

Good morning Mr. & Madam Chairpersons, Ranking Members & Members,

My name is Jackie Nash from Deep River. I am asking today that you all will vote NO! to SB 835. It saddened my heart to even see this issue being brought up again since as many of you know this is the 4th time. I have come to the public hearings and have heard and watched both sides. The first year, it was requested to change the "wording" as it was misleading and deceitful. I disagree but apparently it is a matter of personal interpretation. The website was changed according to the request. But after 4 years of your own false accusations against these faith based, non-profit women's centers it seems there is an underlying motive.

I have supported the ABC Women's Center since 1990. In the early years, I volunteered folding donated clothing & organizing them. Before last March, I volunteered as receptionist. I have watched these hard working, diligent, compassionate women serve many different ages, cultures, races economic meeting many different needs. I have never heard anyone mislead a client, nor have I. I truly am offended when someone falsely calls me a "LIAR". Furthermore, there is a very real warmth and friendship among the staff & clients. I remember the Public Hearing when "someone" said there was a "complaint of deceptive practices". I watched many of the legislators check websites on their phone. Someone thought they had found a complaint but It was legitimate. There are laws already protecting the public against "deceptive practices". Complaints can be submitted to the Dept. of Consumer Protection.

Finally, I noticed this Bill was presented as SB114 by Sen. Anwar. Then SB 402 Sen. Flexor, and now SB835 by public health committee supported by Rep. Winkler & Rep. Palm. Wow! Is this to avoid being accused of a conflict of interest since many of these hold Pro-Choice positions and some of you are even endorsed by NARAL, PLANNED PARENTHOOD & NOW? I also noticed how precisely written it is. I have a problem with those broad words any and the word oral. They could be interpreted in many way.

Thank you all for your time and your service to our great state of CT.

Again, Please VOTE NO! SB 835