

My name is Sarah Lepp and I am in favor of HB 1468. I feel that every person has the right to information about immunizations that would include ingredients, risks/benefits, and effectiveness of the product being administered without the feeling of being pressured, persuaded, or guilty if chosen to not accept administration of any or all products. I was vaccine injured from the HPV vaccine as I was pressured into getting it "because my boyfriend may cheat on me." I was not given any information on it other than "it may prevent cervical cancer." There were no long term studies on it at that time and I was pressured into it. After receiving all 3 shots, I was having difficulty with my menses becoming more painful and irregular. I developed endometriosis, pcos and hypothyroidism due to this vaccine. I was infertile. I underwent hormone replacement, surgery and infertility treatments due to the vaccine. Infertility is not covered by insurance and my husband and I spend tens of thousands of dollars to become pregnant to no avail. I finally became pregnant on God's grace and prayers as we were not able to afford infertility treatment any longer. No, this is not a genetic thing as I am the only one to have these issues and I am the only one who received this vaccine. All of this could have been prevented if proper information was given. I fully support this bill as everyone has the right to be informed and make their decision upon the information given instead of pressured. Now, as a parent, to have the knowledge of the exemptions is a very good thing. Many parents are unaware of exemptions and again are feeling pressured into getting their children vaccinated even though it may go against their religious or philosophical beliefs because they do not want their children to be excluded in school. Information should always be given to women who are pregnant way in advance from delivery as most women are not in the right mindset to even comprehend what's going on, let alone comprehend medical jargon that is being pushed upon them during delivery. I am in Favor of this bill and I believe it needs to pass to allow more North Dakotans information of what is being put into their bodies or their children's or loved ones bodies.