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Senator Matt Klein, MD, Chair
Senate Commerce and Consumer Protection Committee
Minnesota State Capitol Room G-15
75 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.

Dear Chair Klein, MD, and Members of the Senate Commerce and Consumer Protection Committee,

On behalf of the Minnesota Chapter of the Society for Clinical Oncology (MSCO), I am writing to express our strong support for SF 1961, which would require coverage for infertility diagnosis, treatment, and medically necessary fertility preservation services.

This coverage is essential for patients whose reproductive capacity may be affected by cancer or other serious medical treatments.

Cancer therapies, including chemotherapy and radiation, can significantly increase the risk of infertility. Clinical practice guidelines from the American Society of Clinical Oncology emphasize that fertility preservation discussions and interventions are a critical component of comprehensive cancer care and should occur as early as possible. These guidelines also highlight the importance of overcoming barriers to access, including financial barriers, that prevent patients from receiving fertility preservation services.

Without health insurance coverage, fertility preservation services are often prohibitively expensive and impose a significant financial burden on patients already confronting serious illness. Ensuring access to evidence-based infertility care and preservation services helps patients preserve their options for family building, supports long-term quality of life, and aligns with best practices in oncology care.

MSCO urges your support of SF 1961 so that all Minnesotans facing infertility, including those undergoing cancer or other medical therapies, can access essential fertility care and preservation services.

Sincerely,

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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 an organization representing physicians who care for people with cancer. With over 50,000 members, our core mission is to ensure that cancer patients have meaningful access to high quality cancer care.