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House Health and Human Services Committee
Rhode Island State House
82 Smith Street
Providence, RI 02903

Dear Chair Donovan and members of the House Committee on Health & Human Services,

AllPaths Family Building (formerly named Resolve New England) is a non-profit organization that provides emotional support, education and advocacy for all those in New England who need fertility health care and other paths to grow the family of their dreams. We collaboratively advocate in all six states in our region and are proud members of the Rhode Island Coalition of Reproductive Freedom. I am writing to express our strong support for H 5629, with minor clarifying amendments as outlined by GLAD Law. We are grateful to Rep. Alzate for being the lead sponsor of this critical bill.

The Ocean State has been a national leader in expanding coverage for fertility care. H 5629 provides an opportunity to continue this leadership by making care more equitable and accessible in Rhode Island. In 2024, the American Society for Reproductive Medicine (ASRM), the leading medical association in our field, released an updated definition of infertility, which is reflected in the language of this legislation. Rhode Island's existing fertility insurance law does not reflect this medical standard of care, including by not specifically addressing LGBTQ+ and single people, nor male factor infertility. Without coverage, individuals and couples are left paying out-of-pocket for fertility health care, which is not accessible for most people.

I respectfully urge the committee to vote favorably on H 5629, so that more Rhode Islanders have access to the essential medical care they need to build their families. Thank you for your consideration of my testimony, and please reach out if I can be helpful.

Sincerely,

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