

To: the Public Health Committee:

From: Susan Y. Okamoto

Re: Bill # 5416: *An Act Concerning Deceptive Advertising Practices of Limited Services Pregnancy Centers*

I am writing to **oppose** the above named bill. It unconstitutionally limits free speech. Also, to insist that providing abortions is health care is disingenuous. Pregnancy is not a disease that needs to be eliminated. I am a retired registered nurse, and nothing would convince me that eliminating a human life is health care. It is outrageous!

I never heard of a woman regretting a choice to have the baby instead of having an abortion, but I've heard of many who regret having had an abortion.

Please do the right thing and allow crisis pregnancy centers to continue the wonderful services they provide.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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