



April 27, 2019

The Honorable Jahana Hayes

U.S. House of Representatives

Longworth Building, 1415

Washington, D.C. 20515

RE: Please Support Legislation to Help Build Families

Dear Representative Hayes:

Family. It's one of the most valued social institutions for Americans. But when infertility strikes - as it does for 1 in 8 couples - the dream of a family is compromised for many of these couples.

Infertility is a disease according to the World Health Organization, the American Medical Association and the American Society for Reproductive Medicine. Those who long to have children and who find themselves unable to become pregnant or to sustain a pregnancy, are impeded in their ability to access reproductive care due to a lack of insurance coverage for this disease.

Today, we ask your support for pro-family public policies that will help American men and women suffering from infertility build their families and reach their life dreams.

- **The Access to Infertility Treatment and Care Act** will provide those who receive their healthcare through government-sponsored health plans, including TRICARE, the VA, the Federal Employee Health Benefits Program and others, to have coverage for infertility services. It also provides access to vital fertility preservation services for those, like cancer patients, who are at risk of infertility due to medical treatments such as chemotherapy and surgery.
- **The Women Veterans and Families Health Services Act, S319 and HR 955**, will allow Veterans with a service-connected injury to access IVF medical treatments, which the Department of Veterans Affairs is currently banned from offering. Make #IVF4Vets permanent!
- **Every Child Deserves a Family Act**, will increase the number of foster and adoptive homes by banning discrimination against foster and adoptive parents, families of origin, and foster youth based on sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, marital status, and religion.

I stand with advocates from RESOLVE: The National Infertility Association and the American Society for Reproductive Medicine and ask your support of these pro-family public policies. For more information contact RESOLVE at [info@resolve.org](mailto:info@resolve.org). Thank you for helping millions of Americans build their families.

Thank you for your support of the Adoption Tax Credit and making #IVF4Vets a permanent medical service offered by the VA and thank you for helping millions of Americans build their families.

Sincerely,

Signature

YOUR NAME-

HOME ADDRESS

CITY, STATE ZIP

HOME PHONE

HOME EMAIL

[Please insert information about your personal story and the impact that cost has had on your ability to create your family.]