

Hi my name is Erin Livensparger and I live at 247 Middle Haddam Rd in Portland, CT. I am a registered voter. I am writing to ask that H.B. 5148 law be reformed. It is among the most restrictive pregnancy exceptions in the country (on par with states like Texas and Alabama); this law infringes on women's constitutional rights to refuse medical treatment and to terminate non-viable pregnancies; and often works against the best interests of the fetus.

As a woman who has had difficult pregnancies I understand the hard choices that a family might have to make and I am appalled that this law is still on the books. A mother's life and rights must be upheld.

Why is it that in Connecticut, women must be kept on life support even when doctors know that the fetus will not survive. Connecticut's law violates the constitutional right to refuse medical treatment. A woman knows what is best for her and her family and if she has a living will this must be respected. Please REPEAL CONNECTICUT'S PREGNANCY EXCEPTION FOR ADVANCE DIRECTIVES and support H.B. 5148.

H.B. 5148 repeals the existing pregnancy exception. In its place, H.B. 5148 adds an optional section to the voluntary, sample advance directive form where women can specify what to do if they are pregnant. If a patient cannot communicate and has no advance directive, her doctor would determine her intent by asking her healthcare representative and family.

Thanks

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