

**Testimony on**

*H.B. 5416 "An Act Concerning Deceptive Advertising Practices of Limited Services Pregnancy Centers"*

Before the Public Health Committee

March 20, 2018

My name is Leslie Wolfgang from Waterbury, CT and I am asking you to vote "no" against HB 5416. I oppose this legislation because it is unnecessary and infringes upon the free speech rights of crisis pregnancy resource centers in Connecticut. As you will hear from others, these crisis pregnancy centers help thousands of women across Connecticut at no cost to the taxpayers of Connecticut. They conduct themselves professionally and with compassion and care. This legislation is unnecessary because there have not been widespread complaints filed with better business bureaus or the Department of Consumer Affairs. If there was trouble enough to warrant infringing on the free speech rights of these centers, then there would have at least be consumer protection agencies receiving complaints from consumers. The only complaints seem to be coming from the providers of abortion. This is not persuasive to me, that there is a crisis necessary of state involvement necessary. For this reason, I ask you to vote "no" against this bill.