



Committee: House Ways and Means Committee

Bill: HB 641 - Income Tax - Pregnancy Options Tax Credit

Hearing Date: February 23, 2023

Position: Oppose

The Maryland Affiliate of the American College of Nurse Midwives (ACNM) strongly opposes *HB 641 - Income Tax - Pregnancy Options Tax Credit*. The bill creates a state tax credit program for “pregnancy resource centers” also known as “crisis pregnancy centers.” The bill seems to imply that donations to these entities are not already tax-deductible under State law. However, if these organizations are registered as a 501(c)(3), our understanding is that they are already tax deductible. Nevertheless, ACNM is opposed to this bill because it appears to intend to create additional state-funded incentives for people to donate to “pregnancy resource centers.” According to a brief from the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecologists, crisis pregnancy centers “often intentionally create delays that can leave people unable to access abortion care in their communities, forcing them to continue their pregnancies.”ⁱ Thus, these organizations interfere in bodily autonomy and reproductive freedom.

We ask for an unfavorable report on this legislation. If we can provide any further information, please contact Robyn Elliott at relliott@policypartners.net or (443) 926-3443.

ⁱ <https://www.acog.org/advocacy/abortion-is-essential/trending-issues/issue-brief-crisis-pregnancy-centers>