



May 10, 2017

The Honorable Rick Scott
Governor
400 S. Monroe St.
Tallahassee, FL 32399

Dear Governor Scott:

I am writing on behalf of the women of Florida and across the nation to urge you to line-item veto a provision in S.B.2500 that allocates funding for anti-choice crisis pregnancy centers (CPCs).

CPCs are organizations that often pose as comprehensive reproductive-health centers, but whose sole purpose is to block women from exercising their right to choose. Many CPCs intentionally misinform and mislead women seeking pregnancy-related information. No CPC will refer women to an abortion provider – and in fact, some may refuse even to provide information about or referrals for birth control. These practices are designed to undermine women’s reproductive freedom and may endanger women’s health by delaying access to legitimate health-care services.

Regardless of one’s opinion on legal abortion, everyone should agree that no person seeking medical care or counseling should be lied to or manipulated. All patients deserve comprehensive, unbiased, and medically accurate information when seeking medical care. Women seeking pregnancy-related information are no different.

On behalf of women in Florida and across the nation, I urge you to strike this harmful provision from this legislation.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ilyse G. Hogue". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Ilyse G. Hogue
President