April 8, 2025

The Honorable Jared Polis
Governor of Colorado
136 State Capitol
Denver, CO 80203

Open Letter to Governor Polis on SB25-183 Abortion Funding Bill and the Suppression of Legislative Debate from the Colorado Pregnancy Care Alliance

Dear Governor Jared Polis,

On Sunday, April 6th, 2025, the Colorado House of Representatives passed out of the Legislature (Senate Bill) SB25-183 Coverage for Pregnancy-Related Services, which mandates at least $1.5 million per year be allocated out of Colorado's general revenue for state-funded Medicaid-covered elective abortions and now waits for your signature.

We urge you to reject this legislation.

On behalf of the Colorado Pregnancy Care Alliance and the thousands of Coloradans we represent, we write to express our profound opposition to SB25-183. This bill not only mandates the use of taxpayer dollars to fund abortions but does so under the troubling justification that terminating pregnancies is more cost-effective for the state than supporting childbirth. This rationale is profoundly concerning and devalues human life by reducing it to a mere fiscal calculation.

Furthermore, national sentiment strongly opposes the allocation of taxpayer funds for abortion services. According to a January 2025 Marist Poll, 57% of Americans, including 54% of women, oppose using tax dollars to fund abortions domestically. This majority stance underscores the disconnect between SB25-183 and the values held by a significant portion of the populace (National Catholic Register+2SBA Pro-Life America+2America Magazine+2).

Additionally, when Colorado voters considered Amendment 79, which aimed to expand healthcare access, the funding for the specific inclusion of elective abortion services was not transparently disclosed. The blue book and media reported that Amendment 79 *would not* cost the state money. As opponents predicted, four months later, our Colorado legislators, while facing a billion-dollar deficit, have now presented a grossly under-reported cost associated with passing Amendment 79 on the back of taxpayers. Had this critical detail been made clear, it is reasonable to believe that many voters might have reconsidered their support for the amendment. The lack of transparency in presenting the funding allocations associated with Amendment 79 has led to a breach of public trust and calls into question the integrity of the legislative process.

Compounding these concerns is the manner in which SB25-183 was advanced through the legislative process. The utilization of **Rule 14** to limit debate to a mere two hours, followed by the invocation of **Rule 16** to cease discussion entirely, represents an egregious departure from democratic principles. Such tactics effectively silence diverse perspectives and undermine the foundational tenets of open and transparent governance.

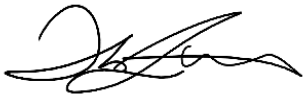
We implore you to veto SB25-183, thereby upholding the ethical standards that honor the value of human life and respecting the clear preference of the majority of people who oppose taxpayer-funded abortions. Moreover, we urge a recommitment to legislative procedures prioritizing transparency, robust debate, and genuine representation of your constituents' will.

We respectfully request an opportunity to meet and discuss these pressing concerns further, ensuring that the voices of pregnancy care organizations and the communities we serve are duly considered in shaping policies that profoundly impact the lives of Coloradans.

Sincerely,



Rich Bennett
Colorado Pregnancy Care Alliance
President



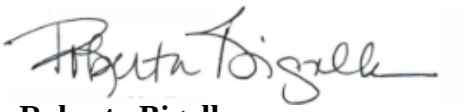
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