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Testimony of Peter Wolfgang, President, Family Institute of Connecticut Action in opposition to SB293 An Act Concerning the Statute of Limitation for Injury Caused by Fraud in the Provision of Fertility Care and Treatment



This bill addresses a serious and often overlooked issue: the long-term consequences of fraud in fertility care. Fertility treatment is unlike most areas of medicine. It involves deeply personal decisions, multiple parties, and outcomes that may not be fully understood for many years. In some cases, individuals only discover decades later that they were conceived through deception—whether through misrepresentation by a provider or another method.

SB 293 recognizes that reality. By extending the statute of limitations for fraud in fertility treatment, it ensures that individuals harmed by fraud in the provision of fertility services, have a meaningful opportunity to seek justice when the truth comes to light. Without this extension, many legitimate claims would be barred before a person even knows that wrongdoing occurred.

At the same time, I would urge the Committee to consider this bill in the broader context of other proposals before you this session.

For example, HB 5483 would expand Medicaid coverage for fertility services, and HB 5374 would significantly broaden the definition of infertility in private insurance. Both proposals would increase the number of individuals participating in fertility treatment and expand the number of people potentially affected, not least the children conceived and born.

The more complex and widespread fertility services become—particularly those involving donor gametes or third-party reproduction—the greater the need for clear accountability and legal protections against misconduct.

If the state is considering support for broader use of fertility services, it must also ensure robust legal protection for the children and parents involved.

In closing, I respectfully urge the Committee to support SB 293, while carefully considering how related proposals may interact with it.

Thank you for your time and consideration.