

**Testimony for Public Hearing  
Committee on Public Health  
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**HB 5416 AN ACT CONCERNING DECEPTIVE PRACTICES OF LIMITED SERVICES  
PREGNANCY CENTERS**

Representative Steinberg, Senator Gerratana, Senator Somers, and distinguished members of the Public Health Committee,

My name is Lauren Yang and I live in Hartford. I testify in strong support of H.B. 5416 An Act Concerning Deceptive Advertising Practices of Limited Services Pregnancy Centers.

Please see below for the reasons why I believe this bill should pass:

1. Since when did lying to any patients become acceptable?
2. If I made an appointment at business A, why is business B telling me I made the appointment with them when I didn't and waste my time and business A's?
3. Since when did religious/personal beliefs cross the line of deceiving and manipulating patients who are seeking medical help?
4. Why should any patient feel uncomfortable or threatened on their way to a doctor's appointment?
5. If I was going to a dentist office for wisdom teeth surgery, why is a teeth whitening office telling me I made an appointment with them and they tell me it's wrong to extract my tooth because it was given to me by God?
  - a. How is this any different than CPCs telling patients they can't get the medical treatment they need based on CPCs' own beliefs?
6. If I'm searching for a doctor's office online, I'm looking for a doctor's office in the search results, NOT a business that asks me "Are you looking for a doctor? We can help you" and not actually have doctors.

If you were able to truly answer these questions with integrity, there's no reason why this bill shouldn't pass.

Please help these CPCs stop wasting women's and MY time when the society is already doing so with other unnecessary inequalities such as pay gaps, gender roles in industries, shaming women, and many other absurd things.

In conclusion, I strongly support H.B. 5416 to limit the deceptive advertising practices of crisis pregnancy centers in our state. I urge the committee to move forward with H.B. 5416.

Thank you for your time.

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