

No, HB 1373 Does Not Ban IVF.

On January 14, Representative Lori VanWinkle filed HB 1373 to protect every unborn child in North Dakota. Since we know that human life begins at conception, we know that every human life is deserving of equal protection under the law. The bill is as simple as this. Immediately following the filing of this common-sense pro-life bill, the abortion industry went into full attack mode to stop this bill from passing. Planned Parenthood North Dakota Advocate published a statement against HB 1373, calling it a “a harmful bill redefining human being and personhood to apply at the moment of conception” that would “undermine the rights of pregnant people.” “Pregnant people,” you heard that right.

In the wake of Planned Parenthood’s opposition to the bill, a slew of lies have been circulating about the bill, claiming that it would “ban IVF” in North Dakota. The claim that a bill designed to protect unborn babies from abortion would ban IVF is a flat out lie frequently deployed by the abortion industry to advocate against pro-life legislation.

Here are the facts: this bill criminalizes homicide and assault against an unborn child. The core of the IVF process involves the creation of fertilized human embryos, the storage of these embryos through cryogenic freezing, and the implantation of these embryos in the mother’s womb. Since none of these actions constitute homicide or assault, IVF would remain legal in North Dakota following HB 1373 becoming law. The bill would simply ensure that the IVF industry is treating the tiny human beings it creates with a proper standard of care.

Don’t fall for the abortion industry’s lies. Planned Parenthood and their allies are lying about how HB 1373 would impact IVF in order to keep elective abortion legal completely legal in North Dakota. These opponents of HB 1373 are perpetuating fear among couples who are going through the process of IVF, but their concern does not lie with them.. They are leftists who want zero limits on abortion up until the moment of birth: that is their true agenda.

The choice is clear: stand for LIFE by supporting HB 1373 or stand with Planned Parenthood and their pro-abortion agenda.

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