

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

The Honorable Chuck Schumer
Minority Leader
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Speaker Mike Johnson
Speaker
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

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

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

On behalf of 24 organizations representing health care professionals and the patients they serve across the country, we write to urge you to oppose “defunding” Planned Parenthood through the budget reconciliation bill.

Planned Parenthood is an integral and irreplaceable part of the health care system. 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. Barring Planned Parenthood from federal Medicaid funding would eliminate the only sources of care for many low-income women, particularly those in rural and underserved areas.

Fifty-one percent of Planned Parenthood patients rely on Medicaid to access care, and 64% of Planned Parenthood health centers across the country are in rural or medically underserved areas or areas with health professional shortages. Over four in ten individuals with Medicaid say they have received services at Planned Parenthood.¹

Simply put, the consequences of “defunding” Planned Parenthood would be catastrophic and harmful: nearly 200 health centers would be at risk of closure and more than 1.1 million patients could lose access to care.

As health care professionals, we support the essential care that Planned Parenthood health centers provide in communities across the country, and urge you to oppose “defunding” Planned Parenthood through the budget reconciliation bill.

Sincerely,

¹ Brittini Frederiksen, Usha Ranji, Alina Salganicoff, “Major Federal and State Funding Cuts Facing Planned Parenthood,” Kaiser Family Foundation (May 15, 2025), <https://www.kff.org/womens-health-policy/issue-brief/major-federal-and-state-funding-cuts-facing-planned-parenthood/>.

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