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Joint Committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight
Massachusetts State House
Boston, MA 02133

RE: H. 3735 - SUPPORT

Dear Senate Chair Pacheco, House Chair Cabral, and Members of the Committee,

On behalf of RESOLVE: The National Infertility Association, I am writing to express our strong support for H.3735, an *Act Designating September as PCOS Awareness Month*.

Polycystic Ovary Syndrome (PCOS) is a serious genetic, hormone, metabolic and reproductive disorder that affects people with female reproductive systems. PCOS can lead to lifelong complications, including infertility, mental health disorders, obesity, severe hair and skin issues, endometrial cancer, type 2 diabetes, cardiovascular disease, nonalcoholic fatty liver disease and other life-threatening conditions. Despite PCOS being one of the most common endocrine disorders, PCOS still is widely misunderstood and underdiagnosed, so an awareness month in the Commonwealth would be extremely helpful.

RESOLVE: The National Infertility Association represents the millions of women and men in the U.S. with infertility and thousands of patients with PCOS in Massachusetts. PCOS is the most common endocrine (hormone) disorder in women and is a leading cause of female infertility. H. 3735 recognizes the critical need for greater awareness about PCOS, increased research, and improved care and designates September as PCOS Awareness Month.

We respectfully ask that you pass H.3735 out of Committee and demonstrate your commitment to Massachusetts women and families.

Sincerely,

Barbara L. Collura
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