

I have become aware of a discriminatory bill that specifically targets only one group regarding truthful advertising. This is a frontal assault on free speech and unfairly targets pro-life crisis pregnancy centers, who ironically provide the most truthful, factual and accurate information regarding abortion and abortion alternatives. There currently is no evidence to the contrary that has been presented.

First, my wife and I have been involved in the support of the ABC Women's Center in Middletown for many years, which has helped many women evaluate the alternatives that truly enable them to make a CHOICE, after hearing the pro's and con's of every option.

Second, this proposed bill does not require abortion providers to also provide truthful, factual and accurate information and often liberally use deceptive language to steer clients toward a decision that will provide additional profits for their employers...whereas the Crisis Pregnancy Centers provide free information and other services such as ultrasounds free of charge, as a true non-profit organization should function.

Third, this proposed bill will be challenged in court due to its discriminatory nature (as being far too narrowly focused against only one small group of non-profits) and it's affront to the Constitutional Amendment 1, regarding making no law abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press... Or to petition the government for a redress of grievances...

Therefore, I ask that you vote NO on SB 835.