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I am strongly in favor of both bills 1477 and 1478 as they relate to the right to make personal choices for reproductive care. Due to the constant attacks and attempts at religious freedom that I often see from the ND Legislators, I find bills like these to be not only refreshing, but absolutely necessary.

It should never be up to a governing body to make choices for people, especially women, when it comes to making decisions for their bodies. There are multiple reasons women make the choices they do with reproductive care, and they are all very personal. Oftentimes, access to some of these options is also medically necessary and government should never be allowed to implement laws to restrict medical care. I'm so tired of people trying to force their religious beliefs on others by attempting to take away choice or medical care options. I am thankful these the sponsors of these bills are attempting to protect the rights of everyone, regardless of religious beliefs.

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