Dear Public Health Committee,

I am a pediatrician who works in New Haven, CT and Chair of the Advocacy Committee for the CT Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP). These are my personal views and do not reflect those of my employer.

I am writing in support HB 6820 and HB 6818.

The AAP has published <u>a policy statement</u> which advocates that adolescents have access to comprehensive reproductive health care including abortions. HB 6820 helps to protect access to abortion services in CT.

The AAP has also published <u>a policy statement</u> which advocates that adolescents have access to contraception. HB 6818 helps to protect access to contraception for adolescents in CT.

Thank you for considering my testimony. Please reach out with questions.

Sincerely,

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