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Senator Stephanie Chang, Chair  
Civil Rights, Judiciary, and Public Safety  
Michigan State Senate  
Room 1200, Binsfeld Office Building  
201 Townsend Street, Lansing, MI 48933

**RE: Support The Michigan Family Protection Act**

Dear Chair Stephanie Chang:

RESOLVE: The National Infertility Association represents the millions of women and men in the U.S. with infertility and the nearly 300,000 Michigan residents struggling with this disease, plus thousands more who require medical intervention to build their families. We are pleased to support The Michigan Family Protection Act and urge your support of this bill as well.

According to the CDC, one in seven women have trouble getting pregnant or sustaining a pregnancy. Infertility cuts across socioeconomic levels, and all racial, ethnic and religious lines. The American Medical Association, the American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, and the World Health Organization recognize infertility as a disease.

The Michigan Family Protection Act would allow for gestational surrogacy services to Michigan families who rely on assisted reproductive technologies and access to build their families, while protecting the gestational carriers' rights and health. Gestational surrogacy has long been a vital part of LGBTQ+ family building, and, in the absence of legislative support, many LGBTQ+ Michiganders have faced insurmountable obstacles to creating their chosen families.

We respectfully ask for your support of The Michigan Family Protection Act and help ensure it has a pathway to law on behalf of all Michiganders struggling to build their families.

We are happy to provide you 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](mailto:bcollura@resolve.org) and our website is [www.resolve.org](http://www.resolve.org).

Sincerely,

Barbara Collura  
President and CEO