

If you look at the programs that pregnant woman can get now from the government, you look at Women Infant and Children, that talks about food, nutritional foods that they can receive at that time during their pregnancy; they get prenatal care, all the medical care, they get the delivery care, postpartum care; they can apply for food stamps. There's a whole...they get transportation, housing assistance after the child is born, there's a whole list of government programs. If we have all this available and if we're absolutely terrible for suggesting that we take away \$71 a month for the last three months of the pregnancy, then why isn't this working? What is the purpose of these government programs? Is it just to take the place of the father and go ahead and fund everything that that women could ever need or want as far as money or a head over...or a roof over her head, or food for her children or herself? Is that the position that we're going to take as the government here, because this is a government decision that we're making, that we want to take the place of that individual? I...this isn't about just money, it isn't about just \$71 a month for women who are pregnant. What it's about here is a policy change. It's a policy change that we're asking people to make and to phase out this cash fund for pregnant women to make a policy change. We're not taking away any of the care that that woman will receive, food, medical care, they get all those cares. We're taking away a cash fund of \$71 a month that they could go to the father for, that they could go to their families for, their community for, their church for. There's a lot of other areas outside of government where we don't have to take money from families to the degree that we are taking monies from other families to fund women in their third month (sic) of pregnancy with this cash benefit. And I hope people don't forget that this is an additional cash benefit to all these other programs. It isn't like this person has nowhere else to turn and no one's helping them at all, and we're, you know, we're terrible because we're taking away their last \$71 a month. They could be working during their pregnancy, I know I was working during my pregnancies. They could be going to the families. All we're doing is saying that we don't want them to turn at this point, to the government. We haven't had this payment for the last two or three years here in Nebraska. And I think...I haven't heard of anyone not surviving without it, not having their children without it. So it's something that they're asking to reinstitute. It's been gone for the last couple of years. And in the meantime, they've expanded...