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Good morning, Mr. Chairman and members of the Health and Human Services Committee, my name is Lori VanWinkle, and I represent District 3 out of eastern Minot.

I am here to explain and provide testimony in support for HB 1373 and provide reasoning for why this bill to protect the lives of every pre-born child from unjust and unconstitutional law, is necessary. HB1373 seeks to make it clear in our law that pre-born children are human and shall be provide all the same protections, provisions and rights as all other born people. This is a commonsense bill that will close a loophole that has allowed the murder of innocent lives to continue in this state, at will, and on demand, by any woman who desires to take a pill and kill her pre-born child.

Let's look at Section 1. This section adds definitions of "human being" and "unborn child" to NDCC 12.1-16, the chapter on homicide, and provides an exception to unintentional deaths during a proper standard of care during pregnancy. Provides and exception to an unexpected death in effort to save both the life of the mother and the child during any lifesaving scenario or complication, and provides an exception for spontaneous miscarriages, which are obviously not willful intentional deaths and thus are not abortions.

Section 2; Adds the same language into code for on our chapter for assault in NDCC 12.1-17.

Section 3 adds the same language into chapter 32-21 on wrongful death, which details the civil remedies available for a wrongful death accusation.

Mr. Chairman and Members of the committee, I will continue.

In 2021, there were 1002 North Dakota children murdered on demand by abortionists and mothers. In 2023, approximately 780 mothers left the state to have abortions, while approximately 221 of them ordered out of state abortion pills and took them in North Dakota to end the lives of their preborn child. Even after the exodus of Planned Parenthood, the total number of preborn North Dakotans murdered was approximately 1001. That is effectively identical to the numbers of 2021, which shows that even while we had a partial ban on abortion at conception, there was no decline in the number of preborn children killed by their mothers, on demand, by alternate means.

Despite this legislative body diligently paving forth a difficult path, we have successfully defunded Planned Parenthood from attaining any more tax payer grants or state wealth, and after passing the partial ban on abortion in 2023 and despite seeing them pack up their demonic agenda and head over the river and through the woods, the abortion pill remains

completely accessible, and this loophole, if left unattended, or neglected via opposing this bill, will invite them right back in and it will be worse off for ND in the end, than it has ever been before, because it will bring their evil agenda back and it will be doubled down along with pill, and it will be full open provisions to at will and on demand destruction of lives and families!

Let me make one more item clear: This bill is about outlawing the destruction of innocent human life, not the creation of it. Some want to make this bill about IVF, but nothing in the bill even mentions IVF. They don't like that the effect of recognizing life from conception would ensure IVF clinics treat the human beings they create invitro, with a proper standard of care. But why would anyone be against that? Yet opponents lie about the bill.

In fact, the entire narrative about IVF has been weaponized against this bill, and it is a false narrative routinely employed by the abortion industry as a scare tactic to oppose any bill that would protect preborn babies.

We should not fall for this tactic. It should come as no surprise that Planned Parenthood is leading the charge against this bill, claiming that it would quote undermine the rights of pregnant people, whatever that means. Don't fall for the false narrative. Planned parenthood and this bill's opponents are opposing this bill because they want it legal to murder babies in North Dakota.

We have a simple choice to make today. You can either side with Planned Parenthood and their agenda of killing preborn on demand, or we can truly stand and support life and uphold HB 1373 and say no longer are we willing to see the shedding of innocent blood in our state! That is the stance of integrity, godliness, and justice! Supporting this bill is standing with We the People that say, we are not willing to allow our emotions to be weaponized and our compassion manipulated and twisted to allow this carve out and immunity, for one portion of the population to murder another portion of our population, without consequence!

Because of depravity over the cultural nonsense of our day, there has developed a disregard of God's holy boundaries for sex and marriage! This must be undone. We must not lie to men, women, and children any longer by telling them that sex is some extracurricular activity that has no boundaries. Sexual union was created for man and woman to enjoy at liberty in the holy union of marriage. PERIOD. The fact that outliers and disobedience exist, does not change God's law and our moral directives! We must stop advising that when the results of that holy union are produced, that the response is to go murder that preborn child and start over on your lust, selfish ambitions and vain pursuits of life. Good God Almighty, NO!

It has been a long time coming, but our eyes have been opened. Now there lies before us a great division and challenge, because truth is offensive! But let God be true and every man a liar, because God's Word and our Constitutions are the Supreme Law and governor over this land.

