

Testimony
House Bill 1511
November 8, 2021

Chairman and members of the committee – I am Dionne Haynes, a North Dakota resident and mother of two. I am submitting this testimony in support of House Bill 1511, with recommendations.

Vaccinations are a personal medical decision that must be respected. Any judgement placed on a person with an opposing believe is discrimination. Personal medical decisions should not be required to gain employment or receive services from public entities.

Under Section 2, 2.a, 2.b, and 2.c the use of the word “shall” is problematic. “Shall” gives the impression that it is suggested and not a requirement. I recommend changing the word “shall” to “must” in all three subsections.

Furthermore, a penalty for non-compliance is not laid out. There must be a legal recourse or penalty for not complying with this law.

A “do pass” on HB 1511, with edits is recommended.