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### Montgomery County Council Attacking Pregnancy Centers! Your Council Members to Hear of Your Opposition Now!

A regulation being considered by the Montgomery County Council would require pro-life pregnancy centers in the county to tell women that **“the information [it] provides is not intended to be medical advice or to establish a doctor-patient relationship; and the client should consult with a health care provider before proceeding on a course of action regarding the client’s pregnancy.”**

This is coerced speech intended to discredit to the good work done by pregnancy centers to serve women and families who are facing unplanned pregnancies. The regulation is aimed at harassing pregnancy centers solely because they do not refer for or provide abortions or comprehensive birth control services.

#### **PLEASE ACT NOW!!**

Please send an email, call, and write a letter to the Mayor today!

#### **Montgomery County Council**

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**Urge the Council to oppose the “limited service pregnancy center” regulation because:**

- Pregnancy centers do good work in Montgomery County.** They provide free services such as sonograms, pregnancy tests, parenting classes, prenatal care, and material resources for pregnant women and young children, including clothing, baby bottles, formula, diapers, and more.
- There is absolutely no evidence** that Montgomery County’s pregnancy resource centers are not straightforward with their clients. On the contrary, the centers enjoy a good relationship with the Department of Social Services and receive referrals from them.
- Pregnancy centers should not be exposed to unwarranted regulation and excess fines simply because they are pro-life.** They are charities dedicated to serving women who would not otherwise have the resources and support they need at a challenging time in their lives.
- Charitable organizations should not be regulated because of their moral positions.** They should be commended for the positive work they do to serve families who need help.

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