



March 20, 2024

Senator Melissa Wiklund, Chair  
House Committee on Commerce Finance and Policy  
75 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.  
Room 10  
Saint Paul, Minnesota 55155

Dear Chair Wiklund and Members of the Senate Health and Human Services Committee,

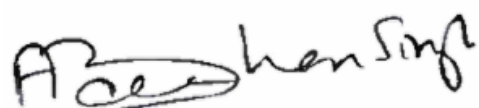
The Minnesota Society Clinical Oncology Society (MSCO) and the Association for Clinical Oncology (ASCO) strongly support SF 1704, which would provide coverage of fertility preservation services for Minnesota patients with cancer. We encourage the committee to pass the bill forward for a vote on the Senate floor.

MSCO is a professional organization whose mission is to facilitate improvements for Minnesota physician specialties in both hematology and oncology. MSCO members are a community of hematologists, oncologists, and other physicians who specialize in cancer care. ASCO is a national organization representing physicians who care for people with cancer. With nearly 50,000 members, our core mission is to ensure that cancer patients have meaningful access to high quality, equitable cancer care.

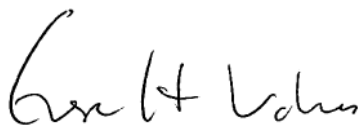
MSCO and ASCO believe that as part of education and informed consent before cancer therapy, health care providers should address the possibility of infertility with both male and female patients treated during their reproductive years. Providers should also be prepared to discuss fertility preservation options and/or refer all potential patients to appropriate reproductive specialists. As such, MSCO and ASCO advocate for coverage of embryo, oocyte and sperm cryopreservation procedures for a patient who is at least eighteen years of age and has been diagnosed with cancer but has not started cancer treatment (including chemotherapy, biotherapy or radiation therapy treatment) in accordance with [guidelines](#) developed by our affiliate organization, the American Society of Clinical Oncology.

We encourage providers to advise patients regarding potential threats to fertility as early as possible in the treatment process to allow for the widest array of options for fertility preservation. MSCO and ASCO strongly support SF 1704 and encourage the Committee to pass this bill as a first step to ensure coverage of fertility preservation services for patients with cancer. If you have questions or would like assistance on any issue involving the care of individuals with cancer, please contact Aaron Segel at ASCO at [aaron.segel@asco.org](mailto:aaron.segel@asco.org).

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Amrit Singh in black ink.

Amrit Singh, MD  
President  
Minnesota Society of Clinical Oncology

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Everett Vokes, MD, FASCO  
Chair of the Board  
Association for Clinical Oncology