

I'm writing in opposition to SB 2388. I see no reason why ivermectin should be made available over the counter unless, possibly, it would make life easier for those raising horses. It's only intended to treat parasites in horses, not in humans, and it's not tested in humans so it could be dangerous to humans. I see this as an attempt to appease those in North Dakota who have believed the insincere or simply misguided statements of some who think ivermectin is a treatment for the Covid-19 virus. This is not true and even if taking ivermectin didn't itself cause harm to an individual, it seems to me that it's likely that person would then think they had been treated for Covid-19 when they weren't. That person then wouldn't seek Paxlovid when they might badly need it if they were immunocompromised by age or by a chronic condition. I do not think making this available over the counter without more reason such as distance and supply issues for ranchers raising horses is a good idea so I oppose SB 2388. Thank you.