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Good day,

I'm writing this as a letter of support for the Hope's Cradle project.

Counsellor Caputo is absolutely correct that our city needs one. As the mom of an adopted child, I too know the hoops that people need to go through to complete the process. It can take years, and leads to undue stress as paperwork is completed, for the adoption of a child who was given up at birth. The stress on the adoptive parents can affect the child in their care, and the stress on the biological family can increase drug use or depression. Everyone's story is different, but please please consider the benefit for the future children of SSM. Nogdawindamin's argument that a child could lose their connection to community and culture comes from a place of caring, I'm sure. A child's heritage may be temporarily unknown if they are surrendered, but isn't that better than being dead? Ancestry DNA and other tools can help.

With our opioid crisis, do you really think someone who is strung out and used to being looked over, is going to feel comfortable approaching an authority figure for help? They fear instant judgement and rejection. Same goes for a young teen mom, and countless others. A Hope's Cradle would allow them to make a choice, and not to feel any stigma by those in authority.

Please, please, pass the motion and allow Sault Ste Marie to move forward with this wonderful project. Worst case scenario it's approved and never used. Imagine its not approved though, and we hear the tragic news of an infants body found in a dumpster or a snow bank somewhere. Choose life. Choose a choice for the forgotten, that can save the innocent.

Thank you,

Katie Marchese