

I am writing in opposition to SB2384. This bill is a waste of time and would add layers of red tape to our health care system. Not only is it too specific (targeting just one type of vaccine), but the CDC and our own ND Public Health Depts are already studying this, as that is their job. They look at trends for illnesses, reactions to medications, environmental effects, as well as behavioral effects for ALL health concerns (not just one type of vaccine).. Adding an oversight by the legislators (most of whom do not have any background in the medical field) would add an unnecessary step(s) to an already complicated task. This bill is telling healthcare workers and healthcare scientists that their years of training, experience, and expertise is worth nothing and that an elected official gets the final say on our health. For me, I trust my doctor and medical scientists WAY more than I trust my legislators when it comes to what is best for me and my health. Medical scientists CAN get it wrong, that is why it is called science. There are already checks and balances within the medical field to report side effects and unexpected results in order to continue the studies and improve procedures/products. This is already happening! I do not need an elected official putting his or her hand in the mix! If there is an issue with our medical scientists, then we need to find where the problem originates and fix it at the source. Lawmakers do NOT belong in healthcare. I urge you to vote DO NOT PASS to this bill.

Sincerely,
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