

January 24, 2021

RE: SUPPORT - (HB 1468 - A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 23-12 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to informed consent and notice of risks associated with vaccines; and to provide a penalty)

Dear Chairman Weisz and Committee Members: My name is Jennifer Kadrmas and I am a North Dakota resident who resides in district 7.

I am in SUPPORT for HB1468 as informed consent is important to make any decision, especially when dealing with a person's health. Why this bill is important for myself, my family and the state of North Dakota residents are because of the following:

Vaccination is a medical intervention that carries a risk of injury or death, the right to informed consent to any medical intervention that can kill or injure you or your child is a human right.

The definition of doctor means teacher... But into today's world, there is very little of this teaching. Most of the time you have only 15 minutes with the doctor and then you are out the door. Any patient that has questions, most doctors will disregard their concerns or be irritated by taking more time out of the schedule. Doctors might complain that it is an inconvenience to have the inserts available for the patients to review, and most of the information be over their heads. However isn't this what you call true informed consent? Any pharmaceutical product can cause harm, every person is an individual, and should never be a one size fits all thought process. However, with the vaccine program, every child/adult is assumed to be the same. And the soundbits are always "SAFE and EFFECTIVE". But how does one know it is safe for each individual?

There are web pages on the American Academy of Pediatrics that teaches doctors and nurses how to deal with vaccine hesitant parents. This does not provide informed consent but tries to make the parent feel like they have to vaccinate their child. This is not neutral information with the risk/benefit of both the vaccine vs infection.

[Vaccine Hesitant Parents \(aap.org\)](http://aap.org)

### **Strategies for Talking to Parents:**

**Presumptive Vs. Participatory Recommendations** - "Researchers found that pediatricians who provided a "presumptive recommendation" – informed parents that shots were due, rather than a "participatory recommendation" – asking what the parent thought about shots, were more likely to see parents accept vaccines."

Opel, et al. The Architecture of Provider-Parent Vaccine Discussions at Health Supervision Visits. 2013. *Pediatrics*, 134, 139, 2013-2037.  
<http://pediatrics.aappublications.org/content/early/2013/10/30/peds.2013-2037.abstract>.

With just this information, I would hope you would agree that it is important that informed consent is important and vote DO PASS on this bill.

Thank you,

Sincerely,

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