

**Dear Committee Members,**

My name is Theresia Peterson, and I am writing to express my strong support for HB1477, which is vital for ensuring access to infertility care and reproductive health services in North Dakota.

Infertility is a medical condition that affects 1 in 8 families, yet accessing care remains a significant challenge for many. The financial burden of treatments, combined with a lack of sufficient insurance coverage and regulatory barriers, leaves many individuals and families without the resources they need to pursue their dream of having children.

HB1477 addresses these challenges by safeguarding access to reproductive healthcare services. This bill ensures that families facing infertility can receive the medical care they need without unnecessary interference or restrictions.

We conceived our son via IUI after three years of infertility treatments. However, he was diagnosed with a rare genetic disease, Niemann Pick type C. Which is a life altering disease that takes away all body functions: ability to talk, walk, eat, organ functions, etc. The only way to ensure our future children don't suffer from this life altering disease is to utilize IVF. I urge you to vote **YES** on this critical bill.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,  
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