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Written Testimony in Opposition of House Bill No. 1373

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Dear Chairperson and Honorable Members of the Committee,

I am writing to express my opposition to HB 1373. While the bill is framed as a means of protecting unborn children, it contains provisions that would have harmful, intended consequences, particularly for individuals and families seeking in vitro fertilization (IVF) treatments. I urge you to reconsider this legislation, as it could severely impact reproductive healthcare, medical practices, and the rights of North Dakota residents.

At one time I thought my home state was the epitome of “common sense” legislation. Things that just made sense to the common person. Good people doing what they knew was right. To a group that calls themselves the “Abolitionists” this bill does make sense. A platform they stand on is the IVF process is genocide. Let’s make it crystal clear they are not “Pro-Life”. They make that differentiation themselves. They can say this bill does not affect IVF until they are blue in the face, but that doesn’t make it true. They know how it will affect citizens of this state. Do good people call women trying to start a family, murderers?

Seeing out of state interest groups and people not from North Dakota testifying in support of this bill is concerning. North Dakotans know what is best for North Dakotans. People from outside of this state wrote this bill. They have no interest in bettering our lives. They have interests in pushing their beliefs on us. I implore you to listen to your constituents. This bill is a foot in the door to expand their agenda.

I did, with my full effort, to try to understand why a bill like this was needed for the citizens of North Dakota. When we already have legislation addressing this. I researched and I talked with sponsors of this bill. The abolitionist movement is not popular among common people. This is a coalition believing that everyone should be like them. Legislators are supposed to represent their constituents that elected them and not further their own political and ideological beliefs at the expense of the young people of North Dakota that are trying to start families.

Sincerely,

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