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To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to oppose the SB 835 bill. I believe it is discriminatory and targets Christian pregnancy centers and their pro-life beliefs. The bill would seriously impact their honest advertising practices. The centers want women to be informed of all of their options before making a decision they might regret for the rest of their lives.

I volunteered at a Caring Families pregnancy center and was greatly impressed at all of the programs offered to women who were facing an unplanned pregnancy. They offer doctor referrals, housing referrals, pre-and post-pregnancy education for both the mothers and fathers, education on finances, a learn to earn program which allows mothers to earn points towards getting baby clothes, cribs, car seats, blankets, etc. They also offer free pregnancy tests, ultrasounds, and post abortion counseling. Women should not be made to feel that they only have one option when facing an unplanned pregnancy. They deserve and have the right to be informed.

My husband and I have been financially supporting that center, which is in Willimantic, CT for many years as has our church. They have saved many babies lives and helped many, many women.!

This bill would be a great disservice to the pregnancy centers and women in need, and I ask for it not to be passed.

Sincerely,

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