

H.B. 5416 “An Act Concerning Deceptive Advertising Practices of Limited Services Pregnancy Centers”

My name is Patti Quartuccio and I am the Executive Director at Hopeline Pregnancy Resource Center in Bridgeport, CT. I am also a registered nurse and have served in Pregnancy Center work for over 30 years. I am testifying in opposition to H.B. 5416 for many reasons.

First, we have never advertised falsely about the services we offer. Our website hopelineprc.org, our paper work and even our awning in front of our office clearly states that we are a Pregnancy Resource Center ,not an abortion provider.

Secondly, I do not know of any client that stated or was the victim of false advertisement from one of our Hopeline Pregnancy Centers. We have a 99% approval rate on our exit interviews and our clients come to us mostly by word of mouth. Our clients come back to us with their second even third pregnancy because they have been treated with respect, kindness and that is their words which we have documented and in our office.

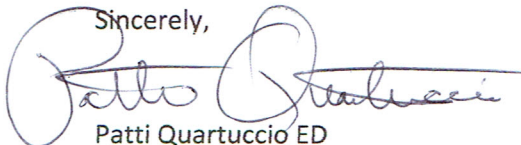
Thirdly, we believe every woman deserves to have other options when faced with an unplanned pregnancy and that is why they come to us. They are confused and conflicted and need someone who will listen to them.

Fourthly, Hopeline has never been and never will be deceptive it goes against everything we believe in. Integrity, honesty, giving women truthful information and helping them through the process of decision making is our goal. And no matter what they choose we are there for them. All are services are free and confidential. We gain nothing by any decision they choose.

Our clients come to us because we offer free pregnancy tests and limited ultrasounds. We have a Medical Director who reads our ultrasounds and a professional staff made up of Registered Nurses, a Medical Assistant and a CNA. We also have social workers and many volunteers including a PA and a Nurse Practitioner. We go into schools and talk about relationships and we also offer Post Abortion Care for those who need support after they have made an abortion decision.

Thank you for reading this testimony. I can only hope that this Bill will not pass and we can go about our business helping women, their babies and their families.

Sincerely,



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