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December 15, 2017

Mayor Luke Bronin  
Office of the Mayor  
550 Main Street, Room 200  
Hartford, CT 06103

Dear Mayor Bronin,

It is my distinct pleasure to thank you for advancing the recent ordinance to amend Chapter 17 of the Municipal Code, requiring Hartford crisis pregnancy centers (CPCs) to honestly represent the services they provide. Hartford women have the right to make their own conscience-based reproductive healthcare decisions without interference from those seeking to shame, judge or mislead them. Many women seeking reproductive healthcare options already face significant barriers and should not have to navigate the intentionally deceptive practices of CPCs as well.

At Catholics for Choice, we know that the voices of people of faith—and particularly the voices of prochoice Catholics—belong at the center of efforts to promote access to reproductive health services. In full accordance with the teachings of our faith, we support the right of all people to make deeply personal decisions about pregnancy without coercion or misrepresentation. We find it especially galling that CPCs often seek to advance a particularly narrow faith-based agenda, to the detriment of women's own values and beliefs. We commend you for taking this critical step to protect the conscience-based decision-making of Hartford's women.

We applaud your commitment to preserving women's moral autonomy and are here to help in any way that we can. Our organization is happy to provide you and your staff with materials, polling data, talking points or additional information to assist your efforts to speak out as a prochoice leader. Please do not hesitate to contact me at [gnothern@catholicsforchoice.org](mailto:gnothern@catholicsforchoice.org) or (202) 986-6093.

Thank you again for being a champion for the women of Hartford.

Sincerely,



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