

January 27, 2025

Testimony in Support of HB 1477 – Protecting Access to Infertility and Reproductive Care

Honorable Chair and Members of the Committee,

My name is Katie Richter, and I am writing in strong support of HB 1477, which seeks to protect access to infertility and reproductive care. Infertility is a medical condition that deserves the same care and attention as any other health issue, and this bill is crucial for ensuring individuals can access the treatment they need without unnecessary barriers.

Infertility already takes an immense emotional and financial toll on individuals and families. Treatments like IVF are often out of reach due to high costs or lack of insurance coverage, and HB 1477 helps address these disparities. By removing barriers to access, this bill provides hope and relief to those navigating the challenges of infertility. It is essential that everyone, regardless of background, has equal access to the care they need.

Supporting this bill is a step toward building a more equitable healthcare system, where people's rights to reproductive autonomy and family-building are respected. I urge you to vote in favor of HB 1477 to ensure that infertility and reproductive healthcare remain accessible and affordable for all.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Katie Richter

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Katie Richter', written over a faint, illegible printed name.

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