

Do not support HB 1373

As a lifetime North Dakota resident I urge you to vote against every bill that comes before you that undermines reproductive freedom and/or restricts access to reproductive health care. Specifically HB 1373 defining a human being. As we have seen in other states this bill sets North Dakotans up to be denied life-saving care and access to infertility treatments. With infertility disease increasing, North Dakota should be helping couples grow their families, not hindering them. It's strenuous enough facing infertility mentally, physically and financially. Infertility is not just a medical condition it affects North Dakotans daily and impacts our future. We want to build our communities. IVF is a good thing; it supports the birth of babies, grows families, creates communities, makes women moms and men dads. I dream of the day I get to become a mom. I feel grateful that I've had supportive doctors throughout my infertility journey with my fertility treatments including multiple IVFs. Though we still haven't had a successful full term pregnancy yet, I fully believe IVF is good, and have seen so many miracles born from IVF. It's sad to see reproductive rights threatened. It is NOT ok to create more barriers to families dealing with infertility. You can have a personal belief but you don't need to impose it on everyone else, that is what religious freedom is. Let patients and doctors choose the medical advancements to best support their health or grow their family without the government intervening. We want great medical providers in North Dakota. Do **NOT** support or vote for HB 1373. Limiting access by defining a human being puts pregnant women at risk, decreases IVF care and outcomes, and takes medical options and decisions away from educated medical experts. We don't want this for North Dakota.

Thank you,
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