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California State Senate
1021 O Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB-1896 – Support

Dear Honorable Members of the California Senate:

RESOLVE: The National Infertility Association represents the millions of women and men in the U.S. with infertility and the more than 1.2 million California residents with infertility. We support AB-1896 and urge the Senate to favorably pass this bill.

According to the CDC, one in eight individuals or couples have trouble getting pregnant or sustaining a pregnancy. Infertility cuts across socioeconomic levels, and all racial, ethnic and religious lines. Medical conditions such as endometriosis, ovulation disorders, premature ovarian failure and male factor are some causes of infertility. The American Medical Association, the American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, and the World Health Organization recognize infertility as a disease.

A growing number of Californians are conceived, or establish their families, through the use of assisted reproductive technology involving a donor sperm or egg (referred to as a donor “gamete”) or a donor embryo. AB-1896 amends the Health and Safety Code and requires gamete banks to provide specified information and resources regarding the limitations of donor screening, the effects of secrecy in family formation on donor-conceived children, and tools available to donor-conceived persons to learn the identity of the donor whose gametes were used in their conception. A number of studies have shown that secrecy regarding family formation can negatively impact donor-conceived children and family relationships.

AB-1896 was developed and vetted by an inclusive group of stakeholders to include and protect everyone involved in the family building process. Passage of AB-1896 will ensure the health and well-being of gamete donors, intended parents, and donor-conceived persons. We respectfully ask that you advance AB-1896 and help ensure it has a pathway to law on behalf of all Californians struggling to build their families. We are happy to provide the Senate 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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