

March 4, 2020

**Testimony in support of S.B. 274**

Dear Senator Moore, Representative Abercrombie and distinguished members of the Human Services Committee:

My name is Lorelei O'Hagan from Greenwich, CT and I am a proud supporter of Planned Parenthood. I have relied on them over the years and now I use the Stamford Center by choice when I could go anywhere with my private insurance.

I am writing in support of raised S.B. 274 An Act concerning Increased Funding to Planned Parenthood and Other Family Planning Clinics which will provide critical funding for continued access to preventative reproductive healthcare for the people of Connecticut who already struggle to get the care they need.

You know all the facts about Planned Parenthood's indispensable role in providing family planning care in Connecticut. You know the political and social impact of the unethical Trump-Pence "gag rule," and you know the deeply cynical and destructive outcomes of ill-informed, ill-intentioned attempts to discredit and defund women's healthcare.

Thank you for remaining steadfast in your support for funding for Planned Parenthood and other family planning clinics which continue to do the critical work of providing comprehensive, safe and respectful care for women and families, every day.

I am so thankful to Governor Lamont and many of our Government Representatives across the state who continue to stand for Reproductive Justice, Healthcare access, and factual, evidence-based policies.

For additional inspiration and energy in this time of "know-nothings" read "Good Trouble" by Cecile Richards the former President of Planned Parenthood and you will be reminded of why we continue to fight the good fight for women's rights, abortion rights and funding for Planned Parenthood.

Respectfully Submitted,

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