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Dear Chairs O'Driscoll and Koege and members of the House Commerce Finance and Policy Committee,

I am writing to express strong support for **HF1758**, which would require comprehensive insurance coverage for infertility diagnosis, treatment, and fertility preservation services in Minnesota.

This legislation represents an important step forward in addressing the significant financial and medical barriers faced by individuals and families experiencing infertility. By requiring coverage across private insurance, Medical Assistance, and MinnesotaCare, HF1758 helps ensure that the ability to build a family is not limited by income or access to care. As proposed, the bill expands access to medically necessary infertility services and aligns coverage with established clinical standards.

However, I respectfully urge the committee to **include acupuncture as a covered service within infertility treatment** under HF1758.

Acupuncture is widely recognized as a safe, evidence-informed, and cost-effective adjunct therapy in reproductive medicine. It is frequently used alongside conventional treatments such as in vitro fertilization (IVF) to:

- Support hormonal regulation and improve the regularity of menstrual and complex or irregular cycles
- Reduce stress and anxiety, which are known contributors to infertility
- Potentially improve clinical outcomes when used in conjunction with assisted reproductive technologies

Many leading fertility clinics across the country already incorporate acupuncture into patient care plans. Despite this, access remains inconsistent due to lack of insurance coverage—creating inequities for patients who could benefit from integrative approaches.

Including acupuncture within the definition of “diagnosis of and treatment for infertility” would:

- Expand patient-centered, holistic care options
- Support better clinical outcomes and patient satisfaction
- Potentially reduce overall healthcare costs by improving treatment efficiency
- Align Minnesota with a growing body of integrative reproductive health practices

Given that HF1758 is designed to provide **comprehensive** infertility coverage, it is both appropriate and necessary to include evidence-based, non-pharmacological therapies such as acupuncture within its scope.

I respectfully ask the committee and bill authors to amend HF1758 to explicitly include acupuncture services provided by licensed practitioners as a covered infertility treatment.

Thank you for your leadership on this important issue and for your commitment to improving access to healthcare for Minnesotans.

Sincerely,

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