

Testimony Opposing House Bill 1373

North Dakota Legislative Assembly

Dear Members of the Committee,

I am writing to strongly oppose House Bill 1373. By defining personhood from the moment of fertilization, this bill could have serious consequences for families seeking fertility treatments like IVF. My wife and I recently welcomed a beautiful baby through IVF, which was our only option due to her endometriosis. Without it, our daughter would not be here today.

This bill is vague and poorly written, creating legal uncertainty for doctors and patients. Many embryos do not implant, and complex medical decisions are sometimes necessary. The broad language could put fertility treatments at risk and make it harder for families like ours to have children. North Dakota should support families in building their future, not limit their options.

I urge you to vote against this bill. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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