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Dear Senator Sanborn, Representative Tepler, and members of the HCIFS committee,  
I am a resident of Topsham and am writing to you all today as infertility has affected my life greatly. I strongly support LD 1539, An Act to Provide Access to Fertility Care.

I have recently been diagnosed with endometriosis, and unexplained infertility, after trying to start a family for the last 4 years. It has also touched my extended family as I have 2 sisters diagnosed with polycystic ovary syndrome (PCOS) and hostile uterus. My quality of life is very low due to pain and complications associated with my diagnosis. We are desperately trying to start a family before I pursue healing, which includes a total hysterectomy. I am only 22. Due to the rising costs of fertility treatments, and family planning options such as IVF or IUIs, we are not able to seek treatment for our infertility, therefore leaving me in pain, and childless.

Thank you so very much for taking this time to read my letter, among others. Please vote ought to pass for many people like me who rely on fertility treatments to start their family.

Sincerely,  
Hannah Penney