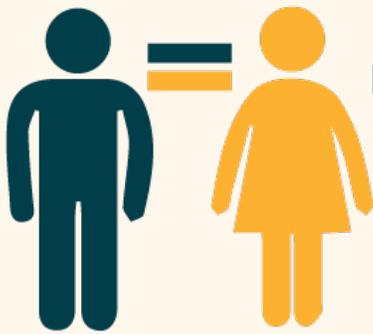


# INFERTILITY

A disease impacting millions of Americans



1 in 8 couples have trouble getting pregnant or sustaining pregnancy.



Infertility affects both men and women.



**World Health Organization**

Infertility *is a*  
**DISEASE**

recognized by the World Health Organization



**cost** is a key barrier to adoption and to medical treatment for IF (since 75% of private insurance policies don't cover it\*).

**67%** report spending  
**\$10,000**  
or more to build their families.



Having a family is fundamental to the lives of many American women and men. Being unable to have a child is life altering.

\*Credit: Effects of Infertility Insurance Mandates on Fertility  
Lucie Schmidt, J Health Econ. 2007 May 1; 26(3):  
431-446. Published online 2006 Nov 28. doi: 10.1016/j.jhealeco.2006.10.012

## **CO-SPONSOR S 469 AND HR 3365, WOMEN VETERANS AND FAMILIES HEALTH SERVICES ACT**

- Provides veterans wounded in the line of duty with access to reproductive treatments and adoption assistance
- Veterans with severe reproductive injuries often need specialized treatments such as IVF in order to have a family, but IVF is excluded from VA's medical benefits
- Also improves access to medical treatment needed by active duty and wounded service members who are trying to have children
- Supported by leading Veterans' organizations

To co-sponsor, contact Sen. Patty Murray or Rep. Rick Larsen

## **CO-SPONSOR HR 4892, BILL TO PAY SPECIAL COMPENSATION TO CERTAIN VETERANS WITH THE LOSS OR LOSS OF USE OF CREATIVE ORGANS**

- Permits qualifying veterans with injuries to their reproductive organs to receive extra compensation of up to \$20,000 to use at their discretion.
- Given the lack of benefits currently provided by the VA for family building, a Veteran could use the compensation for medical treatment to overcome infertility or for adoption services.

To co-sponsor, contact Chairman Jeff Miller

## **SUPPORT THE VETERANS AMENDMENT TO THE SENATE APPROPRIATIONS MIL-CON BILL**

- This amendment to the Military Construction and Veterans Affairs ("Mil-Con") appropriations bill for Fiscal Year 2017 would provide funding for the VA to offer IVF to Veterans for two years.
- The Senate Appropriations Committee recently voted 23-7 to pass this Amendment -- with Yes votes from Chairman Cochran, Majority Leader McConnell, and Senators Blunt and Lankford, among others.
- Please vote for the amendment when the Mil-Con bill comes to the full Senate for a vote and support the Amendment in any Conference Committee reconciliation with the House.

For questions, contact Sen. Patty Murray

## **CO-SPONSOR S 950 AND HR 2434, THE ADOPTION TAX CREDIT REFUNDABILITY ACT**

- The Adoption Tax Credit is a bipartisan credit that has existed since 1997
- The credit advances the important public goal of encouraging adoptions, especially of children with special needs
- A tax credit helps only those who can use it. If the adoption tax credit were made refundable, then it could be used by low- to moderate-income families and they could better afford to adopt children.

To co-sponsor, contact Sen. Robert Casey or Rep. Diane Black

## **WORK WITH US TO ADVANCE THE CDC NATIONAL ACTION PLAN FOR INFERTILITY**

- The CDC issued a breakthrough plan, the "National Public Health Action Plan for the Detection, Prevention, and Management of Infertility," in June 2014, declaring that infertility is a public health issue
- This pro-family Plan identifies a number of scientific and programmatic steps for the CDC, non-governmental organizations, healthcare providers, and others to implement
- Will your office partner with us to work on ways to advance the goals of this important plan?

**FOR MORE INFORMATION ON RESOLVE'S LEGISLATIVE AGENDA,**  
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