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March 22, 2016

To: Hawaii State Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health
Hearing Date/Time: Wednesday, March 23, 2016 (9:30 a.m.)
Place: Hawaii State Capitol, Rm. 229
Re: Testimony of American Association of University Women – Hawaii in **support** of S.C.R. 85 / S.R. 56, **AFFIRMING THE STATE OF HAWAII'S SUPPORT OF PLANNED PARENTHOOD, RECOGNIZING ITS VITAL ROLE IN PROVIDING HEALTH CARE, AND DENOUNCING VIOLENCE TOWARDS ABORTION PROVIDERS AND THEIR PATIENTS**

Dear Senator Rosalyn H. Baker (Chair), Senator Michelle N. Kidani (Vice Chair), and Members of the Committee,

I am grateful for this opportunity to testify in **strong support** of S.C.R. 85 / S.R. 56, affirming the State of Hawaii's support of Planned Parenthood.

My testimony is on behalf of the 442 members of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) in Hawaii, who list choice and women's reproductive health as important current concerns. My testimony is informed by my experiences at the University of Hawaii at Manoa, where I hear wonderful stories from students about the health services and education provided by Hawaii Planned Parenthood. Student conversations of this type are often prompted by their attendance in my gender violence course at UH-M, where I encourage community involvement and activism.

The surprising issue about these comments is that politicians at high levels of state and federal government in the USA do not pay attention to young people's approval of Planned Parenthood, combined with their high need of clinical services provided by the organization. These students are the politicians and voters of the future.

In this regard, I am thankful that I live in Hawaii, where most senators and representatives are supportive of Planned Parenthood. Given, the high number of political attacks against Planned Parenthood nationally and across the states, and the increasing frequency of domestic terrorism perpetrated against mainland clinics, it is important for legislators in Hawaii to proclaim their support of Hawaii Planned Parenthood, and their intolerance of violence against the organization.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely
Susan J. Wurtzburg, Ph.D.
Policy Chair

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SCR85

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Catherine Betts	Hawaii State Commission on the Status of Women	Support	No

Comments:

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Hawaii Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and Health HI

Dear Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and Health,

Please support Senate Concurrent Resolution 85 and Senate Resolution 56, identical resolutions to show that the legislature stands with Planned Parenthood.

I am proud to support Planned Parenthood and the work that they do and commend the Legislature for demonstrating it's high regard for women's health by passing these resolutions in support of Planned Parenthood.

I urge this Committee to stand strong in it's support for Planned Parenthood and condemn the violent attacks, hateful rhetoric and political smears against it that continue unabated across the country.

By passing these resolutions, this Committee will demonstrate that the state of Hawaii is committed to maintaining its status as a leader and champion of women's health and rights.

Planned Parenthood is an important part of our community.. By providing affordable services, examinations, counseling and birth control, it makes young women willing to seek out such services knowing they can afford them.

Please support SCR 85 and SR 56. Thank you for your consideration!

Sincerely,

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SR56

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
SJ MELENDREZ	GOVERNMENT CONSULTANCY	Oppose	Yes

