



Dear Chair Abney and distinguished members of the House Committee on Finance:

My name is Lauren Hart Clancy, and I am the Executive Director of AllPaths Family Building (formerly Resolve New England). AllPaths Family Building is a nonprofit organization that provides support, resources, and advocacy for individuals and families across New England seeking fertility care and other paths to grow their families. We advocate collaboratively across all six states in our region and are proud to serve the State of Rhode Island.

I am testifying in strong support of House Bill 8182 (Rep. Alzate). This bill will improve access to fertility care for people who have Medicaid as their insurance, who have historically been excluded from accessing fertility care due to a lack of coverage for treatment. This bill is crafted to ensure that coverage for family building health care aligns with the current medical standard of care as provided by the American Society for Reproductive Medicine. This bill is an important step in improving coverage in our Medicaid program for this essential care.

At AllPaths, we are committed to protecting and expanding access to fertility care for all who are building their families. The high cost of fertility treatment places care out of reach for many, forcing individuals and families to forgo medically necessary support. This is a reproductive justice issue. Every person deserves the ability to decide if, when, and how to have children, regardless of how they are insured.

If enacted, Rhode Island would join a growing number of states working to expand fertility coverage within Medicaid programs to promote more equitable access to care. I respectfully urge the Committee and the full Legislature to vote favorably on H 8182 so that more Rhode Island residents can access the essential medical care they need to build their families.

Please do not hesitate to reach out if I can be a resource.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lauren Hart Clancy", with a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

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