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Support HB 1477 – Protecting Access to Infertility and Reproductive Care

Dear Committee Members,

My name is Casie Davis, and I am writing to express my strong support for HB 1477, 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 6 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.

My own family was only able to expand thanks to access to IVF and the wonderful doctors and health care professionals in the field. There are no words to express the impact my daughter has had on the lives of my husband and myself. But she is only here because of IVF. It is paramount that other families continue to have the opportunity to expand their families regardless of any possible legislation that might purposefully or inadvertently threaten it.

In an ideal world, a bill like HB 1477 wouldn't even be necessary. Unfortunately, it is becoming abundantly clear that reproductive healthcare MUST be legislatively protected. North Dakota families should not have to worry year after year if their access to family building care, like IVF, will be taken from them. HB 1477 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.

By supporting HB1477, North Dakota can set an example of compassion and fairness in healthcare, giving hope to countless families who dream of growing their families. I urge you to vote YES on this critical bill.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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