Dear Senators Judy Lee, Kent Weston, David A. Clemens, Kathy Hogan, Kristin Roers and Desiree Van Oosting,

I am neutral in support of HB 1205, a bill that was originally intended to fund and place safe haven baby boxes in North Dakota. These boxes provide a safe, anonymous option for mothers in crisis to surrender their babies, ensuring the infants receive immediate care.

While I am pro-life and I respect the passion behind this bill, we already have the Baby Moses Law which our state has put a lot of time and effort and funds into implanting with safe places across the state for babies to be given to a human for mothers/fathers/noted representative of to surrender the child in crisis.

I do think it is important in our state to keep that human element in place – boxes are just that. Tech driven to protect the child. Alerts, bells, whistles, notifications fail. North Dakota is brutal in the winter.

It's a feel good bill, but, I do not really feel its the right one for North Dakota.

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