

Chairman Ruby and Members of the Committee,

I am writing this testimony as support for HB 1477.

I am an embryologist at the only IVF fertility clinic in North Dakota. I directly work with patients who are working to create a family. As someone with (first hand experience/day to day interactions/specialized training as an embryologist), I strongly encourage you to support HB1477 so that we can continue to provide care to our patients. Infertility is a medical diagnosis, and North Dakotans should have access to treatment of this medical disease. We care strongly for the women and men of our state, and for the 1 in 6 couples that battle infertility. Please take this opportunity to show your support for your friends, family, coworkers and the citizens of your state to access these services by passing HB1477.

Sincerely,

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