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Written letter to 68TH NORTH DAKOTA LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

HB 1146

Chairman Louser and Committee,

I am Adam Hohman Legislative Liaison for the North Dakota Nurse Practitioner Association (NDNPA). I am writing to ask you to vote **<u>do pass</u>** on HB 1146.

The NDNPA understands the importance of access to care for the more than 33,364 North Dakotans diagnosed with infertility or needing fertility preservation with the diagnosis of cancer and other diseases. We believe that threats of large premium increases don't look at the whole picture and total costs of health care. It has been proven that states with insurance coverage have fewer rates of multiple births than states without. Early access to fertility health care reduces the number of benefits used to overcome this disease. Fertility benefits ensure timely and provider recommended healthcare while optimizing safe pregnancies, healthy babies, as well as cost outcomes. This cost barrier should not be on patients who already have access to insurance coverage.

Thank you for your time

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