

WRITTEN TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB 1570

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Committee Chair and Members: My name is Janet Maxson. I am a resident of Minot, North Dakota and am a nurse/ PHD Family Nurse Practitioner. I have had the privilege of caring for the health of the people of North Dakota since 1975. I have seen the devastating and costly health issues from tobacco products. The tobacco toxins cause heart, cancer, lung and other diseases and deaths from exposure and usage. Our children's health, who are unable to control their right to clean air, are exposed to those who choose to smoke, vape or chew tobacco products. The addiction and health concerns to these products is a health policy we can impact with legislation.

Studies show that an increase in cost of tobacco products through taxation does decrease usage. The wish is for a Healthier North Dakota for all. Addiction to these products is a health policy we can impact with legislation.

Please support HB 1570 for an increase in taxation of these lethal products for our great state.

THANK-YOU,

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