

Good Afternoon Madam Chair and members of the committee, thank you for hearing my testimony. For the record my name is Fred Yates and I am opposed to SB 490.

Planned Parenthood is a 96 year old, very politically powerful, 1 billion, one hundred million dollar, non-profit, world wide organization that wants the State of Oregon to legislate from existence a voice that does not share their view of life.

Planned Parenthood promotes free and open sex starting in grade school and even more in High Schools. They distribute hundreds of millions of dollars of contraceptive devices in the form of condoms, diaphragms, birth control pills and patches and intrauterine devices.

Contrast that with Pregnancy Resource Centers, who participate in school programs that promote no sex until marriage, refer married women to their Primary Care Physician and present the abstinence option to unmarried women.

Planned Parenthood believes that an unborn life is expendable. They provided over 332,000 abortions in the United States in 2009.

Pregnancy Resource Centers believe in the preservation of all life, especially the unborn.

Planned Parenthood is again before you with the ultimate mechanism to rid themselves of Pregnancy Resource Centers. Get the State of Oregon to enact a set of rules, of Planned Parenthood's desire, which will drive Pregnancy Resource Centers out of business through regulation and an escalating fine structure. Their intent is to make the cost of remaining open prohibitive.

All they need do is find a non-compliant Pregnancy Resource Centers, turn them in to the appropriate State agency and it will be taken care of for free. One simple allegation and their heart's desire will be performed for them with no additional effort.

Make no mistake this is only the tip of the iceberg. Once this legislation is in place they will be back, session after session, fine tuning their requirements and upping the ante until any voice that speaks out against them will be silenced.

Ms. Snodgrass from Planned Parenthood is mistaken in her testimony concerning the Pregnancy Alternatives Center (PAC) in Lebanon. PAC was the first PRC in the United States to become accredited by *Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care* (AAAHC). They are a fully accredited medical clinic. Additionally the only people that wear white lab coats at PAC are the Registered Nurses that administer the ultra-sounds.

I plead with you; please do not let this bill leave this committee. Please allow other voices to attempt to reason with the mother of an unborn child to preserve its life, rather than terminate that precious unborn life.

Thank you for your time.

*Note: All data quoted in both my verbal and written testimony was gleaned from the Planned Parenthood website.*



## Opposition to Senate Bill 490

Submitted by Fred Yates

In order to understand the motivation behind SB 490 you must understand the origins of the organization that has requested this legislation and the origins of who they are proposing the State of Oregon control, regulate, fine and close the doors if they don't meet the criteria of the bill proposers. As an aside, this bill is essentially the same bill that was introduced in the 2011 session under SB 769 and HB 3425. The wording has changed ever so slightly, but the fundamental demand is still the same. Neither of these bills made it out of committee in 2011.

### Organization desiring this bill -- Planned Parenthood Federation of America

In 1916 in Brooklyn New York, Margaret Sanger opened the country's first birth control clinic. In 1921 it was named the "American Birth Control League", which ultimately became "Planned Parenthood Federation of America" (PPFA) typically called Planned Parenthood. Margaret Sanger is widely regarded as a founder of the modern birth control movement.

Birth control, in the Planned Parenthood model, comes in two basic forms:

- a) **prevention** through condoms, diaphragms, and the contraceptive sponge; hormonal contraception including oral pills, patches, vaginal rings, and injectable contraceptives; and intrauterine devices (IUDs).
- b) or **elimination** through abortion and the morning after pill (RU-486).

PPFA conducts roughly 300,000 abortions each year, among 3 million people served. They are the largest single provider of abortions in the United States.

Annual budget for PPFA year ended June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2009

COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUE, EXPENSES & CHANGES IN NET ASSETS				
For the year ended June 30, 2009				
OPERATING & OTHER FUNDS				
[ALL AMOUNTS IN MILLIONS]				
	AFFILIATES	NATIONAL OFFICE	ELIMINATIONS [b]	TOTAL [a]
<b>REVENUE</b>				
Health Center Income	404.9			404.9
Government Grants and Contracts	363.2			363.2
Private Contributions and Bequests	209.2	101.1	2.1	308.2 [c]
Support From Affiliates		12.2	12.2	
Other Operating Revenue	20.0	4.5		24.5
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>997.3</b>	<b>117.8</b>	<b>-14.3</b>	<b>1,100.8</b>

Source: Planned Parenthood Federation of America Annual Report 2008-2009, Page 28

Breakdown of Government Grants and Contracts -- \$363.2M

- \$293.2M Federal and State Government – Medicaid Funding
- \$70M Federal Government Family Planning Services and Population Research Act, Title X

Fees Schedule for Services i.e. Health Center Income

- Abortion fees are based on the type of procedure needed (prices generally range from \$350 to \$485). Medicaid and insurance are accepted. - See more at:  
<http://www.plannedparenthood.org/nassau-county/fees-payment-options-5062.htm#sthash.4o18VhAM.dpuf>

- Family planning, birth control, GYN exams, pregnancy testing, STI testing and other reproductive health care services are available on a sliding fee scale based on income. Some patients pay nothing, while others pay a partial or full fee. Insurance and Medicaid are also accepted. - See more at: <http://www.plannedparenthood.org/nassau-county/fees-payment-options-5062.htm#sthash.4oI8VhAM.dpuf>

Note: Fee schedule was not available for Oregon

## **Who PPFA desires to legislate out of existence --- Pregnancy Resource Centers**

In 1975, C. Edward Koop (Surgeon General 1982-1989) and theologian Harold O.J. Brown met at Billy Graham's home in Minneapolis to found the Christian Action Council (CAC). Only 2 years after Roe v. Wade many in America were becoming worried about the increasing number of abortions being performed.

