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Who May Concern:

My name is Aralis Rivera and the reason for my letter is that I am in opposition to this bill #S.B. 835, because the Hope Pregnancy Center helped me 10 years ago. I worked at Meriden's YMCA and a co-worker told me that at Hope Pregnancy Center they were helping needy mothers or families, I was pregnant but had no resources because my job was part-time at the time. When I first went, I didn't know what to expect, but they all cared for me with love, respect, dignity and explained to me the resources I had for families in need. They gave me dates to look for things I needed for my son and since I was almost giving birth, I got a crib and a basket with things for me and my baby. After giving birth, they continued to help me with diapers and clothes for my son. I am grateful for life and to all the people I know share this information because is a big resources and help, even my sister was also helped in her two pregnancies. I believe that to make a bill (S.B,835) to shut down or misinterpret the voluntary work hope Pregnancy Center and other centers do to help pregnant families and mothers is to close a door of hope as their name state to many families. I hope you take my request seriously and I would appreciate it if you'd evaluate that bill well.