

Dear Honorable City Council members;

I write to ask you to reject this proposed ordinance, which, if passed, will block humane efforts to aid women in crisis.

Yesterday, you heard testimony from Detroit mothers who, though initially reluctant, came to appreciate the help offered by members of the pro-life groups who minister outside the abortion clinics.

There are several young Detroit residents who are alive today because their mothers were not impeded from forming lasting relationships with groups like Guadalupe Workers and Helpers of God's Precious Infants.

It is sad that abortion clinic staff and supporters begrudge these children their lives when thousands of other children lost theirs in Detroit abortion clinics.

This Council seeks to protect both the right to free speech and the right to access medical treatment free from harassment.

However, there are already ordinances which punish harassment and Detroit peace officers do enforce them.

Please do not presume that Detroit women are so fragile that they cannot handle a few disapproving words as they enter the abortion clinic. As the mothers who testified yesterday found, those words are coupled with offers of help.

This proposed ordinance seems more driven by abortion employees who don't like being inconvenienced by conscience-pricking pro-lifers than any concern for women. Please do not deny women their right to consider other options just because they come within 15 feet of an abortion clinic.

Respectfully,

a former consumer of Detroit abortion services,

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