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The Honorable Andrew M. Cuomo
Governor of New York State
State Capitol Building
Albany, NY 12224

RE: THE CHILD-PARENT SECURITY ACT,
A.1071 (Paulin) / S.2071 (Hoylman)

PRESIDENT/CEO
Barbara L. Collura

Dear Governor Cuomo:

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RESOLVE: The National Infertility Association, a national non-profit patient advocacy organization, represents the more than 440,000 New Yorkers that have trouble conceiving or carrying a pregnancy to term. Infertility can be caused by many physical and/or hormonal issues impacting women and men. Most people resolve their infertility and build their family without needing advanced medical treatments, such as in vitro fertilization (IVF). But for those that do need to access assisted reproductive technologies to build their family, the decision is typically made after years of trying to conceive or receiving a medical diagnosis that is severe enough to warrant advanced treatments.

Imagine going through this process and then being told by your physician that gestational surrogacy is perhaps your only option for building your family. No one makes these decisions lightly. No one chooses to have infertility. Yet medical science has advanced to such a degree that a woman can now decide to carry a pregnancy to help build a family for another couple or person, and she is not genetically linked to the offspring. As you know, the sad truth is that in New York State this is not the reality due to an outdated law that has nothing to do with the current medical, legal, and mental health protections for people needing gestational surrogacy to become parents.

Today, people suffering from infertility and same-sex couples are forced to leave New York State to have a child by a compensated gestational carrier. This alone prevents many people from accessing gestational surrogacy. For those that do, it severely limits the ability of parents to participate in the pregnancy, such as attending health care and other appointments, and to utilize New York State's world-renowned medical care. Legalization of gestational carrier arrangements will allow intended

parents and carriers to use their own New York medical practitioners and New York attorneys.

Thank you for including the Child-Parent Security Act in your budget. We have advocated for this issue in New York for more than 6 years and we know the tremendous positive impact this will have on New Yorkers, especially those suffering from infertility. We stand with you in building New York families!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Barbara Collura". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Barbara Collura
President & CEO

Cc: New York State Senate Leadership
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