

To Whom It May Concern,

My name is Amanda Pieters, and I am a trained birth doula, an Evidence Based Birth® Instructor Emeritus, and small business owner in Fargo, North Dakota.

I write today to urge you to OPPOSE the bill HB 1373.

As a birth doula I provide evidence-based information and resources, as well as physical and emotional support to expecting families before, during and after the birth of their baby. I have had the honor of supporting over 40 families welcome their new baby into the world. *Many* of these families were able to start, or grow, their family because of IVF. Many of these families also experienced miscarriage and needed lifesaving medical treatment because of this. 1 in 4 pregnancies result in miscarriage.

I am asking the committee to vote NO on HB1373. The bill will have devastating health consequences for North Dakota Families.

North Dakotans deserve to have access to highest quality healthcare including miscarriage management and IVF treatments and care. I want to live in a state where I know my clients, or I, can receive lifechanging and lifesaving treatment and care. I urge you to vote **oppose** HB 1373.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Amanda Pieters
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