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PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE

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CONNECTICUT RIGHT TO LIFE CORPORATION
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TESTIMONY ON RB 5261

Members of the Public Health Committee:

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Regarding RB 5261, "An Act Increasing Access to Reproductive Health Care," rather than amending Section 19a-602 of the General Statutes, Section 19a-602 should be repealed in its entirety.

By the introduction of this bill, abortion clinics are obviously having difficulty finding doctors who are willing to kill unborn children by dismemberment and other brutal and painful forms of abortion. This bill would enlist PAs, APRNs and nurse-midwives into the ranks of those who would set back medical ethics over two thousand years by killing their patients, instead of first, doing no harm.

Section 19a-602 reads, "The decision to terminate a pregnancy prior to viability of the fetus shall be solely that of the pregnant woman in consultation with her physician."

Rather than adding to those who would kill unborn children, as this bill would do, every human being, from conception, should be protected from such killers, Abortion should be outlawed in Connecticut, as it was for most of our state's history.

Connecticut has historically been a leading pro-life state.

In 1821, building upon common law, Connecticut was the first state in the nation to ban abortion by statute, from quickening, the point at which a woman could feel her unborn child move within her womb.

In 1860, following a declaration by the American Medical Association that life begins at conception, Connecticut was the first state to act on that medical fact to ban abortion from conception.

In 1972, after a federal appeals court ruled Connecticut's 1860 law invalid, and just months before Roe v. Wade legalized abortion nationally, Connecticut fought back, making its position as clear as possible, by enacting a new law even stronger than its 1860 law, adding a preamble stating its intention to "protect and preserve human life from the moment of conception."

Since its enactment in 1990, when abortion was moved from the Criminal Law section of the Statutes to the Public Health section, Section 19a-602 has allowed the brutal killing in Connecticut of about half a million unborn children - its future citizens - a great number of whom were black and brown babies, many of whom were killed using taxpayer's money.

Abortion is not healthcare.

Abortion is a violation of the over 2,000y-year history of medical ethics promulgated by the Hippocratic Oath.

Abortion is the only operation meant to kill a human being.

Many Black leaders have called abortion "Black Genocide."

Leaving Section 19a-602 on the books allows the mass killing of innocent children, and Black Genocide, to continue.

Don't let that happen.

Stop the murder of all helpless unborn children.

Stop harming women. Women need help, not abortion.

Love them both!

Please amend RB 5261 to repeal Section 91a-602 of the General Statutes so Connecticut can return to its historical roots as the most pro-life state in the nation.