

February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2025

To the North Dakota Legislature,

I am writing in opposition to HB1373. Anyone who has been through (or who knows someone well who has been through) the process of IVF or dealt with an unplanned pregnancy, knows that the decisions related to both can be agonizing, highly personal, and that they are not taken lightly.

It is simply stunning to me that lawmakers promoting their own agendas can possibly think they know what is best for individual women and/or couples, or that they think issues of the heart and body are somehow partisan in nature. House Bill 1373 is not about being a Democrat or Republican or about what any individual feels about IVF or abortion; it is about imposing the will of a few on the masses and, specifically, on women.

For these and other reasons, I am writing in opposition of HB 1373.

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