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Honorable Members of Committee/Board,

I am writing today to express my strong support for the proposed policy that would require health insurance coverage for specified fertility services and treatments, with an exemption for certain insurers who may not be able to provide coverage under particular circumstances. As someone who has personally experienced the challenges of accessing fertility treatments, I understand the critical importance of making these services more accessible to those who need them.

Infertility affects millions of people worldwide, and it is a condition that often requires medical intervention to overcome. However, these treatments are often prohibitively expensive, and many individuals and couples are forced to go without necessary care due to a lack of insurance coverage. The mental, emotional, and financial burden this places on families is immeasurable, and it can severely limit their chances of building a family.

By ensuring that insurance companies are required to cover certain fertility services, we can make these treatments more accessible and equitable for all. Infertility is not a matter of choice but rather a medical condition that deserves the same level of attention and care as any other health issue. Access to fertility treatments should not be contingent on financial resources but on the medical needs of individuals and families.

I also support the proposed exemption for certain insurers who may be unable to comply due to limited resources or other valid reasons. This exemption ensures that the policy remains practical and does not create undue burdens on insurers that may already be facing financial constraints.

In conclusion, I urge you to support this important policy, which will provide much-needed assistance to individuals and couples seeking to grow their families. By expanding coverage for fertility services and treatments, we will be taking a critical step toward greater equity in healthcare.

Thank you for your consideration.