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CURE Supports House Bills to Protect Pregnant Students and Pregnancy Centers

Dear Representative:

As we prepare for the annual March for Life in our nation's capital this week, the House will consider *H.R. 6359, Pregnant Students' Rights Act* and *H.R. 6945, Supporting Pregnant and Parenting Women and Families Act*. The Center for Urban Renewal and Education (CURE) supports these life-affirming bills and we urge you to affirm them with favorable votes.

Women should never have to choose between continuing their education or carrying their babies to term. Title IX gives pregnant students the right to stay in school, but many women still feel pressure to end their pregnancies or risk academic failure. Almost 30 percent of all abortions in the United States are performed on women of college age.

H.R. 6359 amends the Higher Education Act to ensure all colleges and universities inform students of their rights and protections to carry a pregnancy to term, such as modified class schedules and excused absences in certain cases. The bill also requires these educational institutions to inform students how to file a complaint if there is a violation of Title IX protections for pregnant students.

H.R. 6945 ensures that states do not discriminate against pregnancy care centers in the awarding of federal funding under the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program, and makes it clear that states have the authority to support these centers with TANF funds. There are about 3,000 pro-life pregnancy care centers throughout the United States.

Pregnancy care centers offer a variety of resources and services to mothers, fathers, and families, including relationship counseling, prenatal and pregnancy education, pregnancy testing, diapers, baby clothes, cribs, strollers, and other material supports. They offer a helping hand in a time of need.

Unfortunately, some pregnancy centers have been attacked, vandalized, and threatened, particularly following the U.S. Supreme Court's *Dobbs* decision that upheld the right of legislators to protect unborn human life. By enacting H.R. 6359 and H.R. 6945 this week, Congress can affirm the lifesaving service of pro-life pregnancy care centers and make it clear that we support pregnant women and students as they affirm the dignity of every human life and carry their babies to term.

Sincerely,

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