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Testimony in Support of SCR 1606

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Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee:

The Kansas Catholic Conference enthusiastically supports SCR 1606, which honors pregnancy maintenance resource centers in Kansas.

The many pregnancy resource centers across the state -- sometimes called crisis pregnancy centers -- help Kansas women choose life by providing them with a support system in their hour of need. These centers and the women and men who make them possible are on the front lines of the Pro-Life movement. For those of us who spend our days at the Capitol debating legislation, testifying at hearings, and concerning ourselves with the inside baseball of abortion politics, it is easy to forget that the most important work to ensure that each and every human life is treated with dignity and respect is being done by people face to face, with outstretched hands of concern and support. Far too often, pregnant women are left to face the many challenges of a pregnancy alone. The caring individuals who work and volunteer at pregnancy resource centers offer a helping hand. The material and emotional assistance they provide has changed lives, and sometimes even saved them.

We thank the sponsor of this resolution and we thank you Mr. Chairman for holding this hearing.

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