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CO-SPONSORSHIP MEMORANDUM

September 5, 2019

To: Legislative Colleagues

From: Rep. Romaine Quinn
Sen. Kathy Bernier

Re: Co-Sponsorship of LRB-2968/1 & LRB-4189/1: relating to grants to Choose Life Wisconsin and making an appropriation

Deadline: September 19, 2019

With 65 locations serving 42 cities, Wisconsin's Pregnancy Resource Centers offer critical help to citizens in every corner of our state. These services can include ultrasounds, STI/ STD testing and treatment, housing referrals, and parenting classes, among others. These centers act as vital centers for women's health, as well as offering ongoing support after a pregnancy through donations of clothing, diapers, etc.

In recognition of the important work these centers perform, this bill creates a grant program to support deserving facilities. LRB-2968/ LRB-4189 will provide \$500,000 annually in grants of up to \$25,000 each to pregnancy help centers, to be distributed through Choose Life Wisconsin. Choose Life Wisconsin already handles the funds that are raised through pro-life license plates, and will be well-suited to administer the grants responsibly and efficiently. The bill also provides that Choose Life Wisconsin will provide the legislature with an annual report highlighting which pregnancy help centers received the funds.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill requires the Department of Health Services to award a grant to Choose Life Wisconsin for that organization to provide grants to pregnancy resource centers. Choose Life Wisconsin must report annually to DHS on the pregnancy resource centers it has awarded a grant, and DHS must distribute this annual report to the legislature.