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House Judiciary Committee 124 North Capitol Avenue Lansing, MI 48933

Dear Chair Breen, Vice Chair Edwards, Vice Chair Fink, and members of the committee,

On behalf of the American Society for Reproductive Medicine (ASRM) I am writing to urge your support of the Michigan Family Protection Act.

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.

The Michigan Family Protection Act would allow for gestational surrogacy services to Michigan families who rely on assisted reproductive technologies and access to build their families, while protecting the gestational carriers' rights and health. Gestational surrogacy has long been a vital part of LGBTQ+ family building, and, in the absence of legislative support, many LGBTQ+ Michiganders have faced insurmountable obstacles to creating their chosen families. The Michigan Family Protection Act would ensure that all Michiganders are able to build their families.

For these reasons, I urge you to support the bill.

Please feel free to contact me or Sean Tipton, ASRM's Chief Advocacy and Policy Officer, at stipton@asrm.org if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Michael A. Thomas, MD

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