

HB 1514

Dear Honorable Technical Corrections Committee Member,

Good morning! Thank you for taking the time to review my testimony. My name is Alida Arnegard and I would like to submit my testimony in favor of HB 1514. Please support this timely bill because it gives the option for Covid patients to choose to have off label prescriptions granted to them without penalty to the medical professional who grants it.

This is a well written and concise bill that is necessary in my estimation in order to open the doors for N.D. Doctors, their patients as well as our hard-working Pharmacists to obtain for us necessary, off-label medications in order to safely treat this unpredictable Covid 19 virus and its various strains to the best of their ability.

Regardless of what your personal views may be regarding the efficacy of the current COVID-19 E.U.A. vaccine that is currently available, please allow for choices and options for N.D. individuals who deserve to have choices available to them now in regards to their treatment. The actual generic vaccine (Comirnaty) that has been F.D.A. approved will not actually even be available for use this year as you likely know.

My father had a severe case of Covid Pneumonia and thankfully he survived. He was hospitalized for 10 days. It may have helped him to recover more quickly if the off-label medications had been readily available to him and if this type of bill had been passed in his State.

Thank you so much for your kind consideration! Please vote yes to HB 1514 to protect our N.D. Citizens and save lives.

Respectfully submitted,

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MCCA Member