

Members of the House Human Services Committee,

I would like to express my support for HB 1377.

My name is Ashley Bruner, from Drake, District 6. As a citizen of North Dakota, I have the right and freedom to choose what happens to my body. I have the right and freedom to make informed decisions regarding medical procedures and/or medications. I have the right and freedom to choose to take vitamins, eat a healthy diet and get physical exercise. I weigh the risks and benefits, and make an educated choice for what is best for my own self (and that of my children).

Individuals facing an immunization requirement for any purpose, including as a condition of employment, or for children as a condition for school attendance, should be allowed an exemption. Citizens of North Dakota should not be subject to choose their jobs-their right to make a living, or the right to an education for their children, over their health and the risks of required vaccinations.

There is risk in all medical procedures, medicines and yes, there is risk in vaccines. Risks of vaccines include permanent disability or even death. Employers, schools, the State of North Dakota, etc. should have no right to demand something that includes these risks, without having an exemption. Vaccination is a personal health choice for an employee, student, etc. Where there is risk, there must be choice, and providing the exemption is that choice.

Maintain our rights and freedoms to choose in North Dakota!

I strongly support HB 1377 and encourage you to cast a Pass vote from this committee.

Thank you for your time and consideration!

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