OPPOSE EFFORTS TO TIE HEALTH CARE'S HANDS

COVID-19 Vaccines: Vote NO on State Control of Private Business

We are at Capacity

- Health care in North Dakota is stretched to its limits.
- The pandemic has had a punishing effect on the health care system and the health care heroes who take care of some of our state's most vulnerable people every day across the state.
- Health care is already one of the most regulated industries, and the state should not further regulate the industry and take away critical tools, like requiring vaccines, when the lives and livelihoods of North Dakota patients are at stake.

Respect for Employees with Concerns

- As several health care providers across the state have implemented vaccine mandates for their employees, this has been done with the utmost consideration for the health and safety of those employees and patients served.
- Mandating vaccines has been considered carefully along with individual rights.
- Exemptions for religious and medical reasons have been thoughtfully respected.
- To protect our staff and the patients we serve, we continue to use every available tool known to prevent the spread of the virus that causes COVID-19 including wearing masks and visitor restrictions.

Trust Medical Providers

- Medical leaders know how best to take care of individuals who are sick.
- A hospital or clinic is not a big box store or manufacturer. It is a place of treatment and healing.

Compromising Our Patient's Access to Medicare and Medicaid

- Well over half of our patients are covered by Medicare and Medicaid.
- Amidst federal mandates requiring vaccines, a state law conflicting with these federal mandates puts health care in the lurch, having to comply with conflicting state and federal laws.
- Who could this hurt? North Dakota patients who rely on those programs to access health care.

Keep Patients and Employees Safe

- Vaccination requirements for health care providers and staff are not new.
- Hospitals have long required vaccinations for measles, mumps, rubella, chicken pox and influenza with remarkable impact on staff and patient safety.
- As is the COVID-19 vaccine, these immunizations are well-researched, safe and provide extensive protection from the greater risk of illness.

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