

February 3rd, 2025
Re: HB 1373

Members of the House Human Services Committee,

My name is Samantha Harrison, a current resident of Mandan, and I am writing to you to urge a “Do Not Pass” recommendation and a “No” vote on HB 1373.

This bill puts North Dakotans’ rights, health, and lives at risk. Bills like this open the door for further attacks against bodily autonomy, as well as putting the rights and lives of pregnant individuals at risk and making it impossible for health care providers to uphold their oaths of practice. We have seen how across the country, bills like this one have put services like IVF in jeopardy, caused irrevocable health complications to women and pregnant people seeking care, and led to the very preventable death of some patients in states where laws like these have been adopted.

Furthermore, from a legal simplicity standpoint, North Dakota already has an abortion law in effect, so this is another time-wasting culture war bill meant to create issues where there are none and push a radical religious agenda that contradicts the principle of freedom of religion upon which our country was founded.

I urge a “Do Not Pass” recommendation from the committee and a “No” vote on the floor on HB 1373.

Sincerely,

Samantha K. Harrison
District 34 Constituent