

**Do Not Pass Testimony
of Doug Sharbono, citizen of North Dakota
on SB2041
in the Sixty-ninth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota**

Dear Chairman Wobbema and members of the Senate Workforce Development Committee,

I am writing as a citizen and believe SB2041 is compromising legislation. This legislation expands the influence and regulatory power of the State Board of Medical Examiners over naturopathy. The current philosophies of modern professional medicine and naturopathy are not compatible with one another, nor will the influence of the Board of Medicine over naturopathy make citizens more well. The Board of Medicine is undeserving of this role. I was shocked to see that this role was expanded in 2023 with Senate Bill 2221. The claims of the dangers of naturopathy appear unfounded. It would be great if professional medicine, with the proper amount of legislative oversight, would focus on the things they arguably do well, that is administering prescriptions of antibiotics and other formulations made within their industry. Regulating naturopathy from the medical board is in essence a conflict of interest and does not serve the North Dakota citizen well.

Despite personally having some trusted medical doctors, I have observed a great slipping in the medical industry in the last several years. This is the source of my distrust and bias. A simple example I have experienced is the process of gaining a simple sports physical. With the adverse damaging effects of the COVID shot, the medical industry has rightfully been closely monitoring fainting spell histories of youth. My daughter fainted on a 110F degree hike in Utah. This is not terribly surprising. This history caused her to be referred to a cardiologist for her sports physical, and three months later after numerous appointments, was finally cleared for sports. She missed her sport and this resulted in her giving up on that sport and hasn't been in any since. This process did not make her healthier. It only kept her out of sports. This is just one example of the medical issues my family has been struggling with due to the Board of Medical Examiners losing focus on real health and instead going down rabbit trails of poor public policy that make for expensive medicine and poorer health. They should have no role in naturopathy. If this bill goes anywhere, it should be used as a vehicle to reverse the previous legislation 2023 SB2221 that flew under the radar. This possible amendment would delete out the Board of Medicine's role in regulating naturopathy. Please give SB2041 a Do Not Pass.

Thank you,
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