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Regarding HB 1469 - A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 23-07-17.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to exemptions from vaccine requirements before admission to school; and to provide an appropriation.

Dear Committee Members;

I am opposed to House Bill 1469. Instead of the State forcing parents to be "educated" about vaccines before they can file an exemption for their children, the State needs to make it unlawful for the medical community to administer vaccines to children without providing parents with proper and complete Informed Consent. Please refer to HB 1468.

Informed Consent is all parents need to make decisions regarding childhood immunizations!!

I believe this bill is discriminatory towards Christian and Homeschooling families and towards families with children who have health conditions which make vaccination risky or even dangerous.

As a homeschooling parent I have had to submit vaccine records to the school district and I have always wondered why. If my children are not in school, why does the school district need their vaccine records? I recently learned that North Dakota is one of only a few states that require home schooling families to submit vaccine records.

When I first moved to North Dakota I did not have children so home schooling was not something I was thinking about. When I did have children ready to enter the school system in 2007 I began investigating the state home schooling laws. I was shocked to find out that North Dakota was considered a "red" state, meaning a state with the highest state regulations for homeschooling. Had I known that before having children I would not have chosen North Dakota as my home. Fortunately, organizations like HSLDA (Home School Legal Defense Organization), and NDHSA (North Dakota Home School Association) along with many dedicated parents and legislators have made some much needed changes in the area of home school freedom in this state, and North Dakota is now an "Orange State." We need to and could do much better!

Due to the Covid-19 and our nation's school closings, mask mandates, and vaccine mandates in some states, Home schooling numbers have increased substantially since a year ago, and families in high regulation states with oppressive medical mandates are fleeing for freedom. North Dakota needs to work on making home schooling more free, not more highly regulated.

I can assure you as a home schooling parent and as a parent who files vaccine exemptions for my children, parents who choose these avenues research heavily before making a decision. We do not need, nor desire, nor should we be required to view a State propagand video about vaccine safety.

Sincerely,

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