COVID has made it very apparent that ND government has decided it knows and understands my health and my body better than I do. I do NOT agree with this supposition AND vigorously defend my right to avoid conflict in a public setting, just so I can remain health and determine my own health needs.

By having mask mandates, at each and every level – city, county, state - we are being held hostage and governed by the health department. Last time I looked I did NOT elect anyone from the Health Department, nor did I grant anyone there the right to legislate my health directive.

I have been accosted in stores by complete strangers who have taken it upon themselves to demand I either comply or leave, demand to view my health records (HIPPA anyone?), blamed me for the entire pandemic (If YOU had just worn a mask for 2 weeks, this would all be over!) and refuse to check me out simply due to my not wearing a mask.

The Health Department has created its own little community army of sanctimonious enforcers who have taken it upon themselves to see that everyone does as ORDERED or they are refused service. Can you imagine the uproar if I was gay, a person of color, or Muslim and was refused service? Why is this any different? Oh yes, because wearing a mask shows just how much I CARE for the people around me.

BTW I also resent having MY TAX DOLLARS used for this propaganda. What will be the final bill when all these instructions are finally shelved? Hundreds of thousands? Millions? TV and radio ads, billboards, social media campaigns.....not exactly money well spent.

I urge you to all remember a little item called the CONSTITUTION of the United States, which is supposed to allow personal FREEDOMS and should supersede Health Department rule. I will be interested in how each and every one of you votes. Who voted for freedom, and who decided to pass the buck to avoid making the correct decision, the decision for personal responsibility and choice.