

The bill H.B 5416 very wrongly accuses pregnancy centers of false advertising.

Pregnancy centers HELP women. Taking one for example, ABC Women's Center in Middletown, CT; the advertising on their website reads: No woman should have to face pregnancy decision alone; Empowering women through education and compassionate support; Supportive care when you need it most. This pregnancy center stands by these statements in the care they provide. They offer a variety of pregnancy services including pregnancy testing, ultrasounds, options consultation, adoption referral, pregnancy and parental education, abortion education and care after abortion. They also have a parenting program with education and support.

I myself have witnessed the way the staff at ABC Women's Center go above and beyond in the way they help women. They have thrown baby showers for moms to be and their babies. They provide diapers, wipes, car seats and strollers, as well as access to an entire donation closet where moms can get free clothing for their babies and young children. They help women at every phase of pregnancy from making their pregnancy decisions, pregnancy classes, parental classes, after care and support of any decision including abortion and adoption, as well as support after giving birth. There is nothing false about this. This is just ONE example. There are pregnancy centers across the nation who are doing all of this as well.

Thank you for taking the time to read and consider this.

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