

Austin City Council Passes Ordinance Attacking Pro-Life Centers

This newsletter helps you make one contact a month to policy-makers to protect innocent human lives.

NARAL Attack Ordinance

On April 8, 2010, the Austin City Council voted unanimously to adopted an ordinance designed to attack pro-life pregnancy resource centers. The ordinance requires the centers to post signs that they do not perform or refer for abortion and do not refer to providers of federally approved contraceptives. The effect may be very harmful to the ability of the pregnancy resource centers to help pregnant women in need by offering compassionate alternatives to abortion, including options counseling and material assistance.

This month we ask everyone to call or write each of the seven members of the Austin City Council to oppose the ordinance.

The ordinance is part of strategy of the National Abortion Rights Action League (NARAL) to oppose pregnancy resource centers. NARAL is one of the nation's leading abortion advocacy organizations.

The "NARAL Attack Ordinance" requires pregnancy resource centers to make a "warning sign" the first thing a client sees, thereby scaring some young women into going to abortion facilities.

NARAL is attempting to get cities, counties, and states to pass ordinances designed to keep women away from pregnancy resource centers. They have been successful in Baltimore and in a county in Maryland. If the ordinance stands in Austin, we can be sure NARAL will attempt to do the same in other cities in Texas.



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Sample message:

Dear _____.

I am greatly disappointed by your vote to require pregnancy help centers to display warning signs at their entrances. These centers provide compassion and material assistance to woman with unplanned pregnancies. You have mandated that the first impression a woman receives of a pregnancy help center is a warning sign. Please take action to immediately repeal the pregnancy help center ordinance.

Your name and address