

House Bill 1313

I, Kolette Kramer from Denbigh, ND am in favor of House Bill 1313. My husband and I have 9 children. We have adopted 4 of them. I would love to visit more with anyone who wants to ask any questions. Here are a few basic points I would like to discuss.

1. When does life begin?

When does a baby go from a "blob of tissue" to a human life. This has been a big debate. I believe it's at conception. A fetus has it's own personal traits at conception. As it forms it has it's own skeletal system, nervous system, circulatory system, and all the systems a live person might have. A woman's body is the host that cares for the fetus but it is not a "blob of tissue" like a tumor, a cyst, or a growth. None of those have a beating heart. A fetus is connected to their mother, but they are not an appendage or extra part. A blob of tissue is not killed inside the body and then extracted. Or kept alive to harvest the organs....do cysts have organs? Unborn babies do.

2. What about rape?

Here is a main point that pro-choice advocates throw out to justify the murder of an unborn child. I do believe a crime has been committed when a rape occurs. I do not believe an innocent unborn child should be tried and convicted of the rape and sentenced to death. The perpetrator should be tried and convicted of his actions, not the baby. Two wrongs do not make a right.

In the case of rape, does one trauma justify the enacting of a second trauma? Most women do not just "forget" or glorify the abortion. They then continue to lead their lives with the trauma and after effects of both the rape and the abortion. A good question to ask whoever brings rape victims up is what percentage of abortions are because the woman was raped?

3. Differentiate between foster children and adoptive children

Another pro choice point is, "Look at all the children in foster care!" Like those children should have been aborted. Foster children are not even comparable to aborted children. Most parents who have

children in foster care did not even have abortion in mind when they conceived and delivered. They chose to have those children and life's circumstances brought their children into the system.

Many pro-lifers would be overjoyed to take in a newborn baby and adopt it. There is a HUGE difference between adoption of a newborn baby and taking on a child who has been in foster care. Children in foster care have reasons for being there. They have histories of abuse and neglect, either physically or emotionally, and have more "needs" than a small newborn.

4. Pro-life, pro choice?? Do they know their options?

Do parents know their options and have a chance to think about it? At a first appointment are they told their options? What are the options available? Parenting? Adoption? Abortion? What are the pro's and con's of each? What is the difference between a Planned Parenthood clinic and a Pregnancy help center? Are they offered counseling to walk them through these options?

5. If they are pro-life, what do they do to take care of children (and the mothers) after they are born?

Many pro-lifers are foster parents. Many are adoptive parents. Many support pregnancy help centers. Many more would adopt a newborn if a mother chose life and gave it up for adoption. We just need a chance.

The pregnancy help center in Minot, Dakota Hope Clinic, offers classes for new parents and counseling for expectant and new parents. They offer a Boutique where parents can obtain clothing, diapers, and other baby items. Classes are offered for both the mother and the father. The clinic also offers post abortive support for women who struggle after an abortion. Many pro life families support the clinics that provide these opportunities.

"Proverbs 31:8 "Open your mouth for the speechless, In the cause of all who are appointed to die." NKJV

My name is Kolette Kramer and I am Pro-life. I was a foster parent. I am an adoptive parent. I support my local pregnancy help center with my time and my resources.