

Chairman Ruby and Members of the Committee,

My name is Amanda Pieters, and I am a trained birth doula, an Evidence Based Birth Instructor Emeritus, and business owner in Fargo, North Dakota.

I write today to urge you to SUPPORT the bill HB 1477.

As a birth doula I have had the honor of supporting over 40 families welcome their new baby into the world. *Many* of these families were able to start, or grow, their family because of IVF.

Walking alongside a family through their pregnancy and labor is an honor. Families who utilize IVF are families who are looking for *any way* to help their dream of becoming parents (or growing their family) become a reality. North Dakotans deserve to have access to high quality reproductive healthcare including IVF treatments and care.

It's not often that we get to experience dreams coming true in real time, but I get to every time I'm with a family who had their child through IVF. Please support bill HB 1477.

Sincerely,

Amanda Pieters
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