

Dear Committee Members,

My name is Tara Herrmann, and I am writing to urge your support for HB1282, a bill that would require insurance coverage for infertility treatments in North Dakota.

Infertility is a life altering disease, and should be recognized by insurance companies as so. It is appalling to me that in the year 2025 this is still having to be fought for. Infertility is a disease many people are born with—I did not choose this. Insurance coverage for diseases that people bring upon themselves are covered yet those of us with this issue are being singled out.

Infertility is something that affects a large group of people. If you yourself have not been affected there's a great chance someone close to you is struggling with it and are too scared or ashamed to talk about it. Please keep that in mind when voting on HB 1282.

Infertility is not only detrimental to a person's physical and mental health, but is financially unobtainable for most people. Providing insurance coverage would give families the chance to build the future they've dreamed of without facing insurmountable financial barriers.

Please vote YES on HB1282 to make infertility care accessible and affordable for North Dakota families.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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