

Dear Chairperson and members of the Committee,

I strongly oppose HB 1488.

A committee should not make personal medical decisions nor take the place of guidance from a medical professional a patient has chosen to work with. The introduction of this bill is an attack on individual freedom of the people in North Dakota. The government has absolutely no right to know a patient's medical history or circumstances, and it certainly has no right to interfere with medical procedures. Would this not be a violation of HIPAA?

Scenarios in which a medical procedure is wanted or needed are unique for each individual. Aside from the blatant and offensive invasion of privacy, requiring a committee to determine legality of a procedure puts lives at risk. A proposed bill will never be able to account for each unique scenario and therefore, all attempts to limit abortion access will result in extreme failure.

This bill also puts limits on medical care for minors. If, as this bill proposes, a minor can take on the burden of carrying a fetus to term and birth a human, and subsequently care for the child, why are they then unable to make their own medical decisions?

Regardless of what people think abortion is or isn't, no one gets to determine the medical treatment a person gets except said person.

Vote no on HB 1488.

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