

Dear Committee Member,

Please **reject** HB 1469 relating to exemptions from vaccine requirements before admission to school. This bill would unfairly discriminate against a child's parent or guardian making an informed medical decision of their own accord. Exemptions represent a natural right of a person to make an informed medical choice. Exemptions are ***not*** a civil right or status that can be granted by a local or state entity. It is the sole right of a parent or guardian to claim an exemption on behalf of their child.

I also believe that this bill sets forth the tone that a parent or guardian who has chosen to forego any vaccine has not received adequate education on the subject of vaccines and must participate in the education module set forth by the state. An education module could be offered but should not be required.

This bill also would also unfairly set forth discriminatory conditions on a child's *access to free and public education*.

Please uphold North Dakota's citizens' freedom of medical choice and submit HB 1469 with a **DO NOT PASS** recommendation.

Thank you for your consideration.

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