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Testimony of Richard Glynn, Chairman of Republican District 43, and regarding Abortion and HB1488

In 1966 and 1967, I was a “Freshman” at the University of South Dakota in Vermillion, South Dakota. I came from Yankton, SD, located 23 miles west of Vermillion, South Dakota wherein the University of South Dakota is located. Because of proximity, many students who graduated from Yankton High School went to the University of South Dakota upon graduation.

While I was there, in those years, 1966 and 1967, I distinctly remember four young women from Sororities died from botched “abortions”. My understanding is that they used a metal “coat hanger” to perform self-abortions. I looked back to see if there were any written reports of this, and I found none. But that would not be unusual as little “negative” was written about “sorority” girls during that era.

In my opinion, it was shortly after these tragic events that South Dakota rid itself of its law against having an abortion. These deaths were viewed as “preventable” if these girls could have received competent care. Unfortunately, North Dakota is going down the same path with limited access to obstetrics care that negatively impacts the health of women.

I support HB1488 as it provides for enhanced obstetrics health care options for women in North Dakota.

Respectfully submitted,

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