

## Regarding.....

Raised Bill No. 5416

Odd it is that a statute directed at the advertising practices of a specific member of the community, in this case Limited Service Pregnancy Centers, is perceived by its sponsors to be even necessary. At the federal level the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) and at the state level, the Connecticut Department of Consumer Protection (DCP) would seem to have it covered.

But in the case of this bill there are colliding issues involving “Right to Choose” and “Right to Life” laws, policies and values. The issues involve communities who are in diametrically opposite camps. “One person’s truth is another person’s lie.” All of this is in the name of the rights of the individual, pre or post partem. Pick your side.

We live in a time of great conflict over the expression of truth over what is right and what is wrong. The moral fabric of our society, no matter how one is “dressed”,..... is torn. We resolve our differences with shouting and violence. Through Raised Bill No. 5416 an attempt to use an elected public official and the courts to “muzzle” a particular point of view is made.

This bill proposes that, ***We the People***, rely on the State Attorney General to be the decider of what is to be examined as truth in a profoundly important matter. This concept flies into a storm of verbal conflict where free expression is otherwise guaranteed by our Constitution in its First Amendment.

We have existing “truth in advertising” laws at the federal and state level. We should apply them. Let the discussion otherwise take place unabated without dubiously legitimate obstacles. Let us continue to find our way in this matter of profound importance through choosing our truth, one side or the other and then living and speaking to it.

Vote No on Raised Bill No. 5416, should it come to that.

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