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**TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF: HB 7022 AN ACT PROMOTING EQUITY IN MEDICAID  
COVERAGE FOR FERTILITY HEALTH CARE**

Senator Lesser, Rep. Gilchrest, Senator Harding, Rep. Case, and members of the Human Services Committee: Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of HB 7022.

I believe that everyone in Connecticut should be able to start a family, and that no one in Connecticut should be discriminated against because of who are starting a family with. By passing HB 7022, Medicaid can join the state employee health plan that I run in ensuring that will not be the case.

During my first year in office, a state employee emailed me to say that she felt the state employee health discriminated against her and her wife's ability to access fertility services. Like so many other same-sex couples, she and her wife wanted to start a family. But because of old, outdated regulations, they were unable to receive the same coverage for fertility treatment that my wife and I would have had we chosen to utilize these services when having our children.

This was unacceptable to me. Our team worked with labor, management, and leaders in the Connecticut LGBTQ+ community to fix this policy within days. To ensure that every state employee who wants to start a family, regardless of who they love, can do that we added an inclusive definition of infertility as it relates to prerequisites for coverage: "when the individual or couple does not have the necessary gametes (ova and sperm) to achieve a pregnancy." Because of that action, I was able to ensure that the 250,000 members of the state employee and Partnership health plans I administer as Comptroller has access to this coverage.

And while the hope is to one day expand this coverage to all Connecticut residents, this legislation is a step in the right direction by expanding Medicaid to provide fertility coverage.

All the best,



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