

Hello fellow North Dakotans, my name is Chris Anderson. Born and raised in rural North Dakota, I've been a Fargo resident for 22 years, husband to a dedicated wife, and father of five.

I'm bringing advocacy to House Bill #1391. The idea of keeping one's health status protected under anti-discrimination state laws seems unarguable. I believe that we're given this freedom as seen fit by our Constitution under the law. What makes our country and state great regarding this topic is the ability to live free from oppression and coercion. The moment we give into divulging our health freedoms, is the moment our individual uniqueness becomes vulnerable. We have all been given the ability to live our lives and take care of our own bodies as we see fit. Matters of Natural Law should be kept confidential if we so choose. Being pressured into divulging personal information is overreaching and unacceptable. No matter if a person is pro-vaccine or anti-vaccine, discrimination has no place. Some people may favor healthy food, others may prefer junk food, I believe everyone has a right to protected choices.

We have already seen much judicial support as stated by US Appeals Court for the 9th Circuit. On October 9th, 2024 Judge Daniel A. Bress ordered an injunction be removed that discriminated against unvaccinated workers, "because it's considered to be speculative to justify preemption".

I've been pressured in different instances into divulging my health status by strangers, medical personnel, acquaintances, friends, and even some family. That act of pressure often included a critical and manipulating intention. I see our health choices as private personal information.

Restoring individual freedom to our founding father's original intent will keep are personal rights secure for future generations.

For this reason, I ask for your agreement in accordance with the US appeals court for the support of privacy and anti-discrimination of an individual's health status.

Thank you for your time and opportunity to be heard.
Chris Anderson