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Senate Finance Committee
Attn: Chairman Sen. Matt Dolan
Ohio State Senate
February 21, 2024

Sen. Dolan and Members of the Senate Finance Committee,

We are writing today to express strong support for SB 159. Pregnancy Resource Centers (PRCs) provide help to thousands of women every year who are facing an unplanned pregnancy. Throughout the State of Ohio, these centers give away millions of dollars of resources at no charge to these women and their families. This relief comes in many forms, including diapers, clothes, formula, car seats, and financial support, just to name a few. This is tangible relief that might otherwise have to come from public sources.

Tax credits maximize private donations and allow these centers to increase their impact at a minimal cost to the State. In fact, this investment will be a net positive for the State because of the financial relief that comes from the services provided by PRCs.

Some wish to make this debate about abortion. This is unnecessary. This bill is not about abortion. It is about giving a tool to nonprofits that help women who find themselves in a precarious position. Most of these women are in vulnerable socioeconomic categories. Why should political posturing get in the way of helping these women?

There is a lot of misinformation circulating about PRCs. I would encourage you to visit a center in your district and see for yourself. We work with several PRCs in Ohio and can assure you that this investment would result in an immeasurable return.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Scott Baker". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Scott" and last name "Baker" clearly legible.

Scott Baker
VP of Public Affairs