



Independent Women's Voice Supports The Pregnant Students' Rights Act

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Dear Members of Congress,

Independent Women's Voice applauds the **Pregnant Students' Rights Act**, introduced by Representative Ashley Hinson.

Pregnant and parenting students should never be forced to choose between their education and their family. Yet too often, students receive incomplete, unclear, or incorrect information about the rights and accommodations to which they are legally entitled. This legislation addresses that gap directly by ensuring that colleges and universities clearly and consistently inform students of their rights, available accommodations, and supportive resources.

As a condition of receiving Title IV funding, the bill requires institutions of higher education to disseminate comprehensive information to both prospective and enrolled students regarding protections for pregnant students under Title IX. Importantly, this includes reasonable accommodations such as excused absences for medical appointments and childbirth, as well as a clear explanation of how to file a Title IX complaint if those rights are violated.

Colleges and universities have a responsibility to foster environments in which all students can succeed. The Pregnant Students' Rights Act helps ensure that pregnant students are treated with dignity, supported appropriately, and empowered with accurate information about their rights and options.

We are proud to support this legislation and urge Congress to work toward the swift passage of this bill. Thank you, Representative Hinson, for your leadership on this important issue.

Respectfully,

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