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April 4, 2023

The Honorable Tom Oliverson, Chairman  
House Committee on Insurance  
P.O. Box 2910  
Austin, Texas 78768-2910

**RE: HB 1649 - SUPPORT**

Dear Chair Oliverson 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 more than 814,000 Texas residents struggling with this disease, plus thousands more who require medical intervention to build their families. We are pleased to support HB 1649 and urge this committee to favorably pass this bill out of committee. HB 1649 will require insurance coverage for fertility preservation for insureds diagnosed with cancer and others 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 take action 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 favorably pass HB 1649 out of Committee and demonstrate your commitment to the future of Texas families.

Sincerely,

Barbara Collura  
President/CEO