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AMENDMENT TO H.R. 3541
OFFERED BY MS. CHU OF CALIFORNIA

Add at the end the following:

1 **SEC. 5. PROTECTING PREGNANT WOMEN ACT.**

2 (a) **SHORT TITLE.**—This section may be cited as the
3 “Protecting Pregnant Women Act”.

4 (b) **PURPOSE.**—The purpose of this Act is to protect
5 the right of women to carry their pregnancies to term, free
6 from coercion, and to provide women with the resources
7 they need to have a healthy, successful pregnancy.

8 (c) **OFFICE OF PREGNANT WOMEN.**—

9 (1) There is established in the Department of
10 Justice, the “Office of Pregnant Women”.

11 (2) The responsibilities of the Office of Preg-
12 nant Women shall include—

13 (A) formulating programs to ensure the
14 physical safety of women who are pregnant or
15 who are contemplating becoming pregnant;

16 (B) providing facilities where such women
17 may obtain shelter when—

18 (i) they are threatened with physical
19 injury or are subject to harassment; and

1 (ii) they do not have a regular domi-
2 cile that provides a safe and healthy envi-
3 ronment necessary to the successful com-
4 pletion of a pregnancy;

5 (C) providing necessary medical assistance
6 to ensure the healthy completion of a preg-
7 nancy;

8 (D) ensuring the effective enforcement of
9 title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the
10 Family and Medical Leave Act to protect preg-
11 nant women and women who wish to become
12 pregnant by designating a Special Assistant At-
13 torney General for Pregnant Women; and

14 (E) preparing and distributing materials
15 describing the rights of pregnant women and
16 the resources available to them.

17 (d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
18 are authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be
19 necessary to the Attorney General to enable the Attorney
20 General to carry out the requirements of this section.

