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Governor Jared Polis
State Capitol Building
200 E. Colfax Ave., Rm. 136
Denver, CO 80203

Dear Governor Polis,

On behalf of the American Society for Reproductive Medicine (ASRM), I am writing to express opposition to [SB 22-224](#): the Donor Conceived Persons and Family Protection Act. While we appreciate being involved in the process, we have seen firsthand that the speed with which the bill has been rushed through session has left its language ambiguous and problematic. Moreover, there is no data to indicate sperm donation in Colorado has created problems which justify this level of state intervention. Should SB 22-224 be codified as written, Colorado will be setting a problematic precedent.

ASRM is a multidisciplinary organization of nearly 8,000 professionals dedicated to the advancement of the art, science, and practice of reproductive medicine. Distinguished members of ASRM include obstetricians and gynecologists, urologists, reproductive endocrinologists, embryologists, mental health professionals and others.

Gamete donation is a medical procedure with a long and successful history. As with any medical procedure, there is some degree of uncertainty involved. In fact, any method of reproduction carries with it inherent risk. For these reasons, the ASRM publishes regular guidelines and recommendations for the evaluation of potential sperm, oocyte, and embryo donors as well as their recipients, incorporating recent information about optimal screening and testing for sexually transmitted infections, genetic diseases, and psychological assessments; sets criteria that meet or exceed federal regulatory requirements of ART laboratories, and even provides support for the ethical implications of disclosing the method of conception to donor-conceived children (Practice Committee of the Society for Assisted Reproductive Technology, and Practice Committee of the Society of Reproductive Biologists and Technologists, 2021) (Technology, 2021) (Ethics Committee of the American Society for Reproductive Medicine, 2018).



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As to this last point of disclosure, SB 22-224 would seek to have the state insert itself into reproductive and child-rearing decisions, decisions which should be the domain of individual families. There is no scientific or public health evidence to justify the level of legislative attention, the use of the Colorado Department of Health's time, or the Colorado taxpayer's money called for in SB 22-224. For these reasons, we urge you not to sign this bill into law.

Sincerely,

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