

Good afternoon, Chairman Weisz, and members of the House Human Services Committee. My name is Beth Ann DeMontigny, and I am submitting a written testimony as a deeply concerned citizen from District 17, in **opposition** to HB1200.

I am a mother to young children in both childcare and elementary school and this bill would put children at risk of vaccine-preventable diseases. Based on how “experimental vaccine” is defined within the bill, it would eliminate all immunization documentation requirements. This could have spiraling consequences if an outbreak were to occur.

Most families choose to vaccinate their children and understand the importance of doing so to create herd immunity to protect the most vulnerable populations. Additionally, if a person does not want to vaccinate there are a variety of exemptions to choose from.

I strongly urge you to **oppose HB1200**, as it is necessary to keep our children and families healthy.

Thank you for your service to the state of North Dakota.