

Testimony in Opposition to S.B. 835, the Anti-Pregnancy Center Bill

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Dear Members of the Public Health Committee,

I write in opposition to S.B. 835, the Anti-Pregnancy Center Bill.

At a time when the state of Connecticut is struggling to keep families and businesses here, it is disappointing that the legislature would consider aggressive legislation that targets the most inspiring pro-women, pro-family community organizations in our towns.

Non-profit pregnancy centers across the state of Connecticut offer warm, caring, personalized healthcare and community services that have earned them the admiration of every woman who enters their facilities. These pregnancy centers offer essential services with true compassion and true concern. They know and show by their tireless actions that they serve women with exceptional skill.

This bill is a bigoted attack supported by a lavishly funded, highly partisan national organization that does not serve our local communities effectively and does not act in the best interests of Connecticut women and babies.

I urge members of the legislature to oppose this bill and instead focus on legislation that makes Connecticut a more attractive state for growing businesses and young families.

Respectfully,

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