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The Honorable Greg Abbott
Office of the Governor
P.O. Box 12428
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Dear Governor Abbott,

On behalf of the American Society of Reproductive Medicine (ASRM), I write in strong support of [HB 1649](#).

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.

HB 1649 would provide important access to fertility preservation services to many of the citizens of Texas who might need them. With certain exceptions, the bill would mandate that employers who provide health insurance would also include coverage for fertility preservation for those patients facing

medical conditions or treatment which will endanger their fertility. Cancer- and consequent infertility-cuts across socioeconomic levels, racial identities, ethnic backgrounds, sexual orientations, gender identities, and religious affiliations. As such, fertility preservation and related services should be covered by health insurance so that Texans can access the care they need should they choose to build their families post-cancer treatment. Just as breast reconstruction and wigs are often required for cancer patients to fully recover, so should fertility preservation be available to these patients.

For these reasons and more, I urge you to pass HB 1649.

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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