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Dear Colleague,

From the moment the MAGA Supreme Court reversed Roe as Donald Trump promised they would, Democrats warned that the hard-right would not stop there in eliminating reproductive freedoms. Over the past few months, our worst fears have been confirmed, as IVF has become one of the hard-right's next targets.

That is why this Tuesday, the Senate will once again take up Senator Duckworth's *Right to IVF Act* – a bill to establish a nationwide right to IVF and make it easier for people to access this critical treatment. In June, after the Alabama Supreme Court jeopardized access to IVF for millions of women and couples, we held a vote on this same legislation, and almost every single Senate Republican voted against even beginning debate on the issue.

But as our national debate on reproductive rights has continued to unfold, we have seen the Republican Party's nominee for president claim to be “a leader in fertilization” and come out in support of expanding access to IVF by requiring insurance companies to cover IVF treatment – a key provision included in the *Right to IVF Act*. So, we are going to give our Republican colleagues another chance to show the American people where they stand.

We all know someone who struggled to start or grow their family, so it's hard to believe that Republicans would stand in the way of the Senate taking action to ensure access to IVF isn't ripped away from millions of Americans. Senate Republicans can't claim they are pro-family only to block protections for IVF.

Tuesday's vote will be a consequential moment in the national discussion on reproductive rights. As a caucus, I know we stand with millions of Americans – Democrats, Republicans, Independents, Liberals and Conservatives – who want access to life-changing IVF treatments. The American people deserve another chance to see if Senate Republicans will back up their words and vote for access to IVF or vote against it. It's that simple.

The American people will be watching.

Sincerely,

Charles E. Schumer
Democratic Senate Majority Leader