

# Project Stork

*Stories To Organize Reform Kit*



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*Since the beginning  
of time...*





A graphic design featuring a diverse group of healthcare professionals, including doctors and nurses, standing in a row. The individuals are depicted with various skin tones and styles. Above this group, a navigation bar contains the text "Welcome", "Episodes", "About", and "Share your story", with "Welcome" underlined. To the right of the navigation bar are icons for a microphone, Spotify, Instagram, and email.

# *Project S.T.O.R.K.*

## *Stories To Organize Reform Kit*

Goal: *To create a reservoir of stories from individuals / families navigating ART to build their families*

- *Amplify patient experiences\**
  - *Highlighting barriers through lived experiences*
- *Humanizing policy debates*
- *Equipping advocates with tools for storytelling*

*... with the hope that policymakers & stakeholders can use these stories to combat recent legislative threats to IVF access (reproductive right)*

# *Amplifying Patient Experiences*

## **Dueling approaches to infertility vie for Congress' attention**

Back-to-back congressional briefings pitted IVF against a less studied method for helping families conceive.

**This 'natural' infertility treatment is backed by Maha. Is it the right's path to limiting IVF?**



# Timely & Pressing

## Congress

### *Access to Family Building Act*

1/2024

Rep. Susan Wild & Sen. Tammy Duckworth introduced this act to establish a federal right to all ART and protect both providers and patients from state-level restrictions.

## California

*SB 729*

9/2024

Mandates private insurance coverage for infertility treatments, including IVF.

- Implementation delayed until 2026

## Alabama

*LePage vs CRM*

2/2025

The Supreme Court ruled that the frozen embryos are legally children under state law

- State legislature passed emergency bills granting legal immunity to IVF providers

## Arkansas

*Restore Act*

6/2025

Mandating state insurance coverage of restorative reproductive medicine treatments (RRM)

- Legislative tactic to limit IVF

# In Georgia...



## HB 428: IVF Protection Law, 2025

*- Codifies the right to IVF in the state law, specifying that nothing in the GA law should prohibit or prevent patients from obtaining IVF.*

## HB 94: Fertility Preservation Mandate, 2025

*- Requires state commercial health insurance plans in GA to cover “medically necessary fertility preservation” for patients with cancer, sickle cell disease, or lupus, including cryopreservation of gametes, embryos, or ovarian tissue for up to one year.*

# *Privilege, Policy, & the Price of Parenthood*

*For me, I moved onto IVF because my employer covered it...*

*I never wanted to be a mother until I was in a healthy space with myself...*

*It's ridiculous that I feel so lucky that my D&C was so cut and dry...*



*I was worried I was just going to have to keep them frozen ... I almost was like, okay, let's get rid of them now because I don't know what's coming...*

# Future Directions

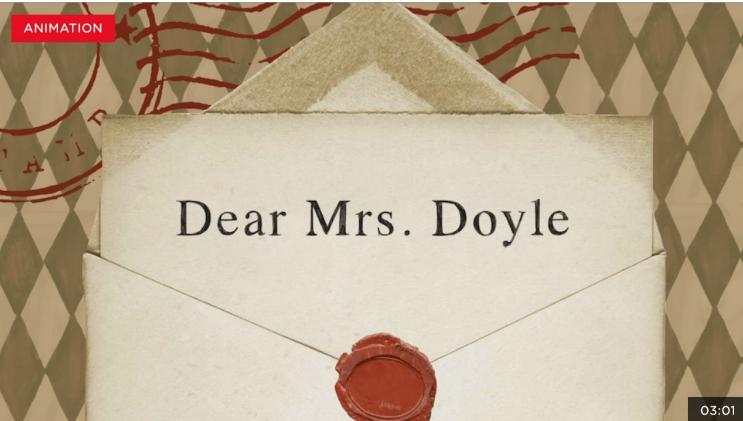
mission started in December 1985, the height of the Cold War.

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Dear Mrs. Doyle

**DEAR MRS. DOYLE**

John Cruitt's mother died two days before Christmas in 1958. He was a third grader in Cecile Doyle's class. And an act of kindness she showed him became stamped in his memory. So, more than 50 years later, he wrote her a letter.

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ANIMATION



2:10

A KNOCK AT THE DOOR

One late October evening, Juliet Jegasothy was home alone with her baby when her doorbell started ringing. Terrified, she hid in her room and called her husband, who was working late. At StoryCorps, she recounts a spooky night in her new home.

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*Thank  
you*

