

RE: Support for House Bill 1477

My name is Braden Lindquist and I support House Bill 1477.

My wife and I have experienced 6 unexplained miscarriages since we started growing our family in 2021.

I have been witness to the physical and emotional pain she has suffered undergoing tests, procedures, and repeated loss as we've been told to just keep trying. As a man, you feel helpless watching your wife endure this and feel like she isn't meant to be a mother.

There have been many times where we wanted to stop trying. We wanted to give up to prevent any further heartache, but our desire to have a living child has kept us fighting for answers.

Since we started doctoring at Sanford Reproductive Medicine in Fargo, we have hope again. We are in the middle of the IVF process and we're confident this is the right path for us. Through fertility treatments, we will have a baby in our arms.

I fully support HB 1477 to protect fertility treatments in the state of North Dakota so everyone can experience their right of parenthood.

Thank you for your time and for voting yes on HB 1477.

Braden Lindquist