My name is Melyssa Howry, and I am a resident of New Town, North Dakota. I am testifying in support of HB1306. It has long been said that vaccines are "safe and effective" and that the "science is settled". This is commonly proclaimed without real data, because in this case, the truth would be an inconvenient one. Doctors and scientists have been willing to risk their reputations in order to seek the truth. Recently, Dr. Paul Thomas conducted two studies in his practice of over 15,000 patients comparing vaccinated children to unvaccinated children. Because of his honesty and transparency, the Oregon medical board has sought to censor him and has called him "anti-vaccine", even though that is untrue. He administers vaccines at his practice, which is why he is able to do a comparative study. He does encourage a slower, more spread out schedule than what the CDC recommends, but he still advocates in favor of vaccines. This tells me that it is worth looking into. I have attached links that describe both studies that Paul Thomas has done. I think they speak for themselves. The evidence is overwhelming, and I believe that we are long overdue for an investigation into these uncomfortable, and yet extremely important discussions. Are we causing harm while trying to prevent it? Do the risks of vaccines outweigh the benefits? We will never know if we do not do the work. There needs to be transparency, accountability, and honesty in regards to vaccines. As we have seen over the past year, we cannot always trust government agencies to tell us the truth about what is best for our health. We must advocate for ourselves, and this is an important way to do just that. Thank you for reading!

- 1) <a href="https://childrenshealthdefense.org/news/real-life-data-show-that-the-cdc-vaccine-schedule-is-causing-harm/">https://childrenshealthdefense.org/news/real-life-data-show-that-the-cdc-vaccine-schedule-is-causing-harm/</a>
- 2) <a href="https://childrenshealthdefense.org/defender/unvaccinated-children-healthier-than-vaccinated-children/">https://childrenshealthdefense.org/defender/unvaccinated-children-healthier-than-vaccinated-children/</a>