

To Whom it may concern,

My name is Celina Lozovikas and I am a 19-year-old college student who opposes the S.B. No. 835 bill. The bill accuses all CT pregnancy centers of false advertising. Hopeline Pregnancy Center in CT is one of the many centers where young pregnant woman can go for loving support during a pregnancy. They give every woman that enters a choice and supports them financially, physically, and mentally. All their services are free and confidential. They also have a 24 hour hotline. Women can schedule a consultation where they can discuss their three options: abortion, adoption, and parenting. There is NO judgment and NO pressure to go a certain route, which is VERY VERY uncommon. I have heard of far too many pregnancy centers that encourage their patients to have abortions, without being honest about the possible consequences. These women then go on to face many health issues and many regrets. Medical Doctors, Registered Nurses, Registered Diagnostic Medical Sonographers, Medical Assistants, and Certified Nurse Assistants are all employed here, and they have worked incredibly hard and have earned the right to work in such an incredible place. This bill not only harms the Hopeline name, but the amazing healthcare hero's that dedicate their lives to help others.

This issue is not about being “right” or “wrong” morally. This issue is about freedom. This pregnancy center will be harmed if this bill is to be passed. They do honest work and deserve to be able to continue helping the many woman that desperately need a LOVING and SAFE environment. They cause no harm to the community and in hurting their name, women will not be able to access the help they need. Many women do not want an abortion but feel pressured to have one because society tells that that children are a hassle and will cost them their future. Hopeline takes away all uncertainty and all anxiety surrounding a pregnancy and gives the woman a clear space and mind to make a choice they won't regret.

PLEASE, do not make unplanned pregnancies more difficult than they already are. Let Hopeline, and other centers like it, do they work they are so incredibly good at. Women NEED them. Women NEED HOPE!!!!!!!

Thank you for your time.