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Joint Committee on Financial Services  
Massachusetts State House  
Boston, MA 02133

Dear Senate Chair Feeney, House Chair Murphy, Senate Vice Chair Moore, House Vice Chair Ayers, and members of the Committee:

I am writing to submit testimony supporting H.1041/S.598, *An Act relative to Preserving Fertility*. RESOLVE: The National Infertility Association represents the millions of women and men in the U.S. with infertility and the more than 211,000 Massachusetts residents struggling with this disease, plus thousands more who require medical intervention to build their families.

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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.

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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. I appreciate your consideration of my testimony in support of H.1041/S.598 and ask that the committee report the legislation favorably.

Sincerely,

Barbara Collura  
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