

February 3, 2025

North Dakota Legislative body
Re: Definition of a human being.

Dear North Dakota Legislators,

36 years ago, I was a newlywed college student in Texas. We were hoping to wait until school was finished, and did our best to use birth control well, but still ended up pregnant. My husband used all his best arguments to convince me to have an abortion. It is legal, it is no big deal, we can have more children later. I knew that THIS baby only gets one chance at life and said "no." He threw every cup in our house at my head trying to change my mind. He gave me the silent treatment first, then he yelled for days. I never wavered, thank goodness, and I have a beautiful daughter and 3 grandchildren because I knew the truth. THAT child matters.

We live in a crazy world that understands that eagle eggs are eagles in need of protection; sea turtle eggs are turtles in need of protection, but humans inside their mother are only protected in some parts of the country. The sad reality is that as long as abortion is legal in most of the country, babies aren't safe anywhere, but we need to keep standing up and doing the right thing. We need to set the example in our state so that they finally get the message in Washington.

Thank you,
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