

Date: March 5, 2024

To: Senator Caryn Tyson, Kansas Senate Assessment and Taxation Committee Chair

From: Nate Bruns, Kansas State Director for Lifeline Children's Services.

RE: **WRITTEN PROPONENT TESTIMONY FOR SB 498** Establishing a tax credit for contributions to eligible charitable organizations operating pregnancy centers or residential maternity facilities and establishing a child tax credit, increasing the tax credit amount for adoption expenses and making the credit refundable and providing a sales tax exemption for pregnancy resource centers and residential maternity facilities.

Madam Chair and members of the Senate Assessment and Taxation Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony regarding Senate Bill No.498. I am writing to support this important piece of legislation.

I'm Nate Bruns, the Kansas State Director for Lifeline Children's Services. With over four decades of experience, Lifeline provides practical care and resources for vulnerable children, women, and families in Kansas. Our areas of service include pregnancy counseling, family restoration, domestic and international adoption, education and counseling.

Additionally, we run the Lifeline Women Resource Center, serving pregnant women in Northeast Kansas. Our pregnancy center is a non-profit, supported by the local community. We do not charge for any services. Women who visit our center are treated with the highest standard of care in a compassionate and safe environment. Our purpose is to walk alongside a woman as she decides what decision is best for her and for her baby.

Lifeline does not accept federal or state funding and relies on the generosity of donors to support our lifesaving work. As Kansans care for women, children, and families, in a post-Roe world, we should be empowering people to make contributions to institutions that holistically care for women and children. Tax credits encourage charitable giving, and I urge swift consideration and passage of this bill.

Thank you for your time and attention to this important matter.

Respectfully,

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