



Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

What is Constitutional Amendment Measure 1?

On November 4th voters in North Dakota will decide whether or not to change our state constitution. Measure 1 would amend our state constitution to read '*The inalienable right to life of every human being at any stage of development must be recognized and protected*'.

Measure 1 is not a statement of belief. It is a permanent change to our state constitution. When you take a moment to think about it, you will see Measure 1 has real consequences.

What does it mean?

Measure 1 is a vague and poorly written amendment to our state's constitution. And, changing the constitution always has serious consequences.

The fact is Measure 1 could give government- - not families -- power over an individual's life decisions.

Will Measure 1 impact end-of-life decisions?

Measure 1 could require the government to insert itself in medical decisions at all stages of life and in every circumstance; inserting the government in the private doctor-patient relationship.

Measure 1 could force courts to nullify living wills, advance health care directives, and do-not-resuscitate orders in an effort to protect an individual's life.

All of these decisions are so important for our seniors who have lived full lives with dignity and to allow the elderly and the terminally ill to live out their last days on their own terms.

Will Measure 1 cost the state money?

The language of Measure 1 is so vague and poorly worded it is open to interpretation by the courts and could lead to costly drawn out legal battles.



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Will Measure 1 impact couples seeking infertility care in North Dakota?

Doctors—including the infertility specialists in North Dakota—are standing up against Measure 1. The measure could make it impossible for couples struggling with infertility to receive standard medical treatments like in vitro fertilization (IVF) in their own state.

Will Measure 1 impact pregnancy care?

Measure 1 could make it difficult for doctors to help women with life-threatening ectopic pregnancies and other pregnancy related medical conditions. As a result, women's lives and health will be at risk.

Measure 1 could ban abortion even in cases of rape or incest or when a woman's life or health is at risk.

Who is opposing Measure 1?

North Dakotans Against Measure 1 (NDAM1) is a grassroots coalition of individuals from across North Dakota who are united in defeating Constitutional Amendment Measure 1. NDAM1 consists of doctors, lawyers, hospital chaplains, faith leaders, parents, students, republicans and democrats.

NDAM 1 believes Measure 1 is poorly written and the unclear language leaves it open to interpretation – leading to more government intrusion into our personal lives. Measure 1 may seem harmless, but it is an extreme and dangerous law. It would have serious unintended consequences if passed.

Who is behind Measure 1?

Those testifying at the legislature in favor of this bill were largely from out of state groups like Personhood USA and the Family Research Council – organizations known for pursuing costly legal battles on so-called “personhood” ballot fights in states like Mississippi. Their efforts, while repeatedly voted down, could create a number of unavoidable logical conflicts with real-world situations such as ectopic pregnancy, where a doctor is forced to terminate the pregnancy to save the life of the mother.

What can I do to help defeat Measure 1?

First, Vote.

Second, talk to your family friends and neighbors about the far-reaching consequences of the measure.

Third, support our campaign! To learn more about volunteering or making a contribution to the North Dakotans Against Measure 1 campaign visit www.ndam1.org.