Protect Our Health? S. 141 Strips Funding and Causes Harm

Planned Parenthood Federation of America is the leading provider of reproductive and sexual health services.1

In 2017, **2.4 million** people relied on Planned Parenthood for services at more than 600 affiliate centers.2



75%

Low-income patients (Below 150% FPL)1



Sexually Transmitted Million Infection testing¹





Other services provided:

- Cancer screening
- Well woman exams
- Pregnancy test
- Prenatal services And much more...^{2,4}

56%

Centers in **rural** or underserved area³



Contraception Million services²

S. 141 Protect Funding for Women's Health Care Act will prohibit federal funding of Planned Parenthood. Although S. 141 claims to ensure that women will continue to receive necessary health care services, defunding Planned Parenthood will deprive millions of individuals of essential health care.



Drastic health impacts:

Texas removed Planned Parenthood from its state family planning program, resulting in a 35% **decline** in contraceptive access and a dramatic 27% increase in unintended births.5

D Heavy cost of defunding:

Prohibiting federal funding of Planned Parenthood would result in a net cost of \$130 million to taxpayers over the next 10 years, due to the expected increase in unplanned pregnancies and birth.6



Not enough capacity:









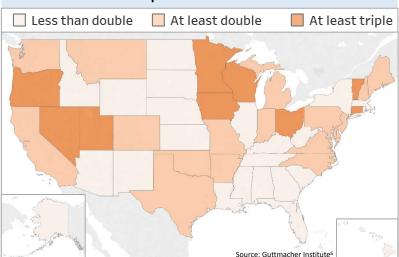
"As many as 1 in 4 people would face reduced access to care, even with available funding going to other clinics."6

Planned Parenthood in Missouri



17 of Missouri's 34 Senate districts would have **Zero** providers that deliver accessible and comprehensive care without Planned Parenthood.7

Without Planned Parenthood, FQHC sites would need to increase their contraceptive client caseloads:



S. 141 will deny MILLIONS of individuals of essential sexual and reproductive care, which is both **HARMFUL** and **COSTLY** to the American people.

Do not support Senate Bill 141!

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