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Connecticut General Assembly
Insurance and Real Estate Committee
Legislative Office Building, Room 2800
Hartford, CT 06106

RE: House Bill 5230 - SUPPORT

Dear Committee Members:

RESOLVE: The National Infertility Association represents the millions of women and men in the U.S. with infertility and the approximately 75,000 Connecticut citizens with infertility. We are pleased to support HB 5230 and urge this Committee to favorably pass this bill out of Committee. HB 5230 will require insurance coverage for fertility preservation for insureds diagnosed with cancer.

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 some day. 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 5230 out of Committee and demonstrate your commitment to the future of Connecticut families.

Sincerely,

Barbara Collura
President/CEO