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Hello,

My name is Jessi Erdmann. I am a resident of Minot where I was proudly born and raised. I am writing in opposition to HB 1373, hoping you will do the same.

Like many other couples, my husband and I have gone through the extreme ups and downs of infertility treatments over the last 5 years. When planning for a family, I never would have imagined needing to rely on IVF to have children. However, I promise you we pursued many other options before we got to that point, and we didn't make the decision lightly for many reasons.

Do I wish we could have children naturally without medical intervention, the money and time required, and the emotional toll, of course. Of course, I wish we didn't have to go through IVF, but it was the tipping point of having more children of our own or not at all.

The journey to becoming a family is drastically different for every couple and there is no one-size-fits-all solution. Passing this vague bill, which leaves too much to interpretation for IVF clinics and staff members, can make an already nearly unbearable process even more difficult for couples. Again, no one has IVF at the top of their list for growing their family, but some have no other choice to have children of their own.

Thank you for considering my testimony and listening to my experience.

Sincerely,
Jessi Erdmann
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