

March 1, 2023

Dear Senator Rotundo, Representative Sachs, and members of the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs; Senator Bailey and Representative Perry and members of the Joint Standing Committee On Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services Committee,

First and foremost, I am thankful to the legislature and to Governor Mills for passing the fertility insurance law last session. I care deeply about insurance coverage for fertility treatment. My husband and I have been trying to have a child since 2018, and I will be 39 in April. We have paid out of pocket for 3 rounds of IUI, which were unsuccessful. Neither one of our insurances currently covers the cost of fertility treatments. If IVF ends up being our only option to have a child, we need this fertility coverage to be able to do it because we can't afford to pay out of pocket. The thought of not being able to have a child and start a family is sad. It will be wonderful for insurance companies to cover fertility treatment in Maine starting in 2024. Please approve the funding in LD 258, "An Act Making Unified Appropriations and Allocations from the General Fund and Other Funds for the Expenditures of State Government and Changing Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 2023, June 30, 2024 and June 30, 2025" to implement this law. Having coverage for fertility treatment would help us in fulfilling our dreams of being parents and starting a family of our very own.

Thank you,  
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