

Re: HB 1373

Dear Chair Ruby and Members of the Human Services Committee:

Hi, my name is Jon Lee. I've been a Fargo resident for 30+ years. My wife is a nurse practitioner at Sanford and works in both OB/GYN and the fertility clinic. I write in **OPPOSITION** for HB 1373—a bill to define life at fertilization.

I don't have health care training, but through discussions with my wife I realize how this bill would create a lot of liability concerns for the IVF clinic and prevent couples that need it from utilizing IVF to build their families. She has also talked about her limitations in treating early pregnancy conditions such as ectopic pregnancies or miscarriages.

We have 2 **teenage** daughters. I hope that in the future if they want to build a family that they won't need to utilize IVF, but if they do, I want them to have access to that option. They are getting to the age where they are watching the news and realizing what some of these far-reaching bills are doing, and I'm afraid it is going to make them want to live out of state. My wife has also talked about wanting to move after our youngest graduates, if it affects her ability to provide appropriate care to women.

Please vote **IN OPPOSITION TO HB 1373**.

Respectfully,

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