

Opponent Oral Testimony on House Bill 2635

House Committee on Federal and State Affairs

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Chair Kessler, Members of the Committee,

Thank you so much for the opportunity to provide testimony today. My name is Logan Byrd, and I serve as Advocacy Manager of Loud Light Civic Action, a nonpartisan, nonprofit organization that supports and builds the civic engagement and leadership of young people in Kansas. While the stated intent of this legislation is to protect free expression and autonomy, this bill would in practice undermine consumer protection, public health, and informed decision-making for people seeking pregnancy related care. For these reasons, I respectfully urge you all not to oppose HB 2635.

HB 2635 would weaken existing consumer protection standards by granting private pregnancy centers broad exemptions from transparency and disclosure requirements. Individuals seeking reproductive healthcare services are often doing so during moments of vulnerability, urgency, and stress. It is essential that they receive accurate, complete, and non-misleading information about the services being offered, including whether a facility provides licensed medical care or comprehensive reproductive health services. This legislation risks allowing organizations to withhold or obscure critical information, which can delay access to medically appropriate care.

This bill risks creating confusion rather than clarity in an already complex healthcare landscape. Instead of empowering individuals, it places the burden on patients to discern which information is medically accurate and which services are actually available, a task that should not fall on people navigating critical healthcare decisions. Protecting freedom of expression should not come at the expense of truth, transparency, or patient well-being, especially when it comes to maternal healthcare. Existing laws already allow private organizations to express their beliefs and provide services consistent with their missions. This bill goes further by shielding certain entities from accountability in ways that could cause real harm for patients.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge the Committee to oppose this bill and instead support policies that prioritize accurate information, patient autonomy, and equitable access to comprehensive reproductive healthcare.