

**Testimony for Public Hearing
Committee on Public Health
March 20, 2018**

**HB 5416 AN ACT CONCERNING DECEPTIVE PRACTICES OF LIMITED SERVICES
PREGNANCY CENTERS**

Representative Steinberg, Senator Gerratana, Senator Somers, and distinguished members of the Public Health Committee,

My name is Ira Kaplan and I live in Stamford. I testify in strong support of H.B. 5416 An Act Concerning Deceptive Advertising Practices of Limited Services Pregnancy Centers.

- This bill is about transparency and honesty in advertising. When someone is seeking a clinic, they should be able to find one without confusion or deception.
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- I am concerned for women and families in my community. I understand that any organization can provide services, but it should be clear to people what those services are.
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- It is a threat to public health in our state when people are being deceived, delayed, or blocked in finding the reproductive healthcare they are seeking.
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- Regardless of anyone's personal feelings about abortion, I think we can all agree that no one should be misled or lied to when they are seeking medical care.

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