

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to voice my strong opposition to House Bill 1373, which seeks to redefine "human being" and "person" under North Dakota law to include an unborn child from the moment of fertilization. This bill is an extreme overreach that could have serious legal and medical consequences, endangering reproductive rights, criminalizing necessary healthcare, and interfering with deeply personal medical decisions.

By granting legal personhood to an embryo, HB 1373 opens the door to dangerous legal precedents that could threaten access to reproductive healthcare, including fertility treatments, miscarriage management, and life-saving procedures for pregnant individuals. Additionally, the vague and overly broad language of this bill could create uncertainty for doctors, putting them in impossible positions where they must weigh the risk of legal action against their medical duty to provide care.

Furthermore, this bill ignores the complexities of pregnancy and personal medical choices, instead imposing a rigid and ideological framework that fails to consider the real-life impact on families and individuals. North Dakotans deserve legislation that respects their rights, protects their health, and upholds the principles of medical privacy and bodily autonomy.

I strongly urge you to oppose HB 1373 and to support policies that prioritize evidence-based healthcare, reproductive freedom, and the well-being of North Dakota residents. Please stand with the people of our state by rejecting this harmful and unnecessary legislation.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I appreciate your commitment to representing the best interests of your constituents.

Thank you,

Kassandra Schaan