CAC centers were later renamed Crisis Pregnancy Centers (CPC). Realizing that many women do not consider themselves in crisis, they renamed to Pregnancy Resource Centers (PRC). In the last few years there has emerged another distinct branch from the PRC mold called Pregnancy Medical Centers (PMC). The major distinction of PMCs is they work under the license of doctors and use registered nurses to perform the medical procedures. PMC's exist in two different forms: accredited and non-accredited. Accredited PMC's have passed AAAHC accreditation, one of the highest standards in the medical profession.

PRC/PMCs provide peer counseling related to abortion, pregnancy, and childbirth, and may also offer additional non-medical services such as financial assistance, child-rearing resources, and adoption referrals. PMCs that qualify as medical clinics may also provide pregnancy testing, ultrasound exams, STD testing and treatment, pre-natal exams, and other services.

Birth control, in the PRC/PMC model, also comes in two basic forms:

- a) Married women are referred to their Primary Care Physician (PCP).
- b) Unmarried women are presented the abstinence option.

PRC/PMCs will not provide abortions nor will they give a referral to an abortion provider.

Annual budget funding for PRC/PMCs come from two sources:

- In contrast to the PPFA \$363.2M for just 2009 alone, it is estimated PRC/PMCs have received \$60M between 2001 and 2006 from the Federal Government under President Bush's Faith Based Program. This funding has overwhelming been spent on abstinence education in all cases
- Private donations from individuals and businesses, not Federal or State tax revenue. More than 30,000 individuals and 1,100 businesses in the State of Oregon donated in 2012.

Note: Since almost all PRC/PMCs are independent organizations, no comparable annual report is available.

Fees Schedule for services

- There are no fees for services at PRC/PMCs .

## Dynamics

What is at play in this bill is the dynamics of two different world views on life.

- PPFA believes in open and free sex and the ability to terminate the unwanted consequences of that sex gone astray. PPFA is a money making machine that employs thousands of people around the world providing their services. One third of their annual funding comes from Federal and State governments through various programs. They are an overwhelming, direct burden to the tax payers in every city and state across our nation. Additionally they send our tax dollars abroad to support their activities around the world.
- PRC/PMCs do not believe in open and free sex and value all life, especially the unborn, as precious. They operate primarily on volunteer staffing and provide all their services free of charge. As a matter of choice, not government taxation, local donors directly support their efforts. None of their donations are lost to government overhead and none of their donations are sent overseas.

## A Very Little Analysis

I will attempt to show that the wording of the bill, is somewhat arbitrary, capricious and not clearly spelled out with just a couple of examples.

### Example 1

On page one the following wording is found.

- 19       **(b) This section does not apply to an entity if, at all of the entity's sites that are open**  
20 **to the public, the entity:**  
21       **(A) Employs one or more of the following practitioners:**  
22       **(i) Physician;**  
23       .... Follows an enumerated list of medical professionals.

As pointed out previously, the vast majority of PRC/PMCs are run through the auspices of volunteers. So the immediate question becomes – If a physician volunteers his time and services are they considered employed?

In the direct sense of the word, they are not employed for they are not receiving any remuneration. Therefore all PRC/PMCs would have to hire one of the listed professionals to be exempt from this bill. This would represent an onerous cost, and burden, to an organization that is funded by simply donations.

### Example 2

On page two the following wording is found.

- 1       **(3) An entity shall provide written notice of whether or not the entity provides each of**  
2 **the following:**  
3       **(a) Contraceptive drugs or devices that are approved by the United States Food and Drug**  
4 **Administration;**  
5       **(b) An on-site consultation with a practitioner listed in subsection (2)(b)(A) of this sec**  
6 **tion;**  
7       **(c) Adoption services or referral for adoption services; and**  
8       **(d) Abortion services or referral for abortion services.**  
9       **(4) The notice required by subsection (3) of this section must be:**

- 10 (a) Conspicuously placed:  
11 (A) At all entrances to the premises at which the entity provides the services described  
12 in subsection (2)(a) of this section;  
13 (B) In all areas where individuals wait to receive the services described in subsection  
14 (2)(a) of this section;  
15 (C) On any website maintained by the entity that refers to the services described in  
16 subsection (2)(a) of this section; and  
17 (D) In all advertisements promoting the services

The actual words are not that important, it is the intent that speaks volumes about the actual intent of PPFA. Plain and simple PPFA is attempting to harass, threaten, bankrupt and shut down all PRC/PMCs ; Oregon is just the start. What normal business has signs at every door, in every room, on their websites, in the yellow pages, any place they advertise and on their business cards that proclaims what they don't do.

Does PPFA meet their own demands and clearly inform their prospective clients that they are world's largest providers of abortions and that has been their main intent from the very beginning for over 100 years?

### Summary

PPFA a, \$1.1 billion, non-profit, world wide organization, is attempting to bludgeon out of existence the only voice that does not have their same view of life using the auspices of our State Government.

What better mechanism to rid themselves of PRC/PMCs than to get the State, who partially funds them, to enact a set of rules, of PPFA's desire, that will drive the PRC/PMCs out of business through regulation and an escalating fine structure and keep them out at no cost to PPFA.

All they need do is find a non-compliant CPC, turn them in to the appropriate State agency and it is taken care of for free. One simple allegation and their dirty work will be performed for them with no additional effort.

Make no mistake this is only the tip of the iceberg; the nose of the camel in the tent. Once this legislation is in place they will be back, session after session, adding to the requirements and upping the ante until any voice that speaks out against them will be silenced.

I plead with you please do not let this bill leave this committee. Please allow other voices to attempt to reason with the mother of an unborn child to preserve its life, rather than terminate it.

Respectfully,



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