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Dear Governor Walz,

On behalf of the American Society for Reproductive Medicine (ASRM), I am writing to urge your support for <u>HF 1</u>, the Protect Reproductive Options Act.

The American Society for Reproductive (ASRM) has, for nearly a century, been the global leader in multidisciplinary reproductive medicine research, ethical practice, and education. ASRM's approximately 8,000 distinguished members, which include obstetricians and gynecologists, urologists, mental health professionals and others, represent more than 100 countries and impact and inform all aspects of reproductive care and science worldwide. In our role, our focus is on serving both our members, our patients, and the children born as a result of assisted reproductive technologies.

At a time when all forms of reproductive care are under attack and both patients and providers are increasingly at risk, Minnesota is taking the bold step of expanding protections for its citizens.

I strongly urge you to make reproductive health, and indeed, reproductive freedom, a priority and sign HF 1 into law.

For more information, feel free to contact me or Sean Tipton, our Chief Advocacy and Policy officer at Stipton@asrm.org or 202-421-5112.

Sincerely,

Michael Thomas, MD

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American Society for Reproductive Medicine