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**Topic:** HB06618 - AAC MEDICAL ASSISTANCE FOR CERTAIN PERSONS RECEIVING ABORTIO...

Opposes

**Testimony:**

To the Members of the Human Services Committee.

My name is Lisa Maloney, I am the President of CT Pregnancy Care Coalition and a Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist. I have been a life long resident of CT and have spent my entire working career working in the human service field, working mostly with people at or below the poverty line. CT as you know is a very expensive state to live in. We have seen young people leaving this state consistently year after year with no change in sight. I am writing in opposition of HB06618, AN ACT CONCERNING MEDICAL ASSISTANCE FOR CERTAIN PERSONS RECEIVING ABORTION CARE AND RELATED SERVICES IN CONNECTICUT. Daily I hear from clients that they are making the difficult choice between paying a bill or purchasing groceries. When looking at the state budget 2 million dollars may not seem like a huge amount but imagine putting that 2 million dollars to work assisting our own residents to be come self sufficient. Assisting our own residents in eliminating the need to choose between paying a bill and purchasing groceries. My own mother was lives on a small fixed income was just informed that the transportation she has come to rely on to get to medical appointments ceased on 2/15. I think 2 million dollars to help people like her get to her appointments would be a better use of CT taxpayer money than helping people from other states get an abortion.

I know that the country is divided on the issue of abortion and though I do not support abortion because of the damage it does to the man, woman, the child and the entire family. I have sat across many women who are falling apart in front of me because they cant move past the grief they are carrying. I have sat across men who are struggling with the guilt they are carrying because they pushed their partner into a decision to abort their child. I have sat across women who are so severely damaged that they will never be able to carry another child in their womb. I have sat across from medical professionals who are wracked with grief over the number of lives they have ended with abortion. Science is very clear that each conception is the creation of a new life with it's own DNA, it's one unique person.

I am not naïve enough to think that I will change any of your minds about abortion, I do ask you to look around at the residents of CT and see the needs that they are struggling to meet and divert that 2 million dollars to help with that. I write appealing to your desire to serve the people of CT and make decisions that benefit them not people from other states, and not the abortion industry who really is the only ones that benefit from this money.

So I urge you to side with the people of CT and do not pass HB06618

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