April 28, 2016

The Honorable Richard Blumenthal
U.S. Senate
Hart Senate Office Building, 706
Washington, D.C. 20510

RE: Please Support Legislation to Help Build Families

Dear Senator Blumenthal:

I am writing to you because <u>family</u> is one of the fundamental values in our country. But when infertility strikes -- as it does 1 in 8 couples – the dream of a family is shattered. Those who long to have children find themselves unable to become pregnant or to sustain a pregnancy. Today, we ask your support for legislation that will help American men and women overcome infertility and reach their life dreams.

Please Co-Sponsor: The Women Veterans and Families Health Services Act, S 469 and HR 3365. This bill will give wounded veterans the chance to have a family. It will provide benefits to aid adoption and family building, including access to in vitro fertilization (IVF), for veterans who experience a loss of fertility directly related to their service to our country.

Please Co-Sponsor: Reproductive Treatment for Certain Disabled Veterans, **HR 2257.** This bill, introduced by Rep. Jeff Miller, Chair of the Veterans' Affairs Committee, will help wounded veterans have a family and a future by offering needed IVF medical treatment in the VA health system.

Please Co-Sponsor: Adoption Tax Credit Refundability Act, S 950 and HR 2434. Congress admirably made the Adoption Tax Credit permanent, but it wasn't made refundable (as it had been). This bill restores the refundability provision to enable more families to adopt and raise children.

Please Support CDC Appropriation. The CDC issued a National Action Plan in 2014 declaring that infertility is a public health issue. We seek an appropriation to enable CDC to begin addressing key gaps identified in the Plan: the need for better education, research, and access to care.

Thank you for your support of these critical bills. And, thank you for helping millions of Americans build their families.

Sincerely,

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