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Dear Chair Fields, Vice Chair Ginal, and members of the Committee,

On behalf of the American Society for Reproductive Medicine (ASRM), I am writing to urge your support for $\underline{HB\ 22-1008}$.

The American Society for Reproductive (ASRM) has, for nearly a century, been the global leader in multidisciplinary reproductive medicine research, ethical practice, and education. ASRM's approximately 8,000 distinguished members, which include obstetricians and gynecologists, urologists, mental health professionals and others, represent more than 100 countries and impact and inform all aspects of reproductive care and science worldwide. In our role, our focus is on serving both our members, our patients, and the children born as a result of assisted reproductive technologies.

HB 22-1008 would provide important access to fertility diagnosis, treatment, and fertility preservation services to many of the citizens of Colorado who might need them. With certain exceptions, the bill would mandate that employers who provide health insurance would have to include coverage for fertility preservation for those patients facing medical conditions or treatment which will endanger their fertility. Just as breast reconstruction and wigs are often required for cancer patients to fully recover, so should fertility preservation be available to these patients.

For more information, feel free to contact me or Sean Tipton, our Chief Advocacy and Policy officer at Stipton@asrm.org or 202-421-5112.

Sincerely,

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