

My name is Erica Millar. I am the Director of Medical Operations for Alliance Family Services, an organization comprised of medical clinics and services specializing in care for women and families vulnerable to abortion. This means we can serve nearly all women and any family, as 50% of all pregnancies worldwide are unplanned and any woman and any family can be vulnerable to the damaging physical, emotional and spiritual effects of abortion. I live in Southeast Wisconsin, am a mother of 4 myself and a Nurse Practitioner and Certified Nurse Midwife. I am writing to vigorously advocate for the passage of House Bill 1373, the North Dakota Prenatal Equal Protection Act. In my role as Women's Healthcare Provider, I regularly encounter women at various points along the gestational road. I see women before they conceive, in the midst of finding out they have conceived, at numerous points along a 40 week gestation, postpartum, pre and post miscarriage and pre and post abortion. I've seen 12 year old mothers and 48 year old mothers and just about every possibility in between. I witness first-hand the wreckage left by supposed "healthcare" that has lied to them, hidden the truth, and manipulated their choice for profit. I have also seen wide-eyed, educated women of means willingly terminate their pregnancies for no reason at all, simply because the law says they can.

The rise of the chemical abortion, and particularly the mail-order abortion pill paired with a "tele-health" visit has led to negligence at best and malpractice and fraud at its worse. I personally have cared for women who payed for abortions who did not ever have viable pregnancies, were not pregnant at all, and even 1 who had an ectopic pregnancy. None of these women should have been sold abortions. But they were. This is not healthcare. The 50 years of Roe blinded our society to obvious truths that were always right in front of us:

- An embryo, a fetus, a baby is a unique, distinct, human being. A person.
- It was always, that same unique, distinct, human being and person. (I see them at 6 weeks. I see them at 14 weeks. I see them at 26 weeks. They are always that same person.)
- It is not moral, not socially acceptable, not lawful to identify certain ages, times or circumstances to kill a person. Killing children is always wrong.

The law must not craft itself in accordance to the will or whim of society. The law must be rooted in truth and justice and societal whims must bend accordingly. I implore you to be courageous today and stand firm on the side of gestational justice. Pass this bill.