



April 25, 2011

The Honorable Harold Rogers  
Chairman, House Appropriations  
Committee  
U.S. Capitol Building, H-307  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Norm Dicks  
Ranking Member, House  
Appropriations Committee  
1016 Longworth House Office  
Building  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Denny Rehberg  
Chairman, House Appropriations Subcommittee  
on Labor, Health and Human Services, and  
Education  
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Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member, House  
Appropriations Subcommittee on  
Labor, Health and Human Services,  
and Education  
2413 Rayburn House Office  
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Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairmen Rogers and Rehberg and Ranking Members Dicks and DeLauro:

On behalf of The National Campaign to Prevent Teen and Unplanned Pregnancy, I would like to express appreciation for the inclusion of continued funding for the Title X national family planning program in the Fiscal Year 2011 Continuing Resolution, H.R. 1473. While the cut of \$17 million from FY 2010 is painful, this represents a dramatic improvement over H.R.1, which proposed to eliminate the program. For FY 2012, we respectfully request that the program be funded at \$327 million, which is consistent with the President's budget request. Over the past 40 years, Title X has played a critical role in preventing unplanned pregnancy by offering high-quality contraceptive services, preventive screenings, and health education to approximately five million low-income and uninsured women and men through a network of more than 4,500 community-based clinics.

At a time when there is much discussion both about reducing abortion and the federal deficit, it is critical to ensure that there is adequate funding for a program that provides widely-supported contraceptive services that leads to less abortion and saves taxpayer dollars. In 2008 alone, Title X-funded clinics helped to avert some 973,000 unintended pregnancies, which would have resulted in approximately 433,000 unplanned births and 406,000 abortions. As noted in an April 2011 article in the *New England Journal of Medicine*, family planning is a cost-saving preventive health service. For every dollar spent on publicly funded family planning clinic services, the government saves \$3.74 in Medicaid-related costs. In a single year, publicly-funded family planning

services, including those subsidized by Title X funding, saved state and federal governments \$4.3 billion. Title X provides basic health care to millions of women, and for many of these women, Title X is their primary source of health care, making Title X an important safety net program.

We recognize that in this time of budget constraints resources are limited. However, proposals to cut – even eliminate – this program are penny-wise, pound-foolish. A strengthened Title X program will help reduce unplanned pregnancy and in turn reduce taxpayer costs, result in fewer abortions, strengthen our economic competitiveness, make families healthier, and improve prospects for this and the next generation.

In addition to increased funding for Title X, we also urge you to fund evidence-based teen pregnancy prevention programs through OAH at \$118.5 million and to provide adequate funding levels for other important programs that help to reduce teen and unplanned pregnancy more generally, including the Maternal and Child Health Block Grant, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and Community Health Centers.

Thank you for your consideration. For any further information, please contact Lisa Shuger, Director of Public Policy, at 202-478-8576 or [lshuger@thenc.org](mailto:lshuger@thenc.org).

Sincerely,



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