

Testimony on

H.B. 5416 "An Act Concerning Deceptive Advertising Practices of Limited Services Pregnancy Centers"

Before the Public Health Committee

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My name is Richard Dziura, of 172 Broad Street, Plainville, CT and I am testifying in opposition to H.B. 5416. I fully support the work of Connecticut Pregnancy Resource Centers (PRCs) and believe your passing of this Act will limit the good, compassionate work that they provide for women in need. Women who search for assistance when faced with an unplanned pregnancy are greeted with compassion as well as support, education and care. There is no coercion; there is genuine care. Women are fully allowed to make their choice to save their unborn child or to leave the PRC and abort their child. There is no forcefulness or coercion.

It is my understanding that the NARAL has presented information that is not accurate and cannot be supported.

I sincerely ask you to look closely at the services the state PRCs provide. They are an instrument of genuine care and support throughout a woman's pregnancy and beyond. Please do not place any hindrance to their work.

Sincerely,

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