Murdering anyone should be illegal for everyone. This is a simple reality. Our laws must reflect that, and telling this truth in the context of abortion may be hard for some to hear, but telling the truth and steering someone from murder, is an act of LOVE! To lie to your neighbor, and lead them to murder is hateful and evil! I now see full well that if I deny justice and truth on this subject, I will be continuing to deny the very God I claim to serve and would be breaking my Oath and denying justice to the innocent. And we each will individually stand before God accountable for the justice or evil we allow from our positions of leadership!

Truth has continued to unfold the narratives I have been told, which leaves me in a state of AWE. I see every lie more clearly and if the murder of the preborn, aka "abortion" was really about justice for rape and incest then why, if the woman has so much power and authority over life and death, why didn't we allow her to kill her perpetrators in those cases instead of the innocent child? This is the manifest injustice; law has allowed the criminal a carve out of immunity but has given an innocent baby a death sentence!

And if this was about the health of the mother, why do we murder the baby when with all our epic medical advancements doctors could safely and reasonably plan an earlier delivery! I mean emergency C sections occur all the time!! We promoted FEAR instead of hope and faith and reasonable law and justice, that's why!

Did you know that the earliest known surviving baby was born at only 12 weeks old! That is beyond incredible, and proves it is unneeded to kill a baby in every circumstance where a mother's life may be at risk, however, should that instance occur this bill has that thoughtfully covered and allows doctors to intervene to save the life of the mother if ever needed.

I am an insulin dependent and have had 4 high risk pregnancies. I thank God I never listened to any medical doctor's fear tactics, and instead trusted and prayed because I know God is the author of our days, and no one was going to suggest I worry! I have had 5 difficult pregnancies that produced 4 amazing and incredible children, and only 1 miscarriage. The false claim that this bill endangers the lives of mothers is a scare tactic to distract us from the truth.

A broken heart no man can bear, are we willing to continue to lie to women and girls and tell them the concerns over their future are solvable with murder and effectively sign them up for a brokenness that they will only know once it is too late!!

I mean what happens when life goes on, and they can't pay their mortgage in the future, or lose a job, should they murder someone there too to bring justice to their unfortunate and unplanned event? Should women just be allowed to kill, at all times, and whenever life is difficult? Maybe instead we instill faith, hope and love in them instead of deadly fear, and we not only tell them the truth that life is difficult, and difficulties are a guarantee, but if we look to the Lord and loving support from families, churches, industries and ministries who often offer free services to help to those in times of trouble, we can turn off the cries of innocent blood that never stops crying out for justice!

Please incline your ears to hear, as those who will speak today are speaking deep and undeniable truths, which may convict and offend everything we have been told in life so far. Because, for 52 years, all we have known is a foundation of lies, with an intentional hope that it would weaponization compassion so that an unjust and unconstitutional ruling could wreak havoc over our state and nation. This terrible ruling until recently undone has been one of the most egregious crimes against humanity that we have ever known. We are already at a staggering 4 million murders by abortion world wide this year, and it's only February! 46 Million more will die globally according to yearly statics, before this year ends.

Please stand with those of us today who dare to side with truth as we declare and decree it is time to stop the shedding of innocent blood in our state, and it is time to repent of this great evil so that we may receive God's mercy instead of Judgement! Because to continue this path is to side with the opposition that says yes to the murderous agenda of Planned Parenthood.

If the blind continue to lead the blind, both will fall into a pit. But each of us is still individually accountable for the choice made today. No pastor, no agency, no one except yourself will stand before God to answer for the deeds done in our life. Many may hope to justify siding with Planned Parenthood, but there is no Biblical or Constitutional excuse we can hide behind that allows this depravity to continue.

Mr. Chairman, I thank you for reserving the next hour for the testimony in support of HB 1373,

I have 4 speakers following my testimony. You all should have a recording of Abby Johnson who tells her story as a post abortive woman and an ex abortionist with Planned Parenthood and the regret she has over the thousands of lives she has witnessed be killed by this horrendous act. But next you will hear from Ginna Cross who is a professional in the

counselling setting who deals with the results of women who kill their pre-born children, we will hear from a local voice dear to this legislative assembly, Mrs. Jody Clemens, of her life experience with the effects of abortion, and Bradley Pierce s constitutional attorney, and Amber Vibeto the constituent who help orchestrate bringing this bill forward, and if time permits anyone else can share their heart on this matter. I ask you please to keep all your questions written down and if they do not get answered by my guest speakers, I will return at the end. Thank you, I will turn it over to Abby Johnson's video.