

The bill subsidizes and encourages inter-state sex trafficking by targeting low income women. Connecticut has an “F” ranking from the Institute for Justice & Advocacy in the protection of youth and children against sex trafficking. According to a 2018 report, the Connecticut Human Anti-trafficking Response Team (HART) documented more than 1,000 children as possible victims of Domestic Minor Sex Trafficking. Forced abortions are part of that equation. Providing free abortions for out-of-state victims of sexual abuse invites more abuse, shields traffickers and subsidizes their business. If Planned Parenthood must receive this money, they should be forced to “scratch the surface” and ask out-of-state women if they are being “coerced to engage in sex or to have an abortion”. If so, there are other resources to help including Connecticut’s net of [crisis pregnancy resource centers](#).

HB 6618 not only offends the [66% of Connecticut residents](#) who think abortion should be restricted, it adds insult by forcing taxpayers to fund abortions for out-of-state visitors and their travel expenses.

At least 1% of [Connecticut’s abortions](#) are happening after the 21st week and “late term” after a baby is able to survive outside of the womb. If Connecticut insists on paying for the abortions of out-of-state women and related expenses, we must include covering the expense of medical care for infants accidentally born alive during a late term abortion. It is only fair that if we promise to cover the expenses of women traveling to Connecticut, we pay for their child’s medical care in case of the unexpected.