

Written Testimony in Support of HB 2635

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.

Thank you for the privilege to provide testimony in support of HB 2635, the Pregnancy Center Autonomy and Rights of Expression Act.

I am the Executive Director of Sparrow Women's Clinic, a non-profit providing free pregnancy tests, first trimester ultrasound, STI testing, Abortion Pill Reversal therapy, education and options counseling. I also oversee Sparrow's Nest, which provides free parenting classes, baby supplies and clothing, and resources to men and women in Leavenworth county.

In today's political climate, it is more important than ever that our clients and donors maintain their privacy and dignity without worrying about government overreach or political harassment. Our clients, and the donors who make it possible to provide this compassionate care, are entitled to total confidentiality. We adhere to HIPAA standards for our clients and it should not matter who our donors decide to support with their hard earned money. It is a private matter.

Therefore, I respectfully ask that you support HB 2635 so we can continue serving our clients, who come to us facing hard pregnancy decisions, and also guard the privacy of our donors as well.

Thank you for you consideration.

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