



WHY WE OPPOSE THE PREGNANCY RESOURCE CENTER SMEAR CAMPAIGN

HB58/S24 – “AN ACT MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2023 TO PROVIDE FOR SUPPLEMENTING CERTAIN EXISTING APPROPRIATIONS AND FOR CERTAIN OTHER ACTIVITIES AND PROJECTS”

Hidden in the latest appropriations bill is a million-dollar smear campaign against pro-life pregnancy resource centers (PRCs). Democrats tried to pass this measure last year, but it was vetoed by Governor Baker. Now, with a Democrat governor, they are trying again. Here is why we oppose this measure:

Uses Tax Dollars to Lie About Pro-Life PRCs

The new appropriations bill would require the Commonwealth to use \$1,000,000 of taxpayer money to smear PRCs by claiming that they do not provide medical services, are biased and deceptive, and are dangerous for women. Governor Healey spread these same lies while she was Attorney General, even while PRCs were being vandalized by violent criminals in Massachusetts and across the nation.

The truth is that PRCs are charitable pro-life organizations that seek to help pregnant and parenting women in difficult situations. Many of them do, in fact, provide medical services ranging from pregnancy tests and diagnostic ultrasounds to STI testing and treatment. While they don't provide abortions, they don't hide that fact. And to label PRCs as “dangerous” could not be more dishonest. These are organizations that provide free medical care and donated baby clothes, diapers, car seats, and other items to women in difficult situations. They act out of love and compassion. But legislators and our governor want to vilify them with an underhanded disinformation campaign using taxpayer money.

Uses Tax Dollars to Promote Planned Parenthood and Big Abortion

The reason that Governor Healey and Democratic legislators want to lie about PRCs is obvious: PRCs impact the bottom line of Planned Parenthood and Big Abortion. PRCs are the main competitor to the abortion industry, so Big Abortion is doing everything it can to get rid of them. The appropriations bill makes this clear when it also requires the Commonwealth to educate women about abortion clinics as an alternative to PRCs. The bill says that these clinics, unlike PRCs, offer “legitimate medical and family planning services.” In other words, the Commonwealth will use tax dollars to dissuade women from visiting an “illegitimate” PRC and will instead direct them to an abortion clinic.

Additionally, S24 requires the state to spend taxpayer funds on a free abortion hotline run by the radical pro-abortion organization Reproductive Equity Now, Inc.

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