

To the Members of the Public Health Committee,

I'm writing to voice my opposition to HB 5416. As I have read through the content of this raised bill, I find a number of troubling issues. These issues, combined with my personal convictions and personal experience lead me to strongly oppose the passage of these bills.

I can appreciate your desire to have truth in advertising, but after reading this bill, I can't help but sense that this bill is aimed at undermining the essential and precious function that these centers provide.

I know for a fact, that many women who contact a pregnancy resource center are at a point in their life where they are lonely, confused and afraid. It's sadly true that some would want to abort their baby. If that is the case, they certainly know that option is available to them. Many women are simply in need of some loving help. This is the mission and service that these centers provide. They value life and provide the options and information for women to decided to choose life. It is neither deceptive or dishonest to encourage someone to choose life.

I hear repeatedly in the public discourage that many are concerned about a woman's choice. Let's give women the options and support they need if they want to choose life for their baby. I strongly oppose the passage of HB 5416 as it places undue scrutiny and regulations over these essential social services.

Thank you for taking time to hear my voice on the matter.

Respectfully,

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