

February 2, 2023

Chairman Smith, Vice Chair Bergkamp, and Ranking Member Sawyer,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony regarding House Bill No. 2135, the "Pregnancy Resource Act." I am writing to support this important piece of legislation.

I'm Nate Bruns, the Kansas State Director for <u>Lifeline Children's Services</u>. With over four decades of experience, Lifeline provides practical care and resources for vulnerable children, women, and families in Kansas. Our areas of service include pregnancy counseling, family restoration, domestic and international adoption, education and counseling.

Additionally, we run the Lifeline Pregnancy Center, serving pregnant women in Northeast Kansas. Our pregnancy center is a non-profit, supported by the local community. We do not charge for any services. Women who visit our center are treated with the highest standard of care in a compassionate and safe environment. Our purpose is to walk alongside a woman as she decides what decision is best for her and for her baby.

Below are a few of the ways we served women and children in 2022:

- 416 client visits to the center
- 91 ultrasounds performed
- 67 pregnancy tests performed
- 23 parent mentor visits
- 17 abortion minded women chose life for their baby after their ultrasound
- Care closet provided 10,350 diapers and provided clothing for 398 children
- 8 children came home to forever families

Lifeline does not accept federal or state funding and relies on the generosity of donors to support our lifesaving work. As Kansans care for women, children, and families, in a post-*Roe* world, we should be empowering people to make contributions to institutions that holistically care for women and children.

Tax credits encourage charitable giving, and I urge swift consideration and passage of this bill.

Thank you for your time and attention to this important matter. Respectfully,

Nate Bruns Kansas State Director Lifeline Children's Services