

Testimony on
H.B. 5416 "An Act Concerning Deceptive Advertising Practices
of Limited Services Pregnancy Centers"
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I am testifying in opposition to H.B. 5416.

I firmly believe that human life begins at the moment of conception and that ending the natural process of fetal growth is tantamount to murdering a human being. Pregnancy resource centers in Connecticut provide resources to mothers enabling them to keep their babies so that financial difficulties do not factor into their decision.

I am writing to ask you to oppose H.B. 5416 that attempts to regulate pregnancy resource centers in our state. Some of the "findings" listed in the bill are inaccurate, biased and not supported by fact. This bill, like similar ones proposed across the country and rejected by the courts, is: 1) supported by special interest groups opposed to the beliefs held by the pregnancy centers on the value of an unborn child's life; 2) raises serious freedom of speech issues by compelling the posting of signs and 3) would result in extremely high legal fees for the state as it attempts to enforce this bill if passed.

Please listen carefully to those that support the work of pregnancy resource centers around the state, not just those who oppose them and are part of a national attack campaign. These centers provide much needed support to women who have made the "choice" to keep their unborn child, instead of seeking an abortion. This support is not available anywhere else. **Do not** join in the attack on these centers in our state.

I respectfully ask that you reject H.B 5416. Thank you kindly.