

Chairman Ruby and Members of the Committee:

I am writing this testimony in support for HB 1477.

I am an embryologist at the only IVF fertility clinic in North Dakota. I work with all types of patients who are working to create a family. As someone with specialized training in these IVF laboratory procedures, I strongly encourage you to support HB1477 so that we can continue to provide exceptional care to our patients.

Infertility is a medical diagnosis and should be treated as such. North Dakotans should have access to treatment of this medical disease. I 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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