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Senate Committee on Health and Welfare
State House
115 State Street
Montpelier, VT 05633-5301

Dear Chair Lyons and members of the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare,

AllPaths Family Building (formerly named Resolve New England) is a non-profit organization that provides emotional support, education and advocacy for all those in New England who need fertility care and other paths to parenthood to grow the family of their dreams. I am writing to express our strong support for **An act relating to health insurance and Medicaid coverage for fertility care (H.302)**. This pro-family legislation would require private and public health insurance to provide coverage for diagnostic care, fertility treatment (including but not limited to in vitro fertilization), and medically necessary fertility preservation. Fertility preservation enables patients to protect their ability to have biological children in the future, when they are dealing with diagnosis and/or treatment that may impair their fertility.

Vermont is the ONLY state in the Northeast that does not have a fertility insurance law, despite being a leader in reproductive health care. Vermont state employees do have some fertility coverage, but unfortunately most other Vermonters need to pay out of pocket in order to pursue fertility health care. When individuals and couples have insurance coverage for fertility care, patients are able to make medical decisions based on clinical guidance and best practices rather than financial concerns. We all share the goal of attracting and retaining more young families in the Green Mountain State. One way we can do this is to improve their access to necessary medical care to try to achieve their dream of parenthood!

On behalf of AllPaths, I respectfully ask that the committee advance H.302 next year and appreciate your consideration of our testimony.

Sincerely,

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