

End of Year Progress

Federal Judiciary Supports Pregnancy Care Centers

This newsletter focuses attention on pregnancy care centers. For the last decade, several lawmakers have taken issue with these life-affirming centers. They claim that the services at these centers are fraudulent, that employees routinely lie and mislead women. These politicians claim that women come to these centers looking for abortion care but are misled into keeping their babies. Not true! Pregnancy care centers never masquerade as abortion clinics. They never refer for abortion. They never recommend an abortion option to women facing an unplanned pregnancy. They are always honest and straightforward that they serve mother and baby. They offer hope, love, counseling, pregnancy tests, ultrasounds, clothing, baby furniture, and MORE all for FREE. Since many liberal politicians view these centers as deceptive, they want to pass legislation that would severely handicap what these centers offer or how they advertise their services the public. Many lawmakers would prefer that state governments shut down these wonderful pregnancy care centers. The following are two very recent examples of liberal attempts to crush the effectiveness of pro-life pregnancy centers.

As 2025 draws to a close, the federal courts appear to be more receptive regarding two vital components to the pro-life movement. The first involves the abortion-pill reversal method. The second concerns First Amendment protections for pregnancy care centers.

On December 1, the Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit, based in New York City, upheld a lower court ruling that affirmed that pregnancy care centers in New York could continue to inform their patients about the possibility of reversing a chemical abortion in the relatively new procedure called abortion-pill reversal (APR). The case is called *National Institute of Family Life Advocates v. Letitia James*.

In chemical abortion, two pills are administrated over the course of a few days to induce premature labor. The first pill (mifepristone) inhibits normal pregnancy by denying necessary progesterone, while the second pill (misoprostol) prepares the uterus to expel the baby. However, if after taking the first pill, the woman had changed her mind about the abortion, wants to continue the pregnancy and carry the baby to term, she may be able to restore her pregnancy if a pro-life doctor can administer large doses of progesterone to offset the effects of mifepristone. APR has been about 65 percent successful. Much depends on timing—how quickly the pregnant woman can receive these doses of progesterone. According to the APR Network, a group that monitors the technique, about 7,000 babies have been saved.

The pro-abortion industry has made false claims that APR is an unproven technique and is dangerous to women. In 2024, New York Attorney General Letitia James sued 11 pregnancy care centers claiming that these clinics engaged in “misleading information” by offering the APR method, and false claims in general. In August of last year a district court ruled that the NIFLA’s network of clinics was protected against state prosecution. The Second Circuit’s decision on December 1 was a major blow to the pro-abortion movement and a great victory for the pro-life movement and for the continued success of the abortion-pill reversal method.

The second case is equally important, perhaps more so since it has reached the highest court in the land—the Supreme Court. On December 2 the justices heard oral argument on *First Choice Women’s Resource Centers v. Platkin*. The case may be decided along procedural lines since it deals with the legality of an investigative subpoena issued by the State of New Jersey, but at its core is the First Amendment.

New Jersey Attorney General Matthew Platkin, a pro-abortion partisan, claims that First Choice (a religious non-profit pregnancy care center) provides “false and misleading information” to women concerning the abortion-pill reversal method. He had demanded that First Choice hand over its advertising material on APR. More egregious, Platkin is requiring that the clinic submit donor lists, personnel files and other operational information dating back ten years. First Choice asserts that demanding donor lists (perhaps with names and addresses and the amount donated) is an unconstitutional invasion of privacy. First Choice also argues that the subpoena improperly targets its pro-life viewpoint, and chills donor participation.

The following article is has been somewhat modified from Susan B. Anthony Pro-Life America.

13 Insane Things Politicians Have Said About Pregnancy Centers

Susan B. Anthony Pro-Life America, December 2, 2025

Today, New Jersey AG Matthew Platkin takes his year long campaign against pregnancy centers into court. Make no mistake, this case isn’t happening in a vacuum. Many pro-abortion politicians, primarily Democrats over the last few years across the country, have spent years demonizing the very places that serve women with real help, real resources, and real compassion. Why? Pro-abortion ideologues don’t want “choice” to actually mean a woman has a choice. They want “choice” to mean abortion is the only option. That’s what this pregnancy care case threatens. Not “fake clinics.” Not “misinformation.” But the right of women to choose free, life-affirming support instead of being funneled only toward abortion.

Here’s what these lawmakers say in their own words:

1. Sen. Patty Murray: “So-called ‘crisis pregnancy centers, propped up by anti-choice extremists, are notorious for misleading women about the services

Several of the Supreme Court justices seemed to agree with First Choice. Some wondered whether the state’s subpoena carried an actual enforcement mechanism to punish the clinic if it didn’t handover the donor information. The justices reasoned that the subpoena could give “ordinary” donors pause before making donations to First Choice.

The court has a 6-3 conservative majority. Even if Chief Justice Roberts may waffle on this case, it seems likely that the other 5 justices will vote to strike down the Platkin subpoena. The decision is expected by June.

they provide and lying to them about their options for evidence-based reproductive health care.”

