

The Connecticut General Assembly



CONLEY INTRODUCES BILLS TO PROTECT WOMEN'S HEALTHCARE IN CT

State Representative Christine Conley (D-Groton, Ledyard), along with representatives Kelly Luxenberg, Liz Linehan, Robyn Porter, Caroline Simmons and Senator Mae Flexer, introduced a package of five bills today to protect and expand women's access to healthcare. The package serves as an agenda for protecting women's health rights in Connecticut.

The five health proposals are:

- Preserving constitutional rights to healthcare against federal threats and to codify the principles of the Supreme Court's decision in *Whole Woman's Health v. Hellersted* (HB 6492);
- Preserving requirements in the Affordable Care Act requiring no cost-sharing for women's preventative services, and to further improve contraceptive access (LCO 2981);
- Preserving requirements in the Affordable Care Act requiring that nursing mothers be provided with a breast pump, and to improve protections for nursing mothers in the workplace (LCO 2977);
- Improving current workplace protections for pregnant women (LCO 2972);
- Ensuring that individuals seeking time-sensitive healthcare related to pregnancy and contraception do not face delays caused by false advertising from organizations with no medical licenses (SB 449).

Several of these bills seek to codify parts of the Affordable Care Act into CT law.

"Healthcare is not only critical in improving a women's quality of life, but it is also at times serves as the only means to keeping a woman alive," Rep. Conley said. "These bills will ensure that women's healthcare in Connecticut is protected, regardless of what happens at a national level. I am prepared to defend these bills as they make their way through the legislative process and will continue to fight for all the women in my district as well as the state."

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