

To Whom It May Concern,

I am a wife, a mother, and a homemaker. As such, I am strongly opposed to HB1469.

The wording of HB1469 implies that parents who refuse to vaccinate are willfully uneducated. In fact, the opposite of this is true. In order to have a religious or philosophical opposition to vaccines, a parent must be educated in the topic as well as have a full understanding of their deep-seated beliefs. From what I have seen among parents in North Dakota, whether I agree with their opinion or not, I must say that they are overall educated and concerned about each topic that enters their life. They do not shirk off the work of research, and their faith plays a large part in their decisions. It would be wrong for North Dakota to imply that such good, upstanding citizens and faithful parents are so willfully ignorant! Instead, the North Dakota legislature ought to be applauding its citizens for their loyalty to providing their children with the best of both worlds – their religion and education.

I am opposed to HB1469 and I urge every lawmaker to vote against this bill!

Sincerely,

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