

House Human Services Committee

Feb 5<sup>th</sup> 2025 HB 1373

Testimony to Oppose

Dear members of the House Human Services Committee, I urge a “Do Not Pass” on HB 1373.

I already have friends that live in Minnesota that are couples trying to have children that are concerned with coming back to visit North Dakota because they have heard of horror stories that have happened in other states when pregnant women needed medical care that would end the life of the unborn child in order to save theirs. While there may be exceptions in the law for these types of situations, in practice, once a law like this is put in place it greatly impacts the ability and willingness of doctors to swiftly perform lifesaving care. Especially, if they could now face being charged with murder.

I believe these are bad enough situations for families and medical providers without government inference. I also generally believe that people should be allowed to make decisions regarding their own bodies and that the life of person that is not yet born should not trump the life of the mother. It also seems like this bill would make IVF illegal by considering the human life to begin when sperm meets egg, which again the use of IVF seems like a decision the government does not need to spend it's time interfering with.

Thank you for your time and service to our state,

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