



Mayor of Providence

Brett P. Smiley

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The Honorable Melissa A. Murray, Chair
Senate Finance Committee
Rhode Island State House
82 Smith Street
Providence RI, 02903

Dear Chair Murray and Honorable Members of the Committee:

I strongly support Senate Bill 2460, *An Act Relating to Insurance – Accident and Sickness Insurance Policies*. If enacted, this legislation would amend the current law on health insurance coverage for fertility diagnostic care, standard fertility preservation services, and fertility treatment and require coverage for any medically necessary ovulation-enhancing drugs and medical services.

Fertility treatment and care remain out of reach for many Rhode Islanders without comprehensive health insurance coverage due to the costs associated with the process. Individuals and families that are already facing financial and systemic barriers are the ones most likely to be impacted by this inequitable access. Current Rhode Island law requires private insurance providers to cover fertility treatments for individuals who meet the definition of infertility, which excludes many LGBTQIA+ individuals and others.

Senate Bill 2460 eliminates these existing barriers by aligning insurance coverage for fertility care to the actual medical standard of fertility care. This will ensure that all Rhode Islanders, regardless of identity, who meet the medical standards required for care are able to have access to high-quality fertility healthcare.

This legislation aligns with the State's broader public health goals and ensures that Rhode Islanders have access to the care they need. This would also put us in like with states across the country who have taken similar steps to ensure care for their residents.

I thank Senator Mack for sponsoring this important legislation and respectfully urge the committee to vote in favor of Senate Bill 2460.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Brett P. Smiley". The signature is stylized and includes a flourish at the end.

Brett P. Smiley
Mayor