

March 29, 2021

Members of Political Subdivision Committee,

I am writing in hopes that you will see the negative repercussions mask mandates have caused. I encourage you to consider these examples and vote DO PASS on HB1323.

Residents that have chosen to go without a mask for medical exception or otherwise are harshly judged and often harassed by fellow residents. People automatically make assumptions about non-maskers and you are expected to announce your protected health information to the world.

Slogans displayed in our communities on billboards and on businesses such as “Be Kind, Mask Up” and “ND Smart” are insinuating that if you do not wear a mask you are neither kind nor intelligent. Is this the kind of message we wish to spread?

When mask mandates are over people will have extremely weakened immune systems. People need to build up their immune systems and wearing masks will prevent this from happening.

My daughter, along with all other children, need to see people’s faces and expressions. It is sad that my daughter is used to seeing adults with masks on their faces. Anyone can go into a store with a hat, sunglasses and mask and be unrecognizable. This could lead to child abductions and criminal acts.

I strongly believe to wear or not to wear a mask should be a decision left up to the individual. I urge you to end these mandates by voting DO PASS on HB1323. Give residents back their right to choose and their right to breathe.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Regards,

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