

Subject: Testimony **Opposing** SB274

To: Human Services Committee

I am writing today in **opposition** to SB274, An Act Concerning Funding for Planned Parenthood and other Family Planning Clinics. Planned Parenthood is a for profit business. As a taxpayer in the state who is pro life I fervently oppose the use of tax dollars to support a business providing these services as it violates my religious beliefs.

I would further note that Planned Parenthood voluntarily declined federal funds that were available to them. They have since misrepresented this act indicating they were forced out of the program. If they had a need for these funds they should not have declined them and I submit it is not the place of the state to step in to fill in the gap for the funds they declined.

Finally, I would note that the state of Connecticut should not be supporting private business on the backs of the taxpayers especially in light of our own fiscal problems. This action is wholly inappropriate and I ask you to do the fiscally responsible thing and vote no on this bill.

Respectfully,

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