Comments: TESTIONY OPPOSED TO RESOLUTION SR 56 Dear Honorable Senators: We so appreciate all you do for our great State of Hawaii but the resolution to "celebrate" Planned Parenthood by the State of Hawaii legislature is inappropriate. Yes, they in supporting health care is appreciated, but there is much in the organization which is incorrect (see attached, inside look at Planned Parenthood). Yes, we denounce violence in any form against the organization but our intel also states that some violence against Planned Parenthood has been staged to generate sympathy for the org and the numbers quoted in the resolution appear to be inflated and there is no reference in the resolution to the source for the numbers quoted concerning violence. Also, abortion is a violent procedure, the trauma the child goes thru has been documented which results in death and the trauma the woman's body goes thru in some instances causes irreparable damage and the emotional and mental scars can last a lifetime. Abortion, is identified as a "clinical procedures" in Planned Parenthood and is documented as their largest revenue stream by design. It is not wise for our Honorable State Senate to provide a resolution for Planned Parenthood, when the organization may end up losing in court on a number of issues. You, our honorable State Senators are elected by your constituency, if you were to feel strongly about putting this resolution thru, then we suggest that you poll your constituency by zip code and us mail, then see what response you receive. This is a common practice by your legislative colleagues. Or present this idea to your neighborhood boards in your district and see what results and comments you receive. Hawaii is Ohana, not manipulation. We are sad to see that there are some in quasi government roles which see themselves in the position to put our Honorable State Senators at risk by proposing such a resolution. In some eyes in the government what Planned Parenthood has done as an organization is seen as criminal activities. I sit on the boards of non-profit and government boards and after reviewing Planned Parenthood financials I could not in due conscience endorse them against federal government procedures and best practices Better to let this resolution go for this session and perhaps approach it at a later time. Thank you for your review of the above. I will be testifying at the hearing. Thank you SJ Melendrez, PMO for Government Consultancy ATTACHED: Inisde look at Planned Parenthood

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THE SENATE
THE TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION OF 2016

DATE: Wednesday, March 23, 2016
TIME: 9:30am
PLACE: Conference Room 229
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

Testimony Submitted by: Lisa Shorba, Resident of Honolulu
RE: **Vote NO on SCR 85/SR 56**

Dear Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair, Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair and Members of the Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and Health:

Please vote NO on SCR 85/ SR 56. The State of Hawaii's best interest is not in affirming Planned Parenthood and their so-called services for women. I have never heard of anyone who has gone to Planned Parenthood for a cancer screening, let alone counseling or treatment for sexually-transmitted infections. Planned Parenthood profits in the millions of dollars every year from performing abortions, which scar women, and leave women to suffer in silence. Abortion is Planned Parenthood's "bread and butter" service, and yet, abortion is listed last in this resolution as though it is a minor service. It's also very appalling that Planned Parenthood is considered a health care service. Abortion is not health care, when it ends a human life and inflicts emotional and physical harm on the mother. Some common symptoms that women have reported feeling due to an abortion are: shame, guilt, depression, suicidal thoughts, anger, and low self-esteem.

This resolution is an insult to the many women who have been hurt over the decades by abortion; it dishonors the families left with the scars and emptiness caused by abortion... many women end up childless, and some are not able to have children later in life. Many women would have liked to receive the counseling Planned Parenthood professes to provide, yet, it is very sad that most women are rushed into the abortion without any counseling, support, education on the risks of abortion, or assistance with alternative options. If a woman had a choice, what choices do Planned Parenthood provide, other than abortion?

The trauma of abortion is severe, and many women suffer Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) as a result of an abortion. It doesn't take much to research this problem. Also, Planned Parenthood was caught on video admitting to the selling of baby body parts, and rather than convicting them for this heinous crime, Planned Parenthood is being defended and applauded. I find this rather troubling and disturbing!

I urge you to consider these facts, and to please vote **NO on SCR 85/SR56**. Hawaii's residents deserve true healthcare that causes "no harm" and that offers professional counseling, education about the risks/ consequences of abortion, support services, and viable options to women concerning their pregnancy.

Thank you very much for the opportunity to testify on this very important matter.

Sincerely,

Lisa Shorba, Hawaii Resident

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SR56

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Erica Gorman	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I strongly oppose the support of Planned Parenthood and feel all offices need to be investigated thoroughly. Planned Parenthood is not in the best interest of women and abortions harm women physically, emotionally, and/or psychologically. Women can and should get healthcare from organizations that truly do care about women and their overall well-being. The time of an unexpected pregnancy is the time a women needs the best support ever - not easy access to an abortion and the lies that surround this choice. I can personally attest that the suffering from this far outweighs any perceived good at the time of an abortion. After 16 years, I am still suffering from that "choice" that was my "right" and in my "best interest". It is time to take a stand and say no, women deserve better. They deserve the truth and Planned Parenthood must be investigated and not supported by further tax dollars.

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