

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

Before the Public Health Committee  
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I am a Connecticut Catholic attorney living from Sandy Hook. I have been married for 27 years and am a mother of three. I am submitting this letter in opposition to H.B. 5416. This appears to me to be a special interest bill being put forward behind the scenes by companies like Planned Parenthood that makes their profit mainly from abortions. See e.g. <https://aclj.org/pro-life/shocking-planned-parenthood-annual-report-shows-abortion-taxpayer-funding-and-profits-soar-prenatal-services-and-cancer-screenings-plummet> (“The new report shows that it committed 328,348 abortions in 2015-2016. That’s an increase of nearly 4,500 innocent, unborn lives murdered in the womb compared to the previous year. By contrast, there was a huge decline in prenatal services provided. Planned Parenthood provided nearly 46% fewer prenatal services – 8,000 less – than the prior year... [PP] received \$554.6 million taxpayer dollars in “government health services grants and reimbursements” in 2015-2016”). As the country’s youth are starting to become more pro-life (see e.g., <https://www.nationalreview.com/blog/corner/abortion-millennials-more-pro-life/> (“It found that 53 percent of Millennials (individuals between 18 and 31) think that abortion should be either illegal or legal only in cases of rape, incest, or to save the life of the mother. This is a nine-point gain from a similar survey SFLA commissioned four years ago. There SFLA survey also indicates that only 47 percent of Millennials think that Planned Parenthood should receive taxpayer funding.”) and are choosing to confirm their parenthood status and life-affirming options with Connecticut’s Pregnancy Resource Centers (PRCs), the child-bearing age folk are thus not seeking the services of abortion-providing companies. And so, Planned Parenthood and NARAL and that “side” of the aisle are getting upset, as their bottom line, their future prospects of making profits off abortions, their MONEY is being impacted. This is especially true as the White House is on the side of the lives all American citizens (even the tiny voiceless ones in the wombs of their American mothers) and is working hard to defund PP. Since the federal gravy train might dry up, the state NARAL and other abortion-loving organizations have to attack the relatively (compared to Planned Parenthood with assets of 1.8 BILLION (see [aclj.org](https://aclj.org) article above) poorly funded, charity-based Connecticut PRCs. The myth that is apparently behind the “necessity” of this bill is that the PRCs are misinforming their clients. Where are the facts to support this allegation? It appears to be an unfounded allegation. Furthermore, polling results I reviewed reports that 98% of clients are satisfied with the services they receive by PRCs in Connecticut.

What next, a bill sponsored by the fast food industry against the organic food supermarkets because the latter’s whole corporate mission is to tell their clients that eating non-whole foods, junk food is bad for one’s health? Should Trader Joes and Whole Foods be required to inform its clientele in detail of the “relative” merits of eating at McDonalds and Taco Bell?

Please stop spending my taxpayer dollars debating spurious bills like these.

Sincerely,

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