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Testimony of Isaac Huntington

Concerning HB 1373; A BILL DEFINING LIFE FROM CONCEPTION

Honorable members of the Human Services Committee, I am Isaac Huntington, a resident of District 34 in Mandan, ND. As a concerned citizen of this great state, I urge members of this committee to give a do pass recommendation HB1373. Our founding fathers in penning the declaration of independence and bill of rights, inspired by the Word of God, sought to have a government unlike any other in history; a government that recognized the natural rights of all people that resided there. They held these truths to be self-evident that all people are created equal and all of them deserved the right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. Assaults upon these natural rights given to us by Almighty God have been mounted since the founding of this country. Notably the abominable North American Trans-Atlantic slave trade the justification of this barbaric practice came from an argument that African Americans were “sub-human”. That these people did not constitute personhood and thus were not created in the “Imago Dei”, the image of God, endowed with certain unalienable rights by Him. The lawmakers of the time decide upon, which men would receive these rights. History tells us how wrong these men were, so I beg the committee to answer the question; if these rights are truly natural, gifted to man by a Supreme God, the Lord Jesus Christ, as defined by the founding documents of this blessed nation. When do they begin? If the government can define when they begin, are they truly natural rights? Any serious reading of The Declaration of Independence will lead the answer to that question to be no. Therefore, these rights must be conferred upon us when the Lord “knits us in our mother’s womb” from the moment He creates life. HB1373 makes North Dakota’s laws consistent with that of the Bible and of the Founders of this great nation.

Sincerely,

Isaac Huntington

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