

To the Members of the Public Health Committee,

I volunteer about four hours per week in a crisis pregnancy center in the Hartford area. The purpose of this organization is to give women the emotional and material support to bring their babies to term. The information we disseminate is truthful and helpful in giving women the support they need to choose life for their child. That support includes providing friendship counseling, encouraging and helping women find proper medical care for themselves and their baby, helping women find housing for their family, providing baby furniture (new crib, mattress and convertible car seats), providing maternity clothing, providing clothing and diapers for the baby and older siblings.

We do not fool anyone into thinking that we provide abortions or that we are a health clinic and we never refer our clients to an abortion provider. Furthermore, the women I work with (and almost all of the volunteers are women) are intelligent and well versed in the true facts of pregnancy and abortion.

Any efforts to impede or silence our work are simply anti-women, anti-children and anti-choice.

I vote in all elections.

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