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Representative Joel Ferry  
Chair, House Business and Labor Committee  
Utah General Assembly  
Salt Lake City, UT 84114

**RE: House Bill 192- SUPPORT**

Dear Chairman Ferry and Members of the Committee:

RESOLVE: The National Infertility Association represents the millions of women and men in the U.S. with infertility and the approximately 89,000 Utah residents with infertility. We are pleased to support HB 192 and urge this Committee to favorably pass this bill out of Committee. HB 192 will require insurance coverage for fertility preservation for individuals enrolled in Medicaid and the Public Employees Health Program, who are diagnosed with cancer and other patients whose medical treatment may cause infertility.

Patients with cancer are not only surviving their disease but living long and productive lives. The vast majority of survivors want and hope for a family someday. The good news is they are being informed of fertility preservation procedures that allow them to act before starting their treatment. Sadly, they are also told this treatment is not covered by their health insurance and they must pay out-of-pocket— and very quickly -- in order to preserve their fertility and still follow their treatment protocol. Because of this barrier to access to care, patients are choosing less effective treatments for their cancer in order to save their fertility. This leads to disastrous, and costly, results.

There is a simple solution that saves lives, allows patients to follow their treatment protocol, and gives them the hope and promise of a family: provide health insurance for fertility preservation procedures.

We respectfully ask that you pass HB 192 out of Committee and demonstrate your commitment to Utah families.

Sincerely,

Barbara Collura  
President and CEO