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The Honorable Adam Kinziger

U.S. House of Representatives

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**RE: Please Support Legislation to Help Build Families**

Dear Congressman Kinziger:

I am writing to you because family 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 seems out of reach.  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 women and men overcome infertility and realize their dreams.

**PLEASE SUPPORT: The Access to Infertility Treatment and Care Act, HR 5965 & S 2960.** Introduced by Congresswoman Rose DeLauro and Senator Cory Booker last June, the bill would require private health insurance plans, as well as plans offered by the Federal Employees Health Benefits Program, TRICARE, and the VA, to provide coverage for treatment of infertility. It would also ensure that these plans cover fertility preservation services for individuals who undergo a medically necessary procedure that may cause infertility, such as chemotherapy. Congress should ensure that all Americans who need and want infertility treatment services have access to them.

**PLEASE SUPPORT: The Women Veterans and Families Health Services Act of 2019, HR 955.** Introduced on February 4, 2019, HR 955 would improve the reproductive assistance provided by the Department of Defense and the Department of Veterans Affairs to severely wounded, ill, or injured members of the Armed Forces, veterans, and their spouses or partners. Through the Women Veterans and Families Health Services Act of 2019, veterans have a chance to realize their dream of family. For many wounded veterans, assisted reproductive technologies such as IVF may be their only hope of ever having a biological child with their spouse/partner.

**PLEASE SUPPORT: Making the Adoption Tax Credit Refundable.** Congress admirably made the Adoption Tax Credit permanent, but it wasn’t made refundable, as it had been. Supporting the restoration of the refundability provision enables more lower to moderate income families to adopt, raise children, and claim the current nonrefundable tax credit.

Thank you for your support of these critical issues. And, thank you for helping millions of Americans realize their dreams of having a family of their own.

Sincerely,