

Support for the Pregnancy Center Security Act, S.565

“Heartbeat International is grateful for every effort that protects the good work of pregnancy help. The Pregnancy Center Security Act will aid in advancing effective care and safety for mothers, babies and families in the United States,” **said Jor-El Godsey, President of Heartbeat International.**

“There are 12 pregnancy resource centers for every abortion facility in any city. Each of those pregnancy centers offer FREE life-affirming resources to women and families in need, while the abortion industry receives more than \$1.7 billion in revenue every year. It is time we started investing into healthcare centers that save lives, not end them. Students for Life Action is a firsthand witness of the empowering effect pregnancy centers have in our nation as they walk alongside vulnerable young women and families in crisis, helping them to see that there is another choice besides violence, a choice that is life-affirming and justice focused. These pregnancy centers are what give women hope, and Senator Risch’s legislation will help further that hope to reach more women and families instead of investing in Planned Parenthood’s model of death,” **said Kristan Hawkins President of Students for Life Action and Students for Life of America.**

“Pregnancy-help organizations provide free medical assistance, education, job training and a host of resources to women in need. These centers operate through charitable contributions and are vital to the communities they serve. Unfortunately, after the Dobb’s decision was leaked, numerous pregnancy-help organizations were vandalized, firebombed, and even destroyed,” **said Penny Nance, CEO and President of Concerned Women for America, the nation’s largest women’s public policy organization.** “The grants provided through this legislation will allow these organizations to implement security upgrades to ensure their employees and facilities are always kept safe, in order to continue serving women and their communities.”

“Pregnancy care centers are a shining beacon to women and families who find themselves in a tough situation. These centers go above and beyond the call of duty, providing services such as free pregnancy testing, ultrasounds, counseling, and education. In return they have been attacked by Democratic politicians and targeted with violence and destruction by pro-abortion zealots. Joe Biden's Justice Department has made it clear they have no interest in protecting these maternity homes, we applaud Senator Risch for stepping in to protect these valuable resources,” **said Tom McClusky, Director of Government Affairs, CatholicVote.**

“Nearly 3,000 pregnancy centers and maternity homes nationwide equip and empower millions of women and families each year to choose life for their children. With an average satisfaction rate of 99 percent, these centers offer women real choices and provide millions of dollars’ worth of material assistance and vital services typically at no charge,” **said Hon. Marilyn Musgrave, vice president of government affairs for SBA Pro-life America.** “We applaud Sen. Risch and his colleagues for supporting these centers in carrying out their loving mission, including measures to ensure the safest and most welcoming environment for clients and workers in the face of pro-abortion hostility. We urge members on both sides of the aisle to join in supporting this bill.”

“We are grateful to Senator Risch for introducing the Pregnancy Center Security Act. In our current environment, it is more important than ever for pregnancy resource centers to be a welcoming place where women feel safe and cared for. We know that carrying an unborn child can be a beautiful and stressful time for mothers. The grants provided by the Pregnancy Center Security Act, which allow for security upgrades and improvements ensuring ADA compliance guarantee that help is as accessible and safe as possible to mothers in vulnerable situations,” **said Mary Szoeh, Director of the Center for Human Dignity, Family Research Council.**