

Written PROPONENT TESTIMONY for bill HB 2135: AN ACT concerning taxation; relating to income, privilege, and premium tax credits; establishing a tax credit for contributions to eligible charitable organizations operating pregnancy centers or residential maternity facilities.

To: House Committee on Taxation Chair Representative Adam Smith and members of the Committee

From: Korbe Bohac, a client of Insight Women's Center

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Chairperson Smith and members of the Committee,

My name is Korbe Bohac, a client of Insight Women's Center in Lawrence Kansas. As a first-time mother, I'm grateful for the support and guidance provided to me by Insight Women's Center. I remember feeling unsure about following through with the pregnancy and unsure about how to raise a child. But thanks to the resources and programs offered by the Center, I have gained the confidence and structure needed to be the best mother I can be.

The classes offered at the Center have been incredibly beneficial for me. From childbirth education to parenting and life classes, I have learned valuable information that has helped me navigate this new role. Within these classes I earn, "Baby Bucks," to use on anything they offer. From diapers to car seats, baby clothes to cribs, the Center has ensured that I have everything I need to care for my child.

But perhaps the most important resource offered by the Center is their mental health support. As a new mother, I have struggled with postpartum depression, and the Center has been a safety net for me. Their support has given me the confidence to be a good mother, and I know that I am not alone in my struggles.

I am proud to be a part of the community provided by Insight Women's Center, and I am determined to instill the family values and work ethic that we hope for all Kansans into my son. I am grateful for the support and guidance provided by the Center and I am confident that I will be able to raise a happy and healthy child. I encourage the committee to pass HB 2135.