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Dear Honorable Members of the North Dakota senate,

My name is Lilly Funk, and I live in Minot, North Dakota. I am a federal employee at Head Start. The purpose of this written testimony is to persuade members of the North Dakota senate to support HB 1111.

I am in support of HB 1111. The first reason I am in favor of this bill is that I believe it is important for North Dakota to maintain as much independence as possible. Every citizen should be able to choose which medical care they receive.

The second reason that HB 1111 must pass is that the World Health Organization has not been consistent or always accurate in the measures they have chosen to take in the past regarding illnesses (particularly concerning the Coronavirus pandemic). Unfortunately, there have been injuries documented as a result of some of the treatments that the World Health Organization has recommended. Due to this, I believe that it is vital for every individual to have the freedom to choose which medical treatments they feel comfortable receiving.

Ultimately, if this bill is not passed, it will be easier for the federal government to enforce treatment mandates based on the World Health Organization's recommendations, and this would put people at risk of side effects. It would hinder North Dakota's freedoms of its citizens.

Thank you!