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Regarding HB 1373 for the State of North Dakota

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To Whom it May Concern,

My name is Lexi Hendricks, and I am a resident of Fargo, ND. I am writing in support of HB 1373 to protect the life of unborn children. I am testifying to stand and protect those that cannot protect themselves. We as people cannot allow the murdering of our children, the next generation, while we stand by silent at the genocide that is taking place across our nation. These are children – not a clump of cells or unalive member – heart beating, beautiful, and worthy of the same right to life that we outside of the womb have as well.

I am writing this as a woman. I do not view this issue as "my body, my choice". The uterus is the only organ in a woman's body that is not meant for her. It was solely created by God to nurture and protect the life of the baby while it grows before being born. It pains me to see men and women across our nation dampen down the legitimacy of life that is created at conception by the choices of the mother and father. Not only is abortion murder, the act of abortion is extremely unsafe and unhealthy to the mother. Statistics and studies show the horrific effects of terminating a pregnancy on a woman's body, as well as the horrible effects it can have on future pregnancies the woman may have. So not only does abortion kill the baby and seriously harm the mother mentally and physically, future children bear the weight of this decision. God himself lays this out in His Holy Word in Exodus 34:7: "keeping steadfast love for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, but who will by no means clear the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children and the children's children, to the third and the fourth generation."

Every life is created by God. It is precious and worthy of protection. I can list statistics all day long, but at the end of the day, I am pleading with you because I am a Christian. I answer to a Holy, Living God who has commanded the abolishment of murder of the innocent. We cannot allow our children to continue to be murdered while we stand by and watch. I pray for the abolishment of murder not only in North Dakota, but across the United States and the world. We have already lost more than 63 million children since 1973 to this horrific genocide. Children who could not defend themselves.

I encourage you to listen to a podcast episode of <u>Culture Apothecary with Alex Clark titled The</u> <u>Devastating Physical Impact Abortion Has On Women.</u>

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter. Most importantly, thank you to our state representatives who are fighting for the right to life. I hope you will consider mine, as well as all the other letters of support, in your vote. May God Bless this fight.