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Senator Lisa M. Boscola Applauds Passage of Legislation to Cover Biomarker Testing

HARRISBURG, PA – June 26, 2024 – Senator Lisa M. Boscola (D-Northampton) welcomed the unanimous passage of House Bill 1754 out of the Pennsylvania Senate yesterday. The bill, based on legislation co-sponsored by Boscola and Senator Devlin Robinson (R-Allegheny), requires health insurance policies and government programs such as Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) to provide coverage of biomarker testing.

"Biomarker testing has been nothing short of a miracle for families facing a diagnosis of cancer or other serious illness," Boscola said. "Sadly, access to testing has been limited by an all-too-common barrier: cost. This legislation will change that."

Biomarker testing analyzes the DNA of a patient to inform the treatment of certain illnesses such as cancer. Research has found that the use of biomarker testing significantly improves treatment outcomes in patients.

"By requiring insurance companies to cover the cost of this testing, this bill will open doors to precision medicine that otherwise would have remained locked to thousands of ailing Pennsylvanians," Boscola noted. "I thank Senator Robinson and our House colleagues for their leadership and hard work on this issue."

House Bill 1754 passed 50-0 and now heads to the Governor to be signed into law.

Rep. Wild Introduces Bipartisan Bill to Improve IVF Access and Affordability

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Today, Rep. Susan Wild (PA-07) joined Reps. Lori Chavez-DeRemer (OR-05), Zach Nunn (IA-03), Debbie Wasserman Shultz (FL-25) in introducing the Helping to Optimize Patients' Experience (HOPE) with Fertility Services Act, which aims to improve access to infertility treatments like in vitro fertilization (IVF). Specifically, the bipartisan proposal would require private health insurance plans to cover infertility treatment – helping alleviate this enormous financial burden for women.

"I've seen firsthand the heartbreak, fear, and anger individuals experience while dealing with infertility, and I firmly believe as legislators we need to be doing everything in our power to ease that burden," said Rep. Wild. "By treating infertility like any other medical condition, therefore requiring insurance to cover fertility treatments, the HOPE with Fertility Services Act will lower the costs associated with IVF and help more hopeful parents achieve their dreams of having a child. I'm proud to co-lead this bipartisan legislation, and I'm pushing for its swift consideration on the House floor."

"Every year, thousands of babies are born in the United States thanks to IVF. Unfortunately, there are many more couples out there struggling with infertility who want to have children but can't afford the procedure. I've been working on legislation to address this issue since last year, gathering feedback from my colleagues to build a strong coalition of bipartisan support. I'm proud to officially introduce the HOPE with Fertility Services Act, which will help more Americans start or grow their families and experience one of the greatest gifts and joys in life," Rep. Chavez-DeRemer said. "As a proud mother of twin daughters, I'll keep working across the aisle to improve health care access and affordability for women."

"As a father of six, I'll never have a more important title than 'Dad.' It breaks my heart that some folks struggle to start their families. Infertility used to be the end of the story, but now we have tools, like IVF and other fertility treatments, to help families grow," said Rep. Nunn. "The commonsense HOPE with Fertility Services Act will ensure anyone struggling with infertility can start or expand their family."



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