

To Whom It May Concern:

I am an attorney in the United States. I recently became aware of your Bill entitled "Transparent Advertising and Notification of Pregnancy Counselling Services Bill 2005." I have studied the issue of a connection between abortion and breast cancer. I did so in connection with a case in Multnomah County, Oregon.

I represented a young woman who sued an abortion clinic for failing to properly screen her for psychological contra-indicators and because the abortion caused an increased risk of breast cancer. Even in the most liberal county of a liberal state, the abortion clinic chose not to have the evidence put in front of a judge and jury. They gave us a win through the legal move called an "Offer of Judgment." Possibly because of pro-choice testimony that has been offered in other litigation.

Consider this: in other litigation, a pro-choice *expert* witness was given the following scenario. Two young girls become pregnant at 15. One has an abortion, the other carries the child to term, and they have the same childbearing history thereafter. The pro-choice expert witness then testified that the girl who had the abortion would end up with the higher risk of breast cancer. Abortion clearly influences a woman's risk profile for breast cancer. Women deserve to know this.

Women deserve to know how their health and future health are impacted by healthcare decisions they make. Any other option is not a matter of pro-choice politics versus pro-life politics. It is the highest form of disrespect for those who carry our children. The only honestly pro-choice position is a commitment to communicate the truth so that a woman can make an informed decision. Beyond the labels of pro-life and pro-choice, one can only be pro-woman by ensuring access to information.

A Bill that stifles free discourse should not be allowed to become law.

I am available for further comment if helpful.

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