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**Proponent Testimony for SB 397 – “Choose Life” License Plate**  
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**Senate Committee on Transportation**  
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Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for holding a hearing on this proposal to create a Choose Life license plate.

Choose life license plates are already seen in states across the nation. They can be a sign of hope to women facing a difficult pregnancy, and cases have been reported where women considering abortion have experienced a change of heart upon seeing this short but powerful message. Even if only one life is saved, it is worth it.

Women facing challenging pregnancies are often abandoned by the unborn child’s father – an act of irresponsibility and heartlessness that cries out for society’s condemnation – but even in these painful instances, women do not face their circumstances alone. There are women and men in every corner of the country giving of their time and treasure to help women choose life, and to help them manage motherhood after the birth of the child. Crisis pregnancy centers provide women with a support system to help meet their material and emotional needs throughout the process of bringing a child into this world and taking care of a baby. Ideally, the funds generated by the fee for this license plate would support crisis pregnancy centers in their critically important work.

It will come as little surprise if the abortion industry, which it makes money by destroying innocent human beings, opposes this bill. The message of “Choose Life” is not good for their bottom line. Regardless, we encourage the committee to support this license plate.

Thank you for your consideration.

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