

Thank you, Chairs for this opportunity to address Bill No. 5416.

My name is Maureen Cloonan and I have been a Registered Nurse in Connecticut for 37 years. I am making this testimony on behalf of the Hartford Women's Center; St. Gerard's Center for Life, with whom I have volunteered for 6 years.

Hartford Women's Center is a pregnancy resource center for women who are facing unplanned pregnancies and who may be considering an abortion. To serve them, the center offers pregnancy testing, medical ultrasounds by certified and registered nurses, counseling regarding community resources, and continues to offer additional pregnancy support for qualified families, including diapers and layettes, social service referrals, weekly birth preparation classes and monthly educational programs that continue for another two years. Those that have unplanned pregnancies are met with care and loving support. There is never shaming or condemnation.

I am writing to urge you to vote NO to *Bill No. 5416 'AN ACT CONCERNING DECEPTIVE ADVERTISING PRACTICES OF LIMITED SERVICES PREGNANCY CENTERS'*. I went into the nursing profession to preserve life. The passage of these bills condones the destruction of life!

History does repeat itself. A country which destroys human life is destined to fall.

Thank you.