2. Rep. Josh Gottheimer: “Women go to these healthcare hoax clinics thinking they will get real medical help, but instead, they are greeted by people with no medical background whose goal is to brainwash women with their own ideological agenda.”

3. Rep. Katherine Clark: “These extremists are opening fake clinics, to lure in women at their most vulnerable, obstruct their right to choose the treatment that they want, and withhold health-care that any real doctor would provide immediately. These are con artists posing as healthcare professionals.”

4. Sen. Catherine Cortez Masto: “Anti-abortion crisis care centers routinely mislead vulnerable women about the services they provide, delaying care and jeopardizing women’s health. As women continue to seek abortion services in Nevada, it’s crucial that these fake clinics are held accountable.”

5. Sen. Elizabeth Warren: “CPC’s lure women. Many of these CPCs are not health care providers, and they often operate specifically to deceive pregnant women with the goal of preventing them from having abortions.”

6. New York AG Letitia James: “Crisis pregnancy center defendants are spreading dangerous

misinformation by advertising ‘abortion reversals’ without any medical or scientific proof. Amid the increase in attacks on reproductive health care nationwide, we must protect pregnant people’s right to make safe, well-informed decisions about their health.”

7. Rep. Carolyn Maloney: “It is truly disgusting that reproductive rights are being threatened and attacked by crisis pregnancy centers whose guiding principle is to mislead, misinform, and outright lie to pregnant people in order to dissuade them from having an abortion. It is long past time that we prohibit these predatory tactics to undermine reproductive rights.”

8. Sen. Richard Blumenthal: “Crisis pregnancy centers rely on predatory practices to spread deceptive, misleading information and dissuade patients from receiving necessary health care. Patients deserve objective medical guidance from professionals—not inaccurate, stigmatizing, and even life-threatening information.”

9. Sen. Cory Booker: “It is critical that patients seeking reproductive care are given accurate medical advice from a trusted doctor, and not preyed on with misinformation from anti-abortion organizations posing as ‘crisis pregnancy centers.’”

10. Sen. Ed Markey: “The Stop Anti-Abortion Disinformation Act is crucial for stopping peddlers of mis-and-disinformation in their tracks, so they do not continue to mislead, lie, and scare people from getting the care they need. Abortion care is health care, and every American should be able to access it safely.”

11. Sen. Jeff Merkley: “MAGA Republicans are on a crusade to destroy reproductive rights nationwide by spewing misinformation and pushing deceptive practices that undermine access to vital reproductive services...Our bill ensures that crisis pregnancy centers across the country will not be able to mislead or lie to Americans seeking reproductive health care, including abortion care.”

12. Sen. Peter Welch: “With reproductive rights constantly under threat, it’s vital that people can access reliable and trustworthy abortion care. These people are preying on pregnant women with misinformation and blatant lies about abortion. It’s wrong, and it’s why Vermont passed legislation to hold them accountable for their lies.”

13. Sen. Ron Wyden: “Deceptive ‘crisis pregnancy centers’ target vulnerable patients who are looking for medical providers they can trust with their health, safety, and wellbeing and, instead, intercept them with false, harmful misinformation. ‘Crisis pregnancy centers’ must be stopped.”

Conclusion: This is the climate AG Matthew Platkin is operating in. This is the echo chamber fueling today’s case. A coordinated, unmistakable message from Democrats nationwide: Pregnancy centers must be silenced.

But here’s what they refuse to acknowledge: Pregnancy resources centers are trusted, local, community-rooted, and lifesaving. They provide diapers, housing support, counseling, ultrasounds, formula, and long-term care for FREE. They meet women where they are, without judgment.

KRTL stands with First Choice and every pregnancy center serving women with compassion, dignity, and truth. Today’s arguments will show whether the First Amendment still protects them from government abuse. Below are two QR codes that will take you to the websites of the two pregnancy care centers in Kalamazoo: **Alternatives** and **Caring Network**. They deserve your support. Right to Life of Michigan has a 24/7 phone # that women facing unplanned pregnancies can call to be connected to a pregnancy care center in their area. That number is 1 (800) 712-4357.



QR code for Alternatives



QR code for Caring Network

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H.S. Students GET READY! 2026 KRTL Oratory Contest

Coming soon, KRTL is preparing for next year's Oratory Contest. High school students present 5-7 minute speeches on the life issues (abortion, euthanasia, infanticide) to a panel of judges to determine our winners. The top three students receive CASH awards. The first-place winner advances to the Right to Life of Michigan State Oratory Contest. Past student participants say that they greatly benefited from this experience.

Now is the time, begin researching a topic and write your very special speech. The Oratory Contest is one of the highlights of the year and we are excited to see you on stage. You're the future pro-life movement.

KRTL Membership Renewals Coming in late January 2026

At the start of the new year, you will be receiving notice, whether by email, text or US Mail to renew your membership with Kalamazoo Right to Life. Show your support! Renew or join for the first time. We are the area's oldest and largest pro-life group in the state going back in 1969! We're strong, growing and dedicated to preserving LIFE AT ALL STAGES.

*Merry Christmas and a
Happy and Blessed New Year
from the
Kalamazoo Right to Life Board!*