

I sincerely request that you vote against hb5416

As an RN who is the nurse manager at one of Connecticut's Pregnancy Resource Center (PRC) I am intimately familiar with all the centers in the state because we work together to ensure the highest level of care for our clients. This bill is nothing more than our representatives allowing the pro-abortion lobby to attack, bully and try to silence those who are pro-life. Let us look at some facts:

-There has never been any credible evidence that clients at PRCs are currently being deceived by their advertising. Please check our web sites for yourself. The one I work at is

[www.carenetsect.org](http://www.carenetsect.org)

-Our clients have consistently given a 99% approval rating and our services are provided free because we are supported by 1000s of CT residents who believe in the work we are doing and know how much help we provide to women and children.

-The language in this bill is very ambiguous. What is considered deceptive and who makes that decision. What is 'corrective advertising' if their ads are deemed deceptive. Doesn't this put pro-abortionists in charge of the advertising for pro-lifers.

-Most of our clients are already seeking alternatives to abortion which is why they come to us. They want facts and real choices and that is what we give them. We give them scientific, factual information in all our counseling and literature.

-Pro-choice groups nationwide consider pregnancy resource centers to be competition and this is their attempt to discredit and silence them.

-This bill is a waste of time and money because if there was actually false advertising going on there are already laws to handle that.

As always you should follow the money. Pregnancy Resource Centers have no financial stake in a woman's choice because we charge nothing and are there to provide support for her no matter what choice she makes. While Planned Parenthood's web site says they charge \$576-\$662 for the abortion pill (medical abortion) and surgical abortions are much more. When a woman chooses life for her child Planned Parenthood loses money. Do you really think they are trying to put the needs of women first and foremost? That is not what the women I have seen have told me about their experiences with Planned Parenthood.

Pregnancy Resource Centers are here to help women and men who are struggling with an unplanned pregnancy and to offer them life affirming choices. They should continue to be allowed their right to freedom of speech.

Sincerely,

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