

My name is Jennifer Hull. I am the director of nursing for Alliance Family Services, a multi-pregnancy help clinic organization that specializes in caring for women and families vulnerable to abortion and helping them to understand that abortion is not their only option. We are driven to meet every abortion vulnerable woman where they are and provide the care they need to support their child and family. We provide the highest standard of medical care, counseling services, housing and childcare needs, and work to empower every woman as a mother that God created her to be, as well as becoming a flourishing member of her community. Our services are completely free of charge! My husband & I, along with our 6 children, live in Wisconsin and am writing to encourage the passage of House Bill 1373, also known as the North Dakota Prenatal Equal Protection Act.

I have worked in local pregnancy centers, as well as for an international pregnancy help organization for many years and have seen the devastating effects that abortion has had in our communities. While we celebrated the overturn of Roe, we knew that our work was not over. In fact, it made our work more difficult in many ways. This only increased the self-induced abortion crisis in our nation. So many people, including anti-abortion Christians, view abortion as only happening in the walls of an abortion facility like Planned Parenthood, when in reality abortions are happening at increased levels in the privacy of the woman's home, making her home - her safe place of refuge - an abortion facility where she not only experiences the physical pain of her abortion, but she visualized her baby, whole and with visual body parts, that she terminated, causing traumatic emotional pain. I have spoken to well over 1,000 women who had taken the abortion pills & reached our helpline, in a panic because she did not know this is how it was going to be. In fact, so many of those women stated she was lied to by Planned Parenthood and by the abortion pill supply company that promised it would be quick & easy. Her home, her safe place, now just became a place of trauma that she will always see & remember what she saw, felt & experienced. I have also talked to countless women, many who were experiencing significant side effects from the abortion pills, and some who were having emergent complications, distraught at what was happening, weeping over what she was going through, fearing what would happen if she went to the ER & be found out, regretting her choice, and feeling hopeless, filled with

overwhelming anxiety. Obtaining these abortion pills online & ingesting them, most of the time without having an ultrasound to verify her pregnancy and determining gestational age, is putting her life at risk. The emotional trauma is devastating and can be life-long & the physical complications are dangerous.

This has to end! By encouraging self-induced abortions, labeling them as more convenient, more private, and more affordable, is only harming her further. This is not love. As a nurse I took an oath to 'do no harm'. The absence of laws to prevent the destruction of human life has been a travesty to our nation. We have taken our eyes off of God, developed a warped morality as we continue to depart from the good law of God that has been the foundation of our country, and the foundation of mankind when the law was given to Moses by God himself. We ask God to bless America when we are taking the life of His beautiful creation, His image bearers in the womb. It is absurd.

The law is meant to teach right from wrong, as it is meant to deter actions by having a consequence for the wrong action that was willfully chosen. One of the most compassionate & loving acts we can do for every woman is to make abortion illegal, which would ultimately protect her from the devastating effects and emotional complications that abortion brings. Equal protection rights for the preborn deserve the same equal protection you have. Life begins at conception, and that little life in the womb has purpose and value. Today, you have the opportunity to be the first state in America to spearhead one of the greatest movements in our nation's history. You also have an obligation to God whom you gave an oath to when you took office, and to the God you will also give an account to when you stand before him on judgement day.

I urge you today to pass this bill.