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Dear Senate Special Legislation & Veterans Affairs Committee

I am a Rhode Island voter and representative from COYOTE RI writing to you today in strong opposition of S431 the so-called "Choose Life" License Plate bill.

SB 431 would fund a religious organization called CareNet Rhode Island that, to the best of our knowledge, does not provide the full range of counseling options to women facing unintended pregnancies or abide by appropriate medical standards of care.

[CareNet](#) is, in their own words, "a community-supported Christian ministry" and "a Christian organization" with a [mission rooted in religious doctrine](#).

Their mission is not to deliver medically accurate information or appropriate care to women facing difficult situations.

We are also concerned about the possible First Amendment implications of this bill, as the state would essentially be serving as a conduit for donations to a clearly religious organization for religious purposes.

For these reasons, we urge you to reject this bill

Thank you.

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