

April 1, 2013

To: Members of the Senate Human Services Committee

Re: Senate bill 490

I would like to express opposition to Senate bill 490. I serve as Executive Director of the Pregnancy Counseling & Information Center. We have two locations in McMinnville and Newberg, Oregon. We have served the citizens of Yamhill County for the last 25 years. Our we have served thousands of clients during this time and strive to treat each individual respect and dignity as we help them during their pregnancies.

During the most recent year, 2012, we had 480 appointments and served 244 different individuals. Material assistance was provided, as 2,635 items were given to help parents care for their newborns. We provide classes on Goal setting, decision making skills, parenting, budgeting, and life skills. All of our services are free.

We are seen as a valuable resource by our community and other helping agencies. Many clients are referred to us by their doctors, clinics, county agencies and other resource centers. Many of our clients are referred to us by friends and family members who have benefited from our services.

Burdensome regulations and requirements would cause undue hardship on our non-profit organization. Adding to the financial burden of all of us striving to bring free services to the citizens of Oregon.

Thank you for your consideration and please vote no on senate bill 490.

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