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To the members of the Public Health Committee:

My name is Matt Bennett and I am writing in strong opposition to S.B. 835.

I have been involved in supporting the work my local pregnancy resource center for a number of years, and I have never found their advertising to be deceptive in any way. The center that I am familiar with has been very clear regarding the services they offer clients, and states on their website and promotional materials that they do not perform abortions.

If centers are already taking measures to clarify their position, and laws regarding “false advertising” already exist, then the purpose of this bill seems to extend beyond a pursuit of accuracy and honesty. Additionally, the language of the bill fails to clarify the specifics about “false advertising” and opens the door to arbitrarily punish these centers, just because they are providing alternatives and support to mothers who might be interested in carrying their baby to term.

I strongly oppose this bill, and ask you to vote “no” on S.B. 835.

Thank you,

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