

HB 1307

Good Afternoon Chairman Weisz and committee members. Thank you for your attention to my testimony on HB 1307.

My name is Tiffanie Fettig, I am lifelong resident of Minot, ND. I am a business owner and parent of 3 children, one of which has multiple medical conditions.

I am writing today to encourage you to pass HB 1307.

As a business owner of a privately held ND company, I do NOT believe it is in my best interest now or in the future, for me or my employees to have to determine if we can provide service to a customer based on whether they have received and/or kept up on a vaccination that may or may not be recommended for their particular medical situation. I also do not believe it would be just for a company to be able to decide that they will not supply me with product if I have not received certain vaccinations or immunizations.

As I mentioned in my introduction, I am also a mother of 3 children, one of which has multiple medical conditions. Due to my daughter's diagnosed medical conditions, her doctor has already stated that the covid and some other specific vaccines could be life threatening for her and she should NOT receive it. Please understand that I am not promoting that people should not vaccinate. I am simply stating that people need to be able to evaluate with their trusted medical consultants the best for an individual's particular situation and businesses should not be allowed to refuse service based on whether someone has been vaccinated or not.

If this bill is not passed and vaccine's are mandatory in the future, we will be coming back to the legislature, proposing bills as to how exemptions such as this should be dealt with. I believe it is in all of our best interest to allow doctors to communicate/regulate who should receive the vaccine and who should not. I do not believe it is in the best interest of the ND people to allow businesses to determine that they are not going to allow my daughter to go to a concert or fly on a plane, or eat in their restaurant because she did not receive the vaccine as it was medically advised she should not.

As a consumer and a parent, I also believe it is unfair for businesses to be able to decimate whether they will allow me in their restaurant, in their theater, or on their plane.

On a personal note, I believe that it is absolutely absurd that there is even talk of mandating vaccinations for a virus that has a 99% survival rate. In the case of my daughter, the vaccine could be more detrimental to her health than the illness itself.

If you believe that mandatory vaccine's are farfetched and this bill is not necessary, please consider the following:

A person that desires to shop at Menards today is refused service if they do not wear a mask, they have a "no mask, no sale" policy. It does not matter if you have a written medical exemption, if you don't wear a mask, they will refuse to allow you to purchase products from

them. If you think businesses like those won't adapt the "no vaccine, no sale policy", I think you are incorrect. Businesses such as Menards are clearly laying out the path they will most likely take.

One of my daughter's is currently in college. The college states that they do not require covid testing except ...

- If you leave campus for the weekend
- If you go home for Thanksgiving or Christmas, etc and want to come back
- If you are a collegiate athlete
- If you live in a dorm
- If you want to eat in the dining center
- And the list goes on ...

I do not agree with the statement that they do not require covid testing. I do not believe you can actually be an on campus college student and not be subject to testing according to their exemptions as listed above.

It is my belief that unless we stand up and say no now, our liberties will continue to be stripped just like in the above 2 examples.

I encourage a DO PASS on this bill to protect the rights of ND citizens.

Thank you for your consideration.