

Human Services Committee
HB 1373
February 5, 2025

Chairman Ruby and Members of the Committee:

My name is Minda Villiard and I am submitting my testimony regarding HB 1373. I am a lifelong resident of North Dakota and have spent most of my nursing career in Women's health. The last 10 years I have worked in Reproductive Medicine at Sanford Health in Fargo.

Collateral Damage

Noun

:Injury inflicted on something other than an intended target.

This bill seems straightforward at first – defining a human and granting them full rights if harmed at any point in life. The issue? My work – the job myself and all of my coworkers are so passionate about – will become collateral damage. Our clinic, the ONLY one in North Dakota offering IVF, would be forced to stop providing these services.

I am asking the committee to vote **no** on HB 1373. If this bill passes, it could create legal liabilities for our clinic and providers. This would likely end access to IVF care in our state.

Please take a few minutes and think about the **collateral damage** this bill will cause.

Thank you for your service.

Sincerely,

Minda Martinson Villiard