



Written PROPONENT TESTIMONY for bill HB 2135: AN ACT concerning taxation; relating to income, privilege, and premium tax credits; establishing a tax credit for contributions to eligible charitable organizations operating pregnancy centers or residential maternity facilities.

To: Senate Committee on Assessment and Taxation Chair Representative Adam Smith and members of the Committee

From: Bridgit Smith, Executive Director, Insight Women's Center

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Chairperson Adams and members of the Committee,


My name is Bridgit Smith, the Executive Director for Insight Women's Center in Lawrence, KS. Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony as a PROPONENT to bill HB 2135.


Insight Women's Center in Lawrence, KS, holds a safe space and provides limited medical services and support to women (and men) making pregnancy decisions. We want to capitalize on the opportunities to meet women and families right where they are, offering hope and quality services to them free of judgment and charge. We desire to empower them with the truth about their pregnancy (including all three pregnancy options) and their God-given personhood/identity and point them toward abundant life.


We are a women-focused program and believe that not a single woman should walk through an unplanned pregnancy alone. Therefore, our pregnancy center supports women regardless of the pregnancy option they choose. Either through parenting classes, referrals, support in an adoption decision, or after-abortion recovery support. Additionally, we provide support and classes to the fathers of the child during the pregnancy decision process and during/after the pregnancy.

Our long-term growth vision to expand our program into a residence for homeless pregnant adult women is birthed out of the growing need in our area for safe, permanent housing for single women and their children. We don't want homelessness to be a barrier for a woman to decide whether or not to continue her pregnancy. Our home will provide safe housing for mom and baby and more opportunities for us to help with transformational heart healing and support these mothers to live an abundant life through Jesus Christ. Our plan would be for the mom and children to live in the home during pregnancy and through the baby's first year.

Our center received the Kansas Community Service Tax Program (CPS) in 2014, making donations to our center eligible for a 50% tax credit. These donations funded the Life Skills Development Initiative, which started our comprehensive educational program for pre- and post-natal care, early parenting, and life management. It was a game-changer for our center. Not only did it allow us to establish our educational program, but it also started long term financial sustainability for our center. HB 2135 will help provide the services that support pregnant women, their partners, and families across Kansas. I encourage the committee to pass HB 2135 .

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