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Joint Technical Corrections Committee – HB 1511

Representative Robin Weisz and Senator Judy Lee, Chairs

November 9, 2021

Chairs Weisz and Lee:

My name is Brian Ritter and I am the President of the Bismarck Mandan Chamber EDC. Please accept the following testimony on behalf of our organization's nearly 1,200 members in opposition of HB 1511.

Our organization engages in a number of activities on behalf of our members to support the continued growth and development of our community; all of which have been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. As our community and our businesses return to 'normal' they face many new questions, including those surrounding vaccinations and the vaccination status of their employees.

These are incredibly complicated and impactful questions that will require time to fully vet, as will any legislation that seeks to address them. Given the lack of time available during the special session for a comprehensive review of legislation like this, that could impact a private employer's ability to make related determinations for themselves, we oppose HB 1511.

Respectfully,

Brian Ritter, President

Bismarck Mandan Chamber EDC