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Support HB1284 – Insurance Coverage for Fertility Preservation

Dear Committee Members,

My name is Casie Davis, and I am writing to express my strong support for HB1284, which ensures insurance coverage for fertility preservation in North Dakota.

For individuals facing life-saving medical treatments such as chemotherapy, radiation, or surgeries that may impair fertility, fertility preservation is not optional—it is a critical medical necessity. However, without insurance coverage, the high cost of procedures like egg, sperm, or embryo freezing can place this essential care out of reach for many people.

HB1284 is about fairness and compassion. It ensures that individuals undergoing medical treatments are given the chance to protect their future ability to have children. Nobody should have to choose between saving their life and preserving their family-building options.

I am a board member for Everlasting Hope, a nonprofit in North Dakota that focuses on support and awareness for infertility. I have spoken and worked with individuals who have been in the horrible position of having to preserve their fertility after receiving a devastating cancer diagnosis. What lies ahead for these people is the daunting task of planning cancer treatment, while simultaneously trying to fit in, and more importantly, afford, fertility preservation. It is a difficult problem that most of us cannot even begin to understand. Unfortunately, we have seen time and again, insurance companies making this process even more difficult or impossible.

By supporting HB1284, you can provide hope and security to individuals and families facing some of the toughest moments of their lives. I urge you to vote **YES** on this vital bill.

Thank you for your time and thoughtful consideration.

Sincerely,

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