

February 14, 2025

To: Montana House Judiciary Committee

From: Matthew C. Brower, Executive Director of the Montana Catholic Conference

Re: Testimony in support of HB 388

Mr. Chairman and members of the committee, my name is Matt Brower. I serve as the Executive Director of the Montana Catholic Conference, and I am providing this testimony on behalf of the Roman Catholic bishops of Montana.

I am here today to voice our support for House Bill 388.

Pregnancy centers across our state serve countless women and families during times of crisis and do so in a non-judgmental manner with compassion and genuine concern. They exist to provide life-affirming options that extend beyond birth and empower women to make healthy choices respectful of their dignity and that of their children. The services they offer to women are essential and House Bill 388 helps to ensure these centers can operate in accord with their deeply held beliefs free of compulsion to act or speak in a way contrary to their mission.

Mr. Chairman and members of the committee, on behalf of the Montana Catholic Conference, I urge a “do pass” and thank you for your time.