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Senator Sam Caligiuri
Insurance and Real Estate Committee
Senate Republic Office, LOB Room 3400
Hartford, CT 06106

Dear Senator Caligiuri:

It is a pleasure writing this letter in support of acupuncture in the arena of Reproductive Medicine.

I represent Reproductive Medicine Associates of Connecticut. We have four Board Certified Reproductive, Endocrinology, and Pelvic Surgery physicians.

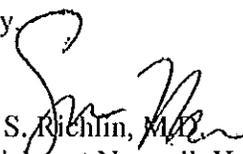
Our center is doing a large portion of the IVF for Fairfield County. It is our experience through real study data that acupuncture and even laser acupuncture may increase pregnancy rates in patients utilizing in vitro fertilization.

The mechanism of increased pregnancy rates is either increased blood flow to the uterus, placebo, or psychological relaxation.

Nevertheless, more and more of our patients are utilizing acupuncture as we feel it is a beneficial adjunct to our therapy and may increase pregnancy rates.

Any modality that increases pregnancy rates is in the whole of our best interests.

Sincerely,


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