



**TESTIMONY OF
CONNECTICUT HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION
SUBMITTED TO THE
JUDICIARY COMMITTEE
Monday, March 21, 2022**

**HB 5483, An Act Concerning Deceptive Advertising
Practices Of Pregnancy Services Centers**

The Connecticut Hospital Association (CHA) appreciates this opportunity to submit testimony concerning **HB 5483, An Act Concerning Deceptive Advertising Practices Of Pregnancy Services Centers**. CHA has concerns with the bill as drafted.

Since early 2020, hospitals and health systems have been at the center of Connecticut's response to the COVID-19 public health emergency, acting as a vital partner with the state and our communities. Hospitals expanded critical care capacity, procured essential equipment and supplies, and stood up countless community COVID-19 testing locations. Hospitals have been an essential component of the statewide vaccine distribution plan including efforts to reach and serve historically under-resourced communities disproportionately affected by the virus.

It is essential that hospitals, as a licensed facility, be able to provide clear and accurate educational material to all patients, including women. The modifications in the definitions in HB 5483 are confusing and, as a result, we are unable to determine if there would be a detrimental impact to hospitals and the care we provide.

If the bill moves forward, we would appreciate the opportunity to work with the Committee to ensure there are no negative effects on care or unintended consequences.

Thank you for your consideration of our position. For additional information, contact CHA Government Relations at (203) 294-7310.