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Representative Meg Froelich
Colorado General Assembly
200 E Colfax
Denver, CO 80203

Re: HB21-1022 – Support

Dear Representative Froelich:

On behalf of the millions of women and men in the U.S. with infertility and the more than 158,000 Coloradans who are trying to have babies in the face of infertility, RESOLVE: The National Infertility Association applauds your leadership, as demonstrated by the introduction of House Bill 21-1022, which we strongly support.

One in eight couples have trouble conceiving or carrying a pregnancy to term. Many individuals needing to conceive with the assistance of medical technology have spent years trying to conceive a child, and some of them turn to surrogacy to build their families. Surrogacy is also important for many in the LGBTQ community to have a biological child.

The American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG), the American Society for Reproductive Medicine (ASRM), and the Academy of Adoption and Assisted Reproduction Attorneys (AAAA) all support surrogacy as a safe family-building option.

HB21-1022 protects all parties involved in the surrogacy process. It calls for setting clear standards for all surrogacy participants and follows “best practices” in the field to protect the interests of the surrogate, intended parents, and child.

As the voice of the 1 in 8 couples who face infertility and other Coloradans who must rely on assisted reproductive technologies to build their families, we support this pro-family bill. We are happy to provide the Assembly with additional information on this issue as RESOLVE has been providing support, information, and advocacy for the infertility community since 1974. I can be reached at bcollura@resolve.org and our website is www.resolve.org.

Sincerely,

Barbara Collura
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