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House Health Care Committee
Vermont State House
115 State Street
Montpelier, VT 05633-5301

Re: H.369

Dear Chair Houghton, Vice Chair McFaun, and Health Care committee members:

On behalf of the Academy of Adoption and Assisted Reproduction Attorneys ("AAAA"), we are writing to state our strong support for **H.369, "An act relating to health insurance and Medicaid coverage for fertility-related services."** and respectfully ask that the committee advance this bill next year. H. 369 requires private health insurance plans and Vermont Medicaid to provide coverage for fertility care.

AAAA is a credentialed, nonprofit organization of attorneys, judges and law professors throughout the United States, Canada and abroad, who are distinguished in the legal fields of adoption and assisted reproductive technology. We support and advocate for the rights of families and to ensure appropriate consideration of all parties' interests, including in assisted reproductive technology matters. Our Fellows are committed to the ethical practice of adoption and assisted reproductive technology law. It is our strong belief that health insurance policies in Vermont should join the growing number of states that recognize that fertility care is fundamental health care and provide coverage for fertility diagnostic care, fertility treatment, and medically necessary fertility preservation.

We note and understand why the bill excludes "experimental fertility procedures", recognizing the American Society for Reproductive Medicine and comparable organizations that are the appropriate entities to determine when therapies are no longer experimental.

Again, we strongly support H.369 and ask that the bill be advanced next year.

Sincerely,

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