HB1502 Senate Human Services Committee March 13, 2023

Good morning Chairperson Lee, and members of the Senate Human Services Committee. My name is Danielle Kenneweg, and I am submitting written testimony as a concerned citizen from District 32, in opposition to HB1502.

I believe in vaccines and the science that validates their efficacy. I believe this policy proposal would be detrimental to people in our state. We are trying to encourage people to move here, come home after living elsewhere or even more important -- stay here. Policies such as this one will discourage that mission.

My concerns about this specific piece of proposed legislation include:

- Hospitals already cannot deny individuals care regardless of vaccine status.
- Many healthcare services have requirements for eligibility. The proposed amendment is unclear if hospitals would be allowed to practice industry standards in order to ensure the best possible outcomes.
- This proposed bill limits the decision making capabilities of qualified medical professionals and impacts day-to-day operations.

I strongly urge a "do not pass" on HB1502.

Thanks for the opportunity to express my concerns and wishes.

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