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Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection
95 University Avenue W., Room G-15
Saint Paul, MN 55155
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Dear Chair Klein, Vice Chair Seeberger, and Ranking Member Dahms,

On behalf of the American Society of Reproductive Medicine (ASRM), I write in strong support of [SF 1704](#).

ASRM is a multidisciplinary organization of nearly 8,000 professionals dedicated to the advancement of the art, science, and practice of reproductive medicine. Distinguished members of ASRM include obstetricians and gynecologists, urologists, reproductive endocrinologists, embryologists, mental health professionals and others.

One in eight individuals or couples have trouble getting pregnant or sustaining a pregnancy. Infertility cuts across socioeconomic levels, racial identities, ethnic backgrounds, sexual orientations, gender identities, and religious affiliations. Many medical conditions can impact fertility, which is why ASRM and other medical organizations recognize infertility as a disease. As such, infertility, like other diseases, should be covered by health insurance so that Minnesotans can access the care they need to build their families.

SF 1704 addresses the inequities many face when building their families. Because medical intervention using donor gametes is necessary for same-sex couples to have a baby, the lack of insurance coverage creates an unfair financial burden on this population. As well, analyses by both the CDC and Pew Research Center reveal startling racial disparities in fertility treatment. SF 1704 will improve access to care and outcomes for currently underserved Minnesotan communities, including racial and ethnic minorities.



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For these reasons and more, I urge the Committee to support SF 1704.

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

Sincerely,

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