Good afternoon, Chairman Weisz, and members of the House Human Services Committee. I am Mary Lizakowski, and I am submitting a written testimony as a concerned citizen from District 16, 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 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.