



TO: Health and Human Services Committee
FROM: Marion Miner, Associate Director of Pro-Life & Family Policy
Nebraska Catholic Conference
DATE: March 3, 2023
RE: LB676 (Create Nebraska Diaper Distribution Grant Program) (Support)

The Nebraska Catholic Conference advocates for the public policy interests of the Catholic Church and advances the Gospel of Life through engaging, educating, and empowering public officials, Catholic laity, and the general public.

The Conference supports the goal of LB676 to “expand[] the reach of nonprofit diaper distribution.” The Catholic Church, in Nebraska as well as nation- and worldwide, has developed many ministries specifically for expectant mothers and those who find it difficult to care for their children after they are born. One of the most rapidly growing of these ministries is “Walking with Moms in Need,” a parish-based ministry sponsored by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops to help open the eyes of parishioners to pregnant and parenting moms in their communities.

The goal of LB676 is in accord with this mission. It is our position that the Legislature, while expanding protection for preborn human life after the long-awaited reversal of *Roe v. Wade*, should consider measures like this one to aid charities in their effort to provide support to mothers and families in need and who do not have traditional structures of support.

Thank you for your time and consideration.