

May 13, 2025

The Honorable John Thune  
Majority Leader  
U.S. Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Chuck Schumer  
Minority Leader  
U.S. Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Mike Johnson  
Speaker of the House  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Hakeem Jeffries  
Minority Leader  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Majority Leader Thune, Leader Schumer, Speaker Johnson, and Leader Jeffries,

On behalf of the 83 organizations below, we are writing to urge you to oppose any effort to “defund” Planned Parenthood through the reconciliation process. Planned Parenthood is an integral and irreplaceable part of the health care system. We write in support of the millions of patients who rely on Planned Parenthood health centers. One in four people - including one in three women - have visited a Planned Parenthood health center for care.

Planned Parenthood provides over 2 million patients a year with essential, preventive reproductive health care, like birth control, cancer screenings, wellness exams, STI testing and treatment, and more. Planned Parenthood health centers primarily serve women, people with low incomes, Black, Latino, and Indigenous communities, LGBTQI+ people, and others who face barriers to accessing care. The majority of Planned Parenthood patients rely on Medicaid and other federal and state programs to access care, and 64% of Planned Parenthood health centers are located in rural or medically underserved communities. “Defunding” Planned Parenthood would block these patients from getting the care they need.

The consequences of “defunding” Planned Parenthood would be catastrophic, shutting down health centers and stripping millions of patients across the country of access to essential and affordable health care. In many communities, Planned Parenthood health centers are the only affordable provider with expertise in sexual and reproductive health. For those communities, the gap left by Planned Parenthood health centers would mean that many patients would have nowhere to turn for care.

This is the latest in the ongoing, politically motivated attacks against Planned Parenthood. Like any other health care provider, Planned Parenthood health centers are reimbursed through health programs like Medicaid for the services provided to patients. Even though Medicaid funds are not used for abortion other than in rare exceptions, Medicaid funding is being used to target Planned Parenthood health centers and cut off access to health care. Blocking people who rely on Medicaid from getting care at these trusted health centers would hurt patients and weaken the health care system to further an extreme agenda.

We support the essential care that Planned Parenthood health centers provide in communities across the country, and urge you to reject any efforts to “defund” Planned Parenthood.

Signed,

Advocates for Youth

AFT: Education, Healthcare, Public Services

All\* Above All  
Alliance for Girls  
Alliance For TransYouth Rights  
American Association of University Women (AAUW)  
American Atheists  
American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU)  
American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists  
American Public Health Association  
Care in Action  
Center for Biological Diversity  
Center for Reproductive Rights  
CenterLink: The Community of LGBTQ Centers  
Clearinghouse on Women's Issues  
Community Catalyst  
Contraceptive Access Initiative  
Detroit Disability Power  
Doctors for America  
Equality Illinois  
Equality Michigan  
Fair Wisconsin  
Families USA  
Feminist Majority Foundation  
Friends of the Earth United States  
Gem State Developmental Center  
Guttmacher Institute  
Higher Heights for America  
Human Rights Campaign  
If/When/How: Lawyering for Reproductive Justice  
In Our Own Voice: National Black Women's Reproductive Justice Agenda  
Indivisible  
Institute for Women's Policy Research  
Jewish Women International  
Just Solutions  
Justice and Joy National Collaborative  
Lawyers for Good Government  
Legal Momentum, the Women's Legal Defense and Education Fund

me too. International  
Monsoon Asians & Pacific Islanders in Solidarity  
NAACP Legal Defense & Educational Fund, Inc. (LDF)  
NASTAD  
National Abortion Federation  
National Asian Pacific American Women's Forum  
National Center for Lesbian Rights  
National Council of Jewish Women  
National Domestic Workers Alliance  
National Family Planning & Reproductive Health Association  
National Health Law Program  
National Immigration Law Center  
National Latina Institute for Reproductive Justice  
National Network of Abortion Funds  
National Partnership for Women & Families  
National Women's Law Center Action Fund  
PAI  
Physicians for Reproductive Health  
Poderistas  
Population Connection Action Fund  
Population Council  
Population Institute  
Positive Women's Network-USA  
Power to Decide  
Pregnancy Justice  
PrEP4All  
Rachel Carson Council  
Refugee Women's Network  
Reproductive Freedom for All  
Reproductive Health Access Project  
Sciencecorps  
Service Employees International Union (SEIU)  
SIECUS: Sex Ed for Social Change  
The California LGBTQ Health and Human Services Network  
The Center for Science in the Public Interest (CSPI)  
The Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights

TransFamily Support Services

UltraViolet

URGE: Unite for Reproductive & Gender Equity

Voices for Progress

Women of Reform Judaism

Women's March

Women's Refugee Commission

Womxn From The Mountain

Woodhull Action Fund