House Human Services Committee Members,

I urge you to give HB 1373 a do pass recommendation.

The 14th Amendment is crystal clear: Nor shall any state deprive any person of life, liberty or property without due process of law, nor deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws.

It is a scientific fact that a distinct human being is formed at fertilization. To deny his or her personhood at any stage of development is to believe that some human beings are expendable depending on subjective and arbitrary factors. The preborn are persons because they are human beings, and as the most vulnerable and discriminated among us, not only do they deserve to be protected under the same laws that protect you and me, the supreme law of the land demands that we must, regardless of our personal opinions or political leanings.

There is vast <u>legal precedent</u> that makes it clear that the word 'person' included the preborn person in the 14th Amendment's original public meaning.

Those who oppose equal protection under the law for the preborn either:

- 1. Do not believe the preborn human being is a person; or
- 2. Support violating the U.S. Constitution and God's Law when it suits political purposes or personal opinions

HB 1373 would protect the lives of every preborn person in ND by extending to them what they have been denied for over 50 years - equal protection under the law. As legislators, the choice before you is to obey both <u>God's Law</u> and the Constitution that you swore to uphold or bend to political fears and the propaganda of Planned Parenthood and the Pro-Life Establishment who together reject the 14th Amendment and advocate for the legal right of all pregnant women to murder their preborn child.

My prayers are with you as you weigh this monumentally important decision. Thank you for your service to the state of North Dakota.

Sincerely, Amber Vibeto