

North Dakota House of Representatives  
Human Services Committee  
North Dakota Legislative Assembly  
600 E Boulevard  
Bismarck, ND 58505

**Re: VOTE DO NOT PASS ON HB 1373**

February 3, 2025

Dear Chair Ruby and Members of the House Human Services Committee:

My name is Anastasiya Andrianova. I am a 43-year-old woman who became a mother at age 36 after struggling with infertility. I had a high-risk, so-called “geriatric” pregnancy and was fortunate to give birth, with complications, to a healthy beautiful girl. If it were not for Sanford Reproductive Medicine in South Fargo and the informed care of Sanford Women’s, I might have given up. Throughout my reproductive years (from age 11), I’ve been under the care of a gynecologist for various reasons, including severely painful periods that made the use of contraceptives medically necessary to alleviate symptoms and enable me to get back to school and work. As a middle-aged woman entering early perimenopause with a history of fertility issues, I will likely require hormonal treatments to maintain my physical health moving forward.

That is why I write **in opposition to House Bill No. 1373** – relating to the definition of human being and person as the terms relate to the offenses of murder and assault, and civil actions for death caused by wrongful acts.

Bills like these will not prevent abortions; rather, they will make reproductive care more difficult to access, make providers potential criminals aiding and abetting in murder and assault, and prevent couples who want to have children from accessing IVF and other hormonal treatments.

Instead, I urge you to support HB 1478, which relates to contraception and HB 1477, which affirms that decisions about reproductive care should be left to the patient and their medical provider, not subject to political influencing or governmental intrusion. I have submitted those testimonies accordingly.

Many women, myself included, have experienced infertility issues and have benefited from individualized reproductive and fertility health care. For the prospective parents and their families, it is difficult enough to have to experience such medical conditions and the psychological burdens they carry. To let governments meddle in such personal affairs is just gross and obscene.

**Vote DO NOT PASS on HB 1373.**

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Anastasiya Andrianova, woman, mother, wife, and concerned ND citizen - Fargo, ND