

To: Chair Representative Kessler and Members of the House Committee on Federal and State Affairs
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Position: Proponent of HB 2635
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Dear Chair Representative Kessler and members of the House Committee on Federal and State Affairs,

I am honored by the opportunity to speak out in favor of HB 2635 on behalf of Pregnancy Resource Centers in Kansas. I have been and continue to be involved with Insight Women's Center, a Pregnancy Resource Center in Lawrence, KS and with Selah Home, a residential maternity program for single pregnant women and their babies, also located in Lawrence, KS.

Over the 20+ years of Insight Women's Center's existence, our board has remained steadfast in protecting our mission to serve women and families with compassion and truth as they process this most vulnerable time in their lives, deciding on their pregnancy outcome.

Of great importance to us is being able to hire staff that have the same belief system as our Board of Directors. This provides continuity in our mission and supports the way we operate and serve families. Passage of this bill will assure us the right to continue to do so.

We have developed a robust donor base to fund our mission of like-minded individuals, churches and business. We have established a trust with our donors through the years of responsibility, integrity and passion for our mission to serve women and families. We are also careful to maintain security over our donor data base as well as our client data base. Again, the passage of this bill will assure us the right to continue to do so.

I appreciate the offensive posture of HB 2635 rather than waiting to take a defensive posture over the many intrusions we have seen happen at other PRCs around the nation. I want to thank you for considering these life-saving centers in Kansas and for putting protective measures in place ahead of any attempts to force PRCs to operate under conditions that go against our mission and purpose, for which we have worked so diligently and successfully for over the many years.

I ask that you please support HB 2635 and protect our Pregnancy Resource Centers in Kansas. We are deeply invested in this great work, but we need your help with the protections and freedom this bill offers to life-giving centers in the great State of Kansas.

With gratitude for your time and consideration,

Cindy Folks

President Emeritus

Insight Women's Center

