

Senate Judiciary Committee
SB 2150
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Chair Larson and Committee Members, my name is Megan Corn, and I am a current third year medical student in the state of North Dakota applying to an Obstetrics and Gynecology residency in 2024. Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of SB 2150 so long as amendments be considered by this committee.

I came to North Dakota for medical school and have been amazed by all this state has to offer. I came with an open mind and heart and have found so much love for the small towns and Midwest hospitality. The people of North Dakota have invested in me to become a physician and help make our country a healthier and safer place. However, if SB 2150 is passed as written, it would deter me from returning to the state to practice OBGYN after my residency. SB 2150 does thankfully remove the affirmative defense and protect the treatment of ectopic pregnancies, which is why I write to show my support, but I recommend several amendments to SB 2150.

I support SB 2150 if amendments are made to extend the time restrictions proposed to receive an abortion in the case of rape or incest, improve the clarity of language which constitutes a medical emergency for abortion, and allow for termination in the presence of unviable anatomic abnormalities of the fetus.

If our state does not provide laws that allow for patient and physician safety, it will deter applicants from attending medical school in our state. Not only will these laws decrease the number of applicants applying and accepting a position to attend school in our state but may also dissuade physicians from applying to jobs and decrease physician retention in North Dakota.

We have so many medically underserved areas across the state, we should be creating policies that protect our doctors, our mothers, sisters, daughters, and wives. To do so, I support SB 2150 with amendments over the "Trigger Law".

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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