

Oregon State Senate  
Senate Health Care and Human Services Committee  
Laurie Monnes Anderson, Chair  
State Capitol  
Salem, OR

Re: SB490

Dear Madam Chairwoman and Committee Members:

March 29, 2013

Due to the short notice I received on the hearing date of SB490 and the distance required to travel from my home to Salem (approximately 400 miles) I am submitting my testimony in writing. I am writing to express my opposition to SB490, a bill to regulate Pregnancy Resource Centers (PRCs) in Oregon.

The bill would require PRCs that do not have paid medical staff (“employed”) to post at clinic entrances, waiting areas and websites a list of services including those that they do not perform. I am not aware of any other medical clinic (or any other business for that matter) in the state that is required by law to advertise services that they do not offer.

It is fallacious to declare that there is an emergency. Let the proponents of this measure prove that there is a pervasive statewide problem with PRCs (excluding isolated instances of mismanagement where recourse is available under other statutes).

SECTION 5. This 2013 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2013 Act takes effect on its passage.

I would like the members of the committee to consider that this is a case of the Abortion Industry attempting to use the Oregon State Senate and their legislative powers to gain an advantage in the marketplace. This would set a bad precedent where other businesses would seek to use the power of the State Legislature to harm their competition instead of allowing the free market and free speech to influence people’s choices.

Many women who are thinking about aborting their babies find that learning about alternatives can be very helpful to their overall health and to the health of society. PRCs are good for our state. These are small private non-profit centers that receive no government funding. If you have not visited one I encourage you to do so.

Sincerely,

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