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The Supporting Pregnant and Parenting Women and Families Act

Introduced by Representative Michelle Fischbach (MN-07), the ***Supporting Pregnant and Parenting Women and Families Act*** protects states' ability to use Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) funding to support pregnancy resource centers and other organizations that provide practical assistance to pregnant women, new mothers, fathers, and families.

The Problem

Pregnancy resource centers provide women and families with compassionate, community-based support during pregnancy and after a child is born. These organizations may offer pregnancy testing, prenatal and parenting education, counseling, diapers, baby clothing, formula, and other material assistance.

In 2023, the Biden Administration proposed changes to TANF regulations that could have restricted states from using these federal funds to support pregnancy centers. Although the proposal was later withdrawn, it demonstrated how a future administration could attempt to limit funding for organizations because of their commitment to protecting mothers and unborn children.

What the Bill Does

- Protects state flexibility by clarifying that nothing in federal TANF law may be interpreted to prohibit states from supporting pregnancy centers.
- Preserves access to practical assistance for pregnant women, new mothers, fathers, and families facing financial hardship or an unexpected pregnancy.
- Defines eligible pregnancy centers as organizations that support protecting the lives of both mothers and unborn children while providing resources and services to families.
- Safeguards community-based care provided through pregnancy resource centers, pregnancy help organizations, and pregnancy medical centers.
- Prevents future administrative overreach that could exclude qualified pregnancy centers from TANF funding because of their pro-life mission.

Why It Matters

Women facing an unexpected or difficult pregnancy deserve meaningful support—not fewer choices because of a political agenda in Washington. Pregnancy resource centers help women and families meet immediate needs while building the stability and confidence necessary to welcome and care for a child. By protecting states' ability to partner with these trusted community organizations, the ***Supporting Pregnant and Parenting Women and Families Act*** strengthens families, respects state decision-making, and affirms that supporting life means standing with mothers and children before, during, and long after pregnancy.

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