

CONNECTICUT GENERAL ASSEMBLY

HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

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**Testimony of Bill O'Brien, Vice President of Connecticut Right to Life, concerning S.B. 274
An Act Concerning Funding of Planned Parenthood and other Family Planning Clinics**

Governor Lamont, in his budget, has proposed giving \$1.5 million to Planned Parenthood (PPSNE).

Now, S.B. 274 would increase that figure by providing up to \$2.1 million to Planned Parenthood of Southern New England (PPSNE) to make up for funds Planned Parenthood chose not to accept under Title X of the Public Health Services Act when PP refused to stop doing abortions or to separate its abortion business from its contraceptive business.

PPSNE does not need the money.

Instead of the State providing Planned Parenthood with funds, it should be the other way around – Planned Parenthood should be giving funds to the state.

Planned Parenthood has more funds than it knows what to do with.

In 2017-18, the most recent figures available, PPSNE had an endowment of \$12.8 million and made \$408,305 from its investments. It had a net operating surplus of \$10 million!

Let me repeat that – Planned Parenthood had a surplus, a surplus of \$10 million dollars.

The state already pays blood money to Planned Parenthood for killing unborn children by abortions.

How many times do we have to pay PP to suck children out of the womb or to painfully dismember living unborn human beings by pulling them apart limb-by-limb?

In 2018 Connecticut used State Medicaid funds (Husky) to pay for 6,995 abortions, that is, Connecticut taxpayers funded 75% of all abortions committed that year in the state at a cost of \$4.2 million. Most of those funds went to PP.

Why are 75% of abortions in CT funded by Medicaid? Why are we killing the children of the poor? Why are we killing high numbers of the babies of minorities – African Americans and Hispanics?

Do you know that there should be 30 million African Americans in the country today – 30 million – but there are only 20 million – because 10 million unborn African Americans have been slaughtered by abortion?

If the state actually has a couple million dollars to spare, how about putting those funds toward helping the poor to keep their unborn children, rather than destroying them? Put the money towards pre-natal care and lowering the maternal mortality rate. In 2018 Connecticut's maternal mortality rate was four times greater than California and twice as high as in Massachusetts.

By the way, the process of reporting complications from abortion in this state is a cruel joke. I obtained reports of abortion complications from the Department of Public Health a few years ago and could find little consistency in the incidents reported.

Then last year, when I again asked the Department for updated reports, I was told I can't have them since the reports are no longer available. How can maternal mortality be lowered when we don't even know what complications abortion causes?

Let's put funds toward keeping people alive, rather than giving funds to Planned Parenthood, which kills them.

Vote NO on S.B. 274.