

February 8, 2021

RE: Opposition to S. B. No. 835

Dear Distinguished Members of the Council:

My name is Kathe Garoffolo and I have volunteered on many occasions for Hopeline Pregnancy Resource Center in Bridgeport, Connecticut. I have visited their website and their center many times and they do not claim to be anything other than what they are....a necessary service to women in these trying times. In 2020, while so many people lost their jobs, Hopeline distributed diapers, wipes and formula and free pregnancy testing to women who could not afford these necessary things.

The bill is poorly written. It talks about “deceptive advertising practices” but never defines what the deceptive practice is. What is deceptive? And why does it target only limited service pregnancy centers? Why not target all pregnancy centers?

Please vote NO to S.B. No. 835.

Sincerely yours,

Kathe Garoffolo  
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