



Chairman Smith and members of the committee, my name is Brittany Jones. I am an attorney and the Director of Policy and Engagement for Kansas Family Voice. We represent thousands of members in Kansas who want to come alongside women and children. I am writing today to encourage you to support H.B. 2135.

Women who find themselves in unexpected pregnancies deserve more information not less. Pregnancy Resource Centers all across Kansas have been providing that important information for years.

Depending on the center, pregnancy resource centers provide a variety of services. Most provide counseling, pregnancy testing, parenting classes, post abortive counseling, diapers, clothes. Many help women find housing and jobs. Some provide medical services like ultrasounds, medical exams, STD testing and treatment, and connect women to other community resources.

I have talked to so many women who have told me that if they had known that pregnancy resource centers existed, they would have made a different choice. Sometimes just knowing that there are other options or someone who will support you empowers a woman to choose life. These centers are not political. They simply want to help women, whatever that looks like.

Several other states have already implemented similar program to give tax credits for those who want to support pregnancy resource centers. This bill is unique in that it also gives assistance to maternal homes. These homes provide a woman a place of safety and a place to heal.

In a state that has seen a dramatic rise in women seeking an abortion,¹ these tax credits will empower them to help more women. Women need to know that they have options. They need real information. Tax credits will encourage Kansans to continue to support these important organizations serving Kansas women.

I, respectfully, ask you to support H.B. 2135.

Sincerely,

Brittany Jones

¹ Rose Conlon, NPR, Kansas is struggling to serve people from out of state seeking abortions, Sept. 5, 2022, <https://www.npr.org/2022/09/05/1121104580/kansas-is-struggling-to-serve-people-from-out-of-state-seeking-abortions>.