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Senator Ron Latz
Chair, Judiciary and Public Safety Committee
Minnesota Senate Bldg.
St. Paul, MN 55155

Re: SF 3504 – Support

Dear Chair Latz and Members of the Committee:

On behalf of the millions of women and men in the U.S. with infertility and the more than 186,000 Minnesotans who are trying to have babies in the face of infertility, RESOLVE: The National Infertility Association supports Senate File 3504, The Parentage Act, and urges the Committee to advance this pro-family bill.

One in seven women have trouble conceiving or carrying a pregnancy to term. Many individuals needing to conceive with the assistance of medical technology have spent years trying to conceive a child, and some of them turn to surrogacy to build their families. Surrogacy is also important for many in the LGBTQ+ community to have a biological child.

The American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG), the American Society for Reproductive Medicine (ASRM), and the Academy of Adoption and Assisted Reproduction Attorneys (AAAA) all support surrogacy as a safe family-building option.

SF 3504 protects all parties involved in the surrogacy process. It calls for setting clear standards for all surrogacy participants and follows “best practices” in the field to protect the interests of the surrogate, intended parents, and child.

As the voice of the 1 in 7 who face infertility and other Minnesotans who must rely on assisted reproductive technologies to build their families, we support this pro-family bill. 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,

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