

# HB 1373 Testimony

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Chairman Ruby and esteemed members of the committee,

My name is Lori Hinz. I come before you today, not as anything else, but as a child of the Most High God, and as a mother of five, three on earth and two in heaven.

I am here to testify in favor of HB 1373 and equal protection for the unborn. I humbly ask you to consider a DO PASS vote for this bill. AND HERE IS WHY;

Shockingly, I know many of you on this committee personally, and I know your strong faith in a good and gracious God. Because of this, I also know that your steadfast moral code comes straight from the Holy Bible, and you know in your core what God's Word says about human life and murder.

I also know many of you are blessed with a sound knowledge of what is in our U.S. Constitution and specifically the 14th Amendment. For this reason, I am assured that you are well-versed in what the law of the land actually says.

These two **pillars** combined, make it very clear you should be in **support** of this bill.

Should be.

But there is a grave danger, an enticement to overthink it and be "conformed to the world..." meaning, be influenced by the **culture** around you, rather than what the Word of **God** and the **Constitution** of the United States **say**.

This is why the fear-peddling fear-mongers become successful. Those who **worry**:

IVF will no longer be available! Untrue.  
Mothers will be criminals! Untrue.

What ARE you really afraid of? Let me for a moment address your fear.  
And may I remind you, fear is not of God. God does not give you anxiety. Fear comes from the other guy, the bad one.

Are you afraid of what Planned Parenthood will do? Because if you are, you should be aware that a do not pass vote in this committee would be **siding with** Planned Parenthood.

Courage is not easy, but courage is exactly what is needed on this bill. Courage and moral conviction, and as mentioned I know you already possess the ethical foundations...you may just need a boost for your intestinal fortitude.

You know that life begins at conception. You know the definition of murder.  
The last part of Section 1 of the 14th amendment reads:

"...nor shall any State deprive any **person** of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; **nor** deny to any **person** within its jurisdiction the **equal protection** of the laws."

It's all so **very** simple.

You may remember Republicans are the party that abolished slavery.  
And Republicans in **this** body should be the party that abolishes abortion in the free state of North Dakota for the **exact** same reason.

- All human beings are created equal and deserve **equal** protection under the law.

I urge you to prayerfully consider your courage quotient, bolster it with the truth you know, and vote DO PASS on HB 1373.  
Thank you.

Mr. Chairman I'll stand for any questions you may have.