

HB1468

Thank you for taking the time to read my written testimony. My name is Janelle Anderson and I am from rural Alexander, ND in District 39. I am a mother of 4 children, ages 9 months to 16 years old. My husband and I ranch together, as well as own/run multiple other businesses.

I am writing this today in reference to House Bill 1468, which deals with Informed Consent. I want you to know that I **SUPPORT** HB1468.

This bill is important to me because I as a parent and a patient, have the right to be informed FULLY about the risks before consenting to a vaccine or any medical procedure or medicine. HHS explains that the “voluntary consent of the human subject is absolutely essential.”¹ Without being informed of all of the risks of vaccination, my basic human rights are being violated.

Knowing that some may argue a VIS is Informed consent, I am submitting to you a link for the current VIS given out by my school district at the instruction of our local public health department vs the actual insert of the Fluarix (influenza) Vaccine. What I hope you will notice is the major difference in information, or should I say lack of information on the VIS compared to the actual insert. VIS² (Pages 3 + 4 of link in footnote). Fluarix Insert³. There are two pages for the VIS and 30 for the actual insert. I would also like to submit to you, how is there informed consent when papers are handed out from a district health nurse and not a face to face dialogue with a doctor?

Lastly, I would like to briefly share my experiences with vaccinations and informed consent I have had with my children and myself. When attending a well baby checkup or an appointment for vaccines, not once was I given the full risks associated with each vaccine my child was given. In fact, the VIS, which is not full Informed Consent, was given after the vaccines were administered. That is a travesty in itself. Furthermore, I was told that swelling, fevers, crying, discomfort are normal. I disagree, “**Common Does Not Mean Normal.**” My youngest had an adverse reaction, but I was never informed what to do about it. My own experience as an adult with vaccines and the lack of informed consent happened in 2016. While at a yearly drs visit, I was told my Tetanus Vaccine was not up to date. I refused several times, saying I did not want it on the visit. Finally, after being told over and over again that I needed the Tetanus Vaccine since I lived on a Ranch, I said okay. After the vaccination on my way out the door, they handed me a paper (the VIS) and I went home. Later I experienced some pain and swelling in my arm, so I looked at the paper to see if they had any instructions on how to alleviate the pain, that is when I discovered they had given me the TDAP, Tetanus - Diphtheria - Acellular Pertussis. I

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<https://ori.hhs.gov/chapter-3-The-Protection-of-Human-Subjects-nuremberg-code-directives-human-experimentation>

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https://core-docs.s3.amazonaws.com/documents/asset/uploaded_file/479430/Vaccine_Administration_Forms.pdf

³ <https://www.fda.gov/media/115744/download>

had no idea that when they said Tetanus Vaccine that it was a combination vaccine of those three. I was NOT given Informed Consent.

Our families experiences are unfortunately quite common. I ask you all as a committee, to give HB1468 a **PASS**. This bill is much needed.

Thank you committee members for your ears, your time serving your constituents, and being open to hear why our family fully **SUPPORTS** HB1468.

Sincerely,

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