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February 8, 2021

Public Health Committee  
Legislative Office Building  
Hartford, CT 06106

**Re: Written Testimony Regarding Raised S.B. No. 835**

To the members of the Public Health Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this written testimony in **opposition** of Raised S.B. No. 835 (previously House Bill 7070).

My name is Cody Barr and I am on the board of directors for Caring Families Pregnancy Services and a former volunteer male advocate at our Pregnancy Resource Center, the Women's Center of Eastern Connecticut.

There are three simple reasons I oppose this bill:

- This bill **discriminates** against pro-life / faith-based pregnancy centers and **exempts** pro-abortion centers.
- The bill offers **no specifics** on what language is considered deceptive yet it forces pregnancy centers to pay for 'corrective advertising' if their ads are deemed deceptive.
- The bill would grant the Attorney General **over-reaching** ability to sue pregnancy centers.

Here are some questions you need to seriously consider before advancing this bill further:

- Where did this bill come from? And who is behind it?
- Why does this bill **exempt Planned Parenthood** (and other pro-abortion centers)? Are they *allowed* to engage in deceptive advertising?

I would also like to note that many of the people on the Public Health Committee who are in favor of this bill have repeatedly ignored invitations to visit and dialogue with the pregnancy centers this bill targets.

I am concerned that this bill will prevent women from finding the help and information they need to make an informed choice by severely limiting our honest advertising practices. And that is why I implore you to vote **no** on S.B. 835.

Sincerely,



Cody Barr  
Director at Caring Families Pregnancy Services