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I am writing to you in favor of this bill as someone who went through the fertility preservation process. My husband was diagnosed with stage 4 colon cancer at the age of 25. While this diagnosis was devastating, there was so much more to it than just the diagnosis. It led to both of us losing our jobs, needing to relocate for treatment, financial strains, as well as emotional turmoil. While we were in the process of getting his treatments started, his doctor talked to us about fertility preservation. This was something that wasn't even on our radar. We were doing everything to survive the future, but then were expected to plan for the future. With this, also came more cost on top of all of the other expenses we were experiencing. The reason I'm so in favor of this bill is that there is already so much on cancer patients plates, and the present for them is terrifying. If there's something to be done to help alleviate the stress, and help them plan for the future we hope they will get, then that is what I want to be done. Thank you.