

Testimony of HB 5416

Greetings to all,

My name is Anne Boers. I come before you as a concerned citizen of Connecticut. As a Catholic Christian, and as a wife and mother of 5 children.

Today, all of us who sit here in this chamber, enjoy the gift of human life. We have all been, carried, nurtured, and cared for on our journey to adulthood.

We enjoy the privilege of living in these great United States, where the right to our citizenship is founded on the Right to Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness. We also in our Country, enjoy the hard earned privileges of the right to peaceful assembly, the right to freely practice our religion, and the right to defend ourselves, should someone wish to put an end to our God given life prematurely.

As citizens of this great country, we have an obligation to uphold its laws, and defend those whose rights are compromised.

I am writing to you today, in support of the Pregnancy Care Centers in the State of Connecticut. These centers are greatly needed in a culture which seeks to encourage women who find themselves carrying a child under difficult circumstances, to end the life of the child as the sole solution to the situation they may find themselves in. Abortion centers in our state have one aim, and that is to end of the life of the child in the mother's womb. Women in our state have this right if they choose to do so. However, women who in their conscience who's conscience cannot allow them to consider ending the life of their child, have every right to as much support as is needed for them to carry their pregnancy to term, and deliver their child safely, and in the best circumstances.

This is the role of pregnancy care centers and the generous people who run them. They are NOT in the business of telling mother's that their unborn child can be gotten rid of.

No...their work is LIFE-AFFIRMING! That each mother and each child's life has intrinsic value, and that each person in the equation: The mother, the father, and the unborn child, all deserve To be treated with the utmost dignity, respect, and life affirming action.

Pregnancy care centers must not be forced to engage in or carry out work that is contrary to their mission. To allow this to happen in our society and state is to break the law which exists to protect the weak from the strong.

We must support and protect their work. We must ignore the threats of those who claim that they are in the business of misleading women and who's business is threatened by their existence.

Women who are pregnant need and deserve a safe, life validating and affirming atmosphere in which to place themselves when they are at their most vulnerable.

WE MUST support the work and mission of these care Centers in our State and protect them from anyone who would seek to compromise their mission. PLease vote no on HB 5416.