

CATHOLIC CONFERENCE OF OHIO

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Written Testimony in Support of HB 297

Authorizes a non-refundable income tax credit for donations to a qualifying pregnancy resource center.

Thank you, chairman Merrin, vice chairman LaRe, ranking minority member Rogers and members of the House Ways and Means Committee. My name is Jim Tobin. I am an Associate Director with the Catholic Conference of Ohio. On behalf of the Catholic Bishops of Ohio I urge your support of HB 297. Allowing for a tax credit for contributions to pregnancy resource centers is life-affirming. Our Catholic agencies, parishes and parishioners play vital rolls in providing and supporting these programs.

In 2007, section 9.041 was enacted in Ohio declaring that “it is the public policy of the state of Ohio to prefer childbirth over abortion to the extent that is constitutionally permissible.” Providing such a tax credit is in keeping with this policy.

We commend the primary sponsors, Representatives Ginter and Powell, as well as the numerous co-sponsors, for proposing such legislation.

Please support HB 297. Thank you.