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To: House Health and Human Services Committee
Subject: Testimony in support for H 5629.

Dear Chair Donovan and distinguished members of the House Committee on Health and Human Services:

My name is Meghan Moreau, I am from Burrillville. I am a teacher in RI, a mother, and a person who has been personally impacted by family building healthcare available to me. It has, without question, saved my life in more ways than one.

I am testifying in strong support of House Bill 5629 (Rep. Alzate). This bill will improve access to family building health care by aligning fertility health care insurance coverage with the medical standard of care, which clearly includes LGBTQ+ and single people, among others, so more Rhode Island residents have the opportunity to build their family. Fertility health care is essential for building families.

- For me, personally, I struggled with fertility complications and saw, firsthand, how access to quality care allowed for my family to exist.
- Without insurance coverage, my family simply wouldn't have been a possibility.
- EVERYONE deserves to be afforded compassionate care that allows for the family of their dreams to exist. NO MATTER what the family looks like.
- I am an ally for the LGBTQ+ community. I believe in HUMAN rights. Your right to exist freely should be supported by a system of healthcare that we pay into as citizens without restriction of imposed belief of others' who are not in alignment with love, support, trust, compassion, and humane care for all.

Rhode Island law explicitly covers people under a definition of "infertility" which can easily exclude individuals who do not participate in heterosexual intercourse. Excluding individuals and families is plainly wrong. Paying out of pocket significantly limits resources and living experiences. It is limiting at best and downright harmful and inhumane at most. I saw how my mental health was personally impacted through the infertility process and recognizing that I did not have the financial repercussions further limiting my quality of life afterwards has made me feel that it is nothing short of critical for all to receive the best care possible. To reduce harm for all.

Thank you for your consideration and understanding.

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