



## Proponent Testimony-HB 2635, Pregnancy CARE Act

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Chairman Kessler and Members of the Committee,

I am Jeanne Gawdun, Director of Government Relations with Kansans for Life. Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of HB 2635, the Pregnancy Center Autonomy and Rights of Expression (CARE) Act.

Kansas is home to over fifty pregnancy centers. While the resources offered by these organizations vary, they all have a similar mission—to provide pregnant women in crisis and their families a safe place to go where life-affirming help and support are found.

As part of the long-standing Woman’s Right to Know informed consent law, the Kansas Department of Health and Environment created a directory of services available to women who are pregnant. This important resource includes a county-by-county listing of pregnancy centers in the state and details about the kinds of assistance they offer. It can be found on the KDHE’s [womansrighttoknow.org](http://womansrighttoknow.org) website.

A recent report by the Charlotte Lozier Institute revealed that in 2024, pregnancy centers in the United States provided over \$452 million of medical care, material support, community support and education to women and their families. Pregnancy centers offer top notch services as the data in the report also showed that they enjoy a 98% client satisfaction rate.<sup>1</sup>

Polls show that a large majority of Americans support pregnancy centers, and this is certainly true of Kansans, whose private donations to these centers account for most of their funding. The Kansas legislature echoed this support for pregnancy centers in 2023 by enacting the Alternatives to Abortion program, now called the Pregnancy Compassion Awareness program. Last year, \$3 million in state funding was allocated to assist these organizations in their work.

While Kansas has not yet seen the level of ideological attacks on pregnancy centers that have increasingly taken place in other states—publicly funded misinformation campaigns, forced promotion of abortion, etc.— the concern here is real. The state legislature has taken important steps to show support for pregnancy centers, but the CARE Act will protect these organizations from other government entities acting out of bias against their pro-life mission.

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<sup>1</sup> [A-Legacy-of-Life-Love-2025-Rising-to-the-Occasion-with-Unwavering-Care.pdf](#)

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HB 2635 is a pro-active measure needed to ensure that pregnancy centers can continue their mission of empowering pregnant women with life-affirming services and support without fear of government censorship or discrimination.

Kansans for Life respectfully asks that the committee find HB 2635 favorable for passage.

Thank you for your consideration.

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