

To everyone listening here today.

While writing this testimony I have so much sadness in my heart.

How did we even get here? The world and our state of ND were moving in the right direction, and now suddenly, we are going back decades in what feels like the twilight zone. This breaks my heart that this bill was even brought forth and being considered. We can do better and deserve better.

If this bill passes, you have no idea how many people/families this will negatively affect. This would halt all IVF due to the harsh terminology and penalties that IVF medical staff would endure if found guilty of “murder” due to an embryo not making it in any of its phases. This would not only be detrimental but extremely unfair for families like mine, in the process of IVF in ND.

IVF is a beautiful thing that is so important to help families grow and have the children they so desire and love, even before conception. It seems like the people who are in favor of this have neither had to used IVF nor know loved ones who use it or need to use it to build a family. If they did, I would hope they would have more empathy and understanding on what this bill means.

Please consider the affect this will have on the families trying to conceive and lets to better ND.

Thank you,

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