

Testimony to the Public Health Committee
Regarding Senate Bill 6593 - An Act Concerning Deceptive Advertising Practices
of Limited Services Pregnancy Centers

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Greetings Senator Daugherty, Representative Steinberg, and members of the Public Health Committee. My name is David Hunter and I am a resident residing in Cheshire.

I am requesting that you and the Public Health Committee vote NO on SB 835, “An Act concerning the Deceptive Advertising Practices of Limited Service Pregnancy Centers”. More plainly stated, this is a legislative attack on Connecticut's faith-based pregnancy centers.

Legal challenges of already occurred and it is clear the intent and language of this bill has failed in numerous recent court decisions and which make it likely that the bill would be ruled unconstitutional. There is no substantial evidence that clients seeking services at CT Pregnancy centers have been or are currently being deceived by their advertising.

SB 835 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. It would, in essence, put pro-abortionists in charge of deciding what is acceptable advertising for pro-lifers.

The bill denies the fact that pregnancy centers already make it clear they don't perform or refer for abortion. And, the bill assumes that pregnant women and their partners seeking information on making a pregnancy decision are not interested in other options and abortion alternatives.

It is obvious, actually apparent, SB835 is part of a larger nationwide campaign by pro-abortion organizations to discredit the work of pregnancy centers which they view as competitors.

The insincerities proliferate with the intent of this SB835 because the pro-abortionist claim that pregnancy care centers lie to women is itself a lie. The pro-abortionist claim to be not pro-abortion but merely "pro-choice" is exposed as a deception by their assaults on centers that simply offer women another choice.

Please vote no on SB835. Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony and for your consideration.

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