

**Do Pass Testimony
of Doug Sharbono, citizen of North Dakota
on HB1173
in the Sixty-eighth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota**

Dear Chairman Klemin and members of the House Judiciary Committee,

I am writing as a citizen and believe HB1173 is desired legislation to commemorate Right-to-Life Day observed annually on January 22. The US Government has chosen to observe this day in past years. As a state, it would be good for us to choose this as well.

The Federal Government from the consent of the governed, has given us its general philosophies on government in the Declaration of Independence. One of the key points is Life. Following is the full preamble:

"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.—That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed,—That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness. Prudence, indeed, will dictate that Governments long established should not be changed for light and transient causes; and accordingly all experience hath shewn, that mankind are more disposed to suffer, while evils are sufferable, than to right themselves by abolishing the forms to which they are accustomed. But when a long train of abuses and usurpations, pursuing invariably the same Object evinces a design to reduce them under absolute Despotism, it is their right, it is their duty, to throw off such Government, and to provide new Guards for their future security."

Life is an inalienable right given to us from our Creator. Please give HB1173 a "Do Pass" and let's commemorate life.

Thank you,

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