

Raised S.B. No. 274

AN ACT CONCERNING FUNDING FOR PLANNED PARENTHOOD AND OTHER FAMILY PLANNING CLINICS.

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Lourdes Delgado, Director of Faith & Education Coalition, CT

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Good day, Co-Chairs Marilyn V. Moore, Catherine F. Abercrombie, Ranking Members, Vice Chairs, and Members of the Human Services Committee.

I am Lourdes Delgado, Director of Faith & Education Coalition, for NHCLC CT and a retired Bridgeport educator. I advocate for high standards instruction for all our children.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony.

I vehemently oppose Raised S.B. No. 274:

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1. I pay taxes and I do not want to see my hard earned taxes given to any institution that takes away lives whether in or out of the womb.
2. The ethical action would be to contribute to closing the Academic Achievement and Opportunity Gaps in our state. ALL those funds should go into funding our schools, in particular our urban schools.
3. Abortion oppresses people in the black and brown communities. In 2017, the racial background of abortions per 1,000: Black 27.1, Hispanic 18.1, Other non-Hispanic minorities 16.3, Whites 10.1 In 2015, the CDC reported that although black Americans comprise 13.4% of the U.S. population, they accounted for 36.0% of the abortions in 2015, which was almost identical to the percentage of abortions (36.9%) that year among white Americans, who make up 76.6% of the population.² Pro-life leaders in the black community observe that “the most dangerous place for an African-American is in the womb,” they argue that abortion (often referred to as “population control”) is “the most institutionalized form of racism” in America.
4. The funds that need to be offset are Education Funds..

I expect our leaders (whom we elected) to make decisions that will enhance the quality of life for ALL our children so they can achieve high standards of academic achievement. Our Connecticut children are failing! All of our children deserve the opportunity to be successful and become college ready while having high quality teachers. Do not vote for SB 274. invest this money in our schools.

Oppose S.B.274 Regardless of what organization endorses you, you are accountable to the citizens who elected you to speak and make decisions in their behalf,

Thank you for accepting my written testimony.

Sincerely,

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