

Please Support **HB1195**

South Dakota Right to Life supports the passage of [House Bill 1195](#), which is an **Act to provide an affirmative defense to pregnant women for certain controlled substance offenses**.

We more than appreciate Representative Gosch's consistent support of Pro-Life Legislation and especially as he Primes [HB1195](#). This bill seeks to protect both women and babies in a most practical, meaningful way.

The intent of [HB1195](#) is too incentivize certain pregnant mothers, who are struggling with an addiction to a controlled substance, into receiving the help they need. This will in turn improve their lives and in the process give birth to healthier babies. This is accomplished when they voluntarily enter an addiction recovery program prior to, and following, the birth of their babies until the program is completed.

Thus, these mothers are offered an 'Affirmative Defense' to a controlled substance offense that they may find themselves charged under.

This positive piece of legislation will be heard on the House Floor, as early as, Friday, February 21.

Please **'Vote Yes'** on [HB1195](#). Thank You!