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Committee on Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services
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100 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Senator Heather Sanborn, Representative Denise Tepler, and members of the HCIFS Committee,

I strongly support LD 1539, An Act to Provide Access to Fertility Care and ask that you vote "ought to pass". This bill would provide coverage for fertility diagnostic care, fertility treatment, and medically necessary fertility preservation.

I am writing to you in support of this bill due to my own personal experience with infertility. Also, in support of my friends, family and co-workers who have, and continue to endure the struggles to gain the family they deserve.

I am extremely fortunate to be writing this after a successful IVF journey. We finally have a beautiful two month old daughter. She did not come easy though. It took my husband and I three years of heartache that was full of dozens of tests, procedures, appointments, and thousands upon thousands of dollars. We did this all with no insurance coverage. We had to save up for years, only prolonging each inevitable next step. One of the most difficult and emotional times my husband and I had to go through was only made more stressful by the financial stress of this whole experience. No one should have to get the devastating news that they were not successful at getting pregnant again and be overcome by the additional burden of more medical bills.

Thank you for your time and consideration to provide access to fertility care for many individuals and couples who rely on fertility treatments to build their families.

Sincerely,
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