

Kay Granger, Republican representative for the 12th District of Texas, has sponsored or co-sponsored over two hundred different pieces of health related legislation over her nearly ten years in Congress. (Kay Granger Legislation Record) These pieces of legislation include appropriations to fund the Zika response, increasing coverage for people who suffer from Huntington's disease, and numerous attempts to repeal or nullify parts of the Affordable Care Act (ACA). (Kay Granger Legislation Record) In addition to being staunchly against the ACA, Granger has voted in favor of defunding Planned Parenthood. (Roll Call 505, 2015) In addition to voting to stop funds, she has been vocal in her opposition to the services that Planned Parenthood provides. (Weekly E-newsletter, Sept. 2015) This defunding could lead to a significant decrease in the ability to deliver essential reproductive care to women and has the potential to create a large impact on the Medicaid system.

In a study done by researchers at the Guttmacher Institute found that 4 out of 10 women surveyed found that a "family planning clinic was their only source of health care during the year." (Frost, Gold, & Bucek, 2012) Stopping attempts to defund Planned Parenthood and other family planning clinics would protect the 157 million women (US Census Bureau Public Information Office) in the United States from the detrimental effects of removing this point of delivery of care for essential reproductive services. This institution serves many women who are in lower socioeconomic portions of society (Frost, Finer, & Tapales, 2008), providing essential reproductive and preventative services such as: cancer screenings, sexually transmitted infection tests and treatment, contraception consults, and prenatal care and referrals. (Planned Parenthood Services, 2014)