

My name is Sarah Lepp and I am in opposition of HB 1469. I strongly discourage giving any organization or board team or committee the authority to use any pandemic or emergency status to vaccinate children or adults as they deem fit. It should be solely up to the person(s) for themselves and or their dependents whether they be a child or elder. I say this as a board member does not know the person's history or beliefs on why they choose not to vaccinate. This is removing their individual rights as a human. There should also be no, what I'm calling it, "re-education" on vaccinations for claiming exemptions due to any belief or personal preference. There would be no need for re-education if there was information openly given at the doctor's office beforehand explaining what the risks/benefits or ingredients and statistics are. Also, to deny a child education for not being vaccinated is against the constitution for the right of education. We shouldn't have choose between vaccinating or education. We have a constitutional guarantee for our children to education no matter their sex, race, religious background, ethnic background, rich or poor, or even citizen or non citizen. NDCC 23-07-17.1(3) grants our rights to claim these exemptions at a local level. To also deny any child care services is cause for discrimination cases throughout North Dakota. Again, I strongly urge a DO NOT PASS for this bill as it takes away our personal rights and exemptions.