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Dear members of the Senate Political Subdivision Committee,

I am writing to urge you to render a **DO PASS on HB 1323** which would prohibit a state or local elected official from forcing an individual to use a face covering or make such a covering a condition for entry, education, employment, or services. This bill would presumably bar local school boards from forcing children in school to wear masks.

Many articles have been published and testimonies given that say wearing a mask is NOT effective and is causing mental, emotional and physical health issues in children and adults. It's not right to mandate adults and children to comply to something that's not in the best interest of their physical and emotional health or goes against their beliefs. Starting to comply and compromise on things on any level without the freedom to make a choice is a slippery slope.

I am being a voice for all children and adults. No one should ever be put in a position where they have to wear a mask or risk not being able to take part in a sport, go to school, shop at a store, eat at a restaurant or work to provide for their family. The only thing a mask mandate is accomplishing is putting undue stress and fear in people and children. Most importantly, people, especially children, may not truly understand the future implications that wearing a mask can have on their life.

In North Dakota's legislative sessions this year, there has been an abundance of research brought forth and knowledge spoken saying masks create ill health. This information came from Dr.'s, radiologists, qualified concerned citizens and an immense amount of published articles.

In my opinion, the mask mandates are being used for control purposes and putting fear in people, and that's not right. No form of government including mayors, school board members, board members of a sporting organization, etc. should have this kind of control/power.

These mask mandates are about so much more than just a requirement to wear a mask. It's about standing up for our rights as adults, parents and as citizens of a free country. Asking people and children to comply to a mandate is asking us to lay down, roll over and just say ok to having a freedom taken away.

You are our lawmakers. You empower or restrain government. You have the ability to stop the government-imposed pain to our society. Please help re-instate our freedom and render a **DO PASS on HB 1323**.

Thank you for your service to the citizens of North Dakota!

Sincerely,

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