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March 20, 2018

The Honorable Dick Sears, Jr.
Senate Committee on Judiciary
Vermont General Assembly
Vermont State House
115 State Street
Montpelier, VT 05633

Dear Chair Sears:

On behalf of the New England Fertility Society (NEFS), I am writing to express our support for H.562, "An Act Relating to Parentage Proceedings".

The NEFS is a nonprofit organization composed of New England-based professionals with a special interest in the field of infertility, including reproductive endocrinologists, obstetrician-gynecologists, urologists, reproductive nurses, embryologists, mental health professionals, researchers, attorneys, and industry representatives. Most members reside and practice in the six New England states: Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Vermont. The Society was formed in 1989 to promote awareness, standards of information, and assistance to providers, the public, and ultimately patients in the field of infertility in the New England area.

This legislation provides much-needed clarity to our patients who are undergoing fertility treatment, including those patients who must turn to egg donation, sperm donation, and gestational surrogacy. This legislation promotes legal certainty for Vermont families formed via assisted reproduction.

We urge you to vote in support of this bill.

Very truly yours,

Denny Sakkas, PhD
2018 President
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