

Dear Members of the Public Health Committee,
Please vote no on S.B. No. 835, "AN ACT CONCERNING DECEPTIVE ADVERTISING PRACTICES OF LIMITED SERVICES PREGNANCY CENTERS."

This is a directed attack on non-profit centers.

Pregnancy Centers aim to inform those who seek them out with free testing, free ultrasounds, and emotional/mental support. Informed consent requires the ability to think about all the options, with available medical information. These services are expensive, and Pregnancy Centers are providing a much-needed service as a non-profit entity. Pregnancy centers focus on the individual, create a calm, warm environment, give free medical service, and give them time to think without pressure tactics. Anyone who thinks they are deceptive, has not visited one personally.

We the Public can be trusted with information, and choice. Our culture believes strongly in choice especially when it involves the intimate nature of pregnancy and abortion.

During a time of intense pandemic stress, and lack of public access to the legislature, it seems opportunistic to push this bill at this time. The public needs all the support it can get from our legislature, not an attack on one sector that is providing support. There are so many other areas that the Public Health Committee should be focusing on. They should be building up all the social supports instead of seeking to attack Pregnancy Centers without proof of harm.

Thank you in advance,
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