

Senate Judiciary Committee
HB 1511
Monday March 15, 2025

Chair Larson and Committee Members, I am Brendan Boe MD, PharmD and I am writing in opposition to HB 1511. I live in Thompson, North Dakota and am a Board-Certified Obstetrician and Gynecologist practicing in Grand Forks.

To maintain my license as a practicing physician in North Dakota, I am required to uphold medical, educational, and ethical standards by the North Dakota Board of Medicine which includes 60 hours of continuing medical education every three years. I would like to fill those hours learning about cutting edge practices and new therapies to offer to my patients in the state of North Dakota and not a video created by a biased legislature looking to push anti-abortion legislation that has been deemed unconstitutional and is not even in effect at the current time. This bill is another attempt to restrict Women's Healthcare in the state of North Dakota. Passage of this bill will hinder recruitment of OBGYN physicians to North Dakota.

Elective abortions have not been performed in North Dakota since the Red River Women's Clinic moved to Moorhead, MN. Medical emergencies are just that, emergencies. They happen at all times of day and hours of the night and the decision to treat needs to be made in a timely manner and between patients and their treating physicians.

My competency in providing OBGYN care was achieved through 14 years of post-secondary education and residency training. That competency is maintained by completing maintenance of certification standards and continuing medical education put forth by the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology and other OBGYN organizations. A video put forth by the North Dakota State Legislature will add nothing to my competency. No other physician group is required by the North Dakota Board of Medicine to watch a biased video on how to perform their job to maintain licensure.

Another piece of language I find interesting in this bill is that "The contract must be awarded to an individual who is or an organization that includes a physician with a minimum of 25 years of experience in the practice of obstetrics in the state". It seems that the \$50,000 contract is already earmarked for someone. I am concerned about informational bias in the writing of this "educational material" and fraudulent misappropriation of government funds toward legislation that has been deemed unconstitutional by the North Dakota Supreme Court and is not currently in effect.

I strongly urge you to provide a "do not pass" recommendation to HB1511.

Respectfully,

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