

WE URGE MARYLAND PUBLIC OFFICIALS TO PROTECT PREGNANCY CENTERS

Pregnancy care centers serve the needs of women facing unplanned pregnancies by providing free pregnancy tests, layettes and maternity clothing, mentoring, and referrals for medical assistance, housing food, and other community resources. The centers typically are non-profit, privately funded, and locally operated. **Pregnancy care centers receive no state funds.** Some are licensed medical clinics that can provide STD testing and ultrasound imaging, but most focus primarily on providing women in need with guidance and resources to help them give birth to healthy babies. They are a valuable community resource that can help save the state money!

In the 2008 General Assembly, abortion proponents—citing a seriously flawed NARAL Pro-choice Maryland report claiming that crisis pregnancy centers are “deceitful and dangerous”—attempted to cripple Maryland’s pregnancy care centers by requiring all pregnancy centers that do not refer for abortions to issue a disclaimer saying that they “are not obligated to provide factual information.”

We, the undersigned, recognize that many women in difficult circumstances actually **want** to keep their babies and that pregnancy care centers provide a necessary service to these women. We call on the Maryland General Assembly to oppose any legislation aimed at attacking Maryland’s pregnancy care centers.

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