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I am writing to express my support for IVF. Now I am sure you are hearing support for many people, with good reason, as they cannot have children without the help of IVF. Did you know, that there are also families who would prefer the route of IVF for health and safety reasons? We have a son that has Cystic Fibrosis, an issue with the lungs and digestive system, that can affect someones quality of life significantly, depending on the severity. If 2 parents carry one gene of CF, there is a 25% chance that they will have a child with CF. Now this not only is a health and safety concern, but is something that has a significant financial impact on a family. Medication and visits throughout the year can add up to thousands of dollars out of pocket, as well as on insurance companies. If IVF was available for these families as well, it would reduce the costs for both insurance company and family, even being less over the course of the first 10 years. It is scary to want to have a child, knowing there is a risk of it having cystic fibrosis. It has a physiological impact as well as challenging ones morals. Making IVF available, affordable, and covered for all families in need, would further better the health and well being of many people in this great state.