



**Testimony of Liz Dupont-Diehl, CT Citizen Action Group
To the Public Health Committee
Re HB05516: AN ACT CONCERNING REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS.
*March 13, 2026***

Senator Anwar, Representative McCarthy Vahey, Senator Kushner, Senator Marx, Representative Belton, and all members of the Public Health Committee:

I am Liz Dupont-Diehl, a lifelong resident of Connecticut, and Associate Director of the CT Citizen Action Group. I speak today on behalf of CCAG and our thousands of members throughout the state. CCAG is also a member of HUSKY for Immigrants, Health Justice Now, and we support the legislative priorities of CT for All and Stand Up CT.

I submit testimony in support of H.B. No. 5516, An Act Concerning Reproductive Rights. Comprehensive, scientifically grounded medical care is essential to all people. Connecticut residents need health care professionals to deliver essential services and information about reproductive and gender affirming care without fear of interference or retribution. As federal guidance shifts, this fundamental need is threatened.

This bill enables Connecticut to take steps to ensure comprehensive health and reproductive care, protecting providers' ability to offer comprehensive and medically accurate information and counseling to patients and prohibiting health care entities from taking adverse action against providers. We are in strong support and urge you to support this bill.

Thank you for your consideration.