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The Honorable Erin Koegel, Co-Chair
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Committee on Commerce Finance and Policy
Minnesota House of Representatives
St. Paul, Minnesota 55155

RE: Strong Support for Minnesota Building Families Act – HF 1758 (Kotyza-Witthuhn)

Dear Co-Chair Koegel, Co-Chair O’Driscoll, and Committee Members:

The Alliance for Fertility Preservation (AFP) strongly supports the Minnesota Building Families Act (HF 1758), which would require certain insurers in Minnesota to provide essential health insurance coverage for fertility treatments.

AFP is a national 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to expanding information, resources, and access to care for patients at risk of infertility due to medically necessary treatments, including cancer therapies. We believe that all patients facing the risk of medically induced (iatrogenic) infertility deserve access to fertility preservation services. Although safe and effective options to preserve fertility have been widely recognized for many years, their high out-of-pocket costs present a significant barrier for patients. Expenses can range from a few hundred dollars for sperm banking to approximately \$15,000 for egg banking. Without insurance coverage, these standard-of-care services are simply unattainable for many patients—despite evidence showing that the cost impact across an insured population is minimal.

Medically necessary fertility preservation has been incorporated into clinical guidelines and recognized as standard of care by leading medical associations for more than two decades. The Committee on Commerce Finance and Policy has a critical opportunity to ensure that Minnesotans who face the loss of fertility due to medical treatment have access to these recommended services when they need them most. We urge Minnesota to join the twenty-one other states, the District of Columbia, the Federal Employees Health Benefits Program, and the Veterans Health Administration in requiring coverage for medically indicated fertility preservation.

Importantly, fertility preservation alone is not sufficient. Cancer survivors and others who preserve their reproductive material often must rely on in vitro fertilization (IVF) to build their families in the future. AFP is pleased that HF 1758 recognizes this reality by requiring coverage for IVF and related services that are essential to make fertility preservation meaningful and effective.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit comments in support of HF 1758. Please do not hesitate to reach out if the Alliance for Fertility Preservation can serve as a resource to the Committee on Commerce Finance and Policy as it considers this important legislation

Sincerely,

Joyce Reinecke
Executive Director