

# Federal Legislative Information



According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), one in four women of reproductive age have difficulty getting pregnant or carrying a pregnancy to term. This does not include the many LGBTQ+ couples and those that choose to parent without a partner who may need in vitro fertilization (IVF) to start and grow families.

Since 1981, those hoping to become parents from across the country have used IVF, and to date, more than a million infants have been born because of the availability of this medical procedure. About two percent of all infants born in the United States each year are born thanks to IVF technology; the CDC has noted that the use of IVF specifically has more than doubled over the past decade.

The choice to build a family is a fundamental right for all Americans, but to ensure that those rights remain protected, regardless of a person's zip code, Senators Tammy Duckworth (D-IL) and Patty Murray (D-WA) and Congresswoman Susan Wild (D-PA-07) have introduced the **Right to Build Families Act of 2022**. This bill would:

- Prohibit limiting any individual from seeking or receiving IVF;
- Ban regulation of an individual's right to retain their reproductive genetic materials, including gametes;
- Rule out restricting healthcare providers from performing IVF or providing information related to IVF;
- Allow the U.S. Attorney General to pursue civil action regarding violation of the legislation; and
- Create a private right of action.

To support this effort, please use the messaging above to share the importance of protecting IVF and the care people need to have a baby and build their family. You can also [reach out to your state legislator here](#).