

To the members of the Public Health Committee,

I am writing you to ask you to vote NO on SB 835, the Anti-Pregnancy Center Bill.

I speak from experience. I volunteer with a pregnancy center that helps families in any way that they can. I know people who run other centers as well. These centers have a vital role in the community. Many many moms, dads, babies and families would otherwise fall through the cracks and not get the support they need. Pregnancy centers fill a gap in situations where families may not be able to get help. The center focuses on the whole person to meet both the physical and the emotional needs of moms, dad, baby and siblings. The centers help with diapers, wipes, clothes, strollers, baby food, furniture, car seats and all they need to be better parents and care for their children.

Another resource provided by the pregnancy centers is seen when working with community agencies to get moms help. And most importantly the center provides free ultrasounds for moms without prenatal care to make referrals to local doctors to launch her into prenatal care. Another vital service the pregnancy center provides are classes in: taking care of herself during Pregnancy and after, bonding with their baby, Parenting, life skills, special circumstances, fatherhood, and over 250 other evidence based online streamed up to date titles. ALL SERVICES ARE FREE. There is nothing deceptive that may trick a women in any of the services a pregnancy center offers. She can come to the program if she wants. She can get an ultrasound if she wants too. And she still gets all she needs for her baby. Pregnancy centers area a place which offers support and a listening ear - no one should go through pregnancy or life alone. These centers are a positive light in the community.

Thank you for listening.

Sincerely,
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