

#### Celebrations!



# **Support Through Loss Act**

This week Senator Tammy Duckworth (D-IL) and Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley (D-MA) introduced the *Support Through Loss Act*. This bill would ensure employers provide at least 3-days paid leave after a pregnancy loss, have the CDC and HHS develop and disseminate public information regarding pregnancy

loss prevalence and treatments, and invest \$45m annually to the NIH for research into pregnancy loss. RPLA is encouraged to see Congress paying more attention to the challenges so many of us face when trying to grow our families. We have given our formal endorsement to this legislation.



# **RPLA** on a National Stage

This **Thursday**, **July 22** RPLA President, Megan Hanson, will share her story and represent the patient community at a 2-day workshop hosted by the Fertility and Infertility Branch of the NIH. The goal of the workshop is to bring together basic and clinical investigators working in the area of early pregnancy

loss to identify knowledge gaps, barriers to advancing science, promising approaches, and needed tools. For interested parties, the event is open to the public, more information here.

### Male Factor and RPL

Next **Tuesday**, **July 27 at 8pm ET** we will talk with Dr. Winifred Mak, Assistant Professor and MD/ PhD at Dell Medical School in Austin, Texas about the role men play in recurrent pregnancy loss. We are thrilled



to do another Q&A with Dr. Mak and dive into this important and evolving area of research. Join us on Instagram if you'd like to attend.



#### **RPLA Turns TWO**

Two years ago this month, Recurrent Pregnancy Loss Association was incorporated. Months of planning followed, and one year ago we sent our official announcement email to friends and family and were showered with generosity. Now we are working to move from start-up to sustainable.

Support our next phase of growth by:

- \* Making a donation
- \* Volunteering your time and talent
- \* Asking your representatives to support the *Support Through Loss Act* (S.2390/H.R.4576)
- \* Telling your friends about RPLA

Warm Regards,
The RPLA Board of Directors





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