



Dear Chair Murray and distinguished members of the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services,

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 Senate Bill 2460 by Senator Mack. Fertility health care is essential for building families. Rhode Island was previously a leader in access to fertility care, passing legislation in 1989 to support family building. Unfortunately, medicine has moved far beyond where we were in 1989, and the current provision is outdated. 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, so more Rhode Island residents have the opportunity to build their family.

Under the current narrow definition, which dates back to 1989, many individuals are excluded from or face substantial barriers to coverage, including single individuals and LGBTQ+ families. Limits on access to IVF and other fertility care disproportionately burden LGBTQ+ people, who are already facing ongoing challenges to their reproductive freedom, access to health care, and personal autonomy. Updating this law is a necessary step toward ensuring equitable and inclusive access to fertility care for all Rhode Island residents.

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, and every person deserves the ability to decide if, when, and how to have children, regardless of how they are insured.

I urge the Committee and the full Legislature to vote favorably for S 2460 to improve fertility health care coverage and update Rhode Island's outdated law so that it reflects the current standard of care. Doing so will ensure that more Rhode Island residents have access to 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 that reads "Lauren Hart Clancy".

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