at a Bismarck Care Center due to my religious beliefs against taking the COVID-19 vaccination. My right to religious exemption was denied based on "undue hardship". The care center's administration was under the false belief that the COVID-19 vaccination was safe and effective at preventing the spread of Sars-Cov-2.

We know now, as we knew then, that the available COVID-19 vaccinations are experimental and do not prevent the spread of the SARs-Cov-2 virus, as they are specifically for COVID-19 the disease. Due to the fact that the vaccination is experimental, many healthcare administrators were deputed into the false HOPE that these vaccinations would be their savior. I know that Jesus is my savior and an experimental vaccination will never take that position in my life. We also know that these vaccinations did not save care centers from ongoing Sars-Cov-2 protocols such as testing and masking.

The administrations belief that they could use force and coercion to require all employees to take an experimental vaccination resulted in the job loss of approximate 65 healthcare workers in one day. This left the care center short staffed and lowering the resident's quality of care. It has also caused a back log of employment complaints to the Department of Health and Human Services.

I worked at that care center for 19 years in various positions. I loved my work and the people at that facility, I dedicated my life to work that I believed in. That was stripped away because of the false hope in an experimental vaccination program.

By restricting the ability of care centers and hospitals to require experimental vaccinations upon their employees, administrations would be required to ensure that vaccinations are actually safe and effective vs. hoping that they are safe and effective.

Thank you for your time and dedication to the people of North Dakota,

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