



# Rep. Tom Emmer on Emmer Supports Defund Planned Parenthood Act

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**\*\*REP. TOM EMMER:**

\*\* Hi everyone, Tom Emmer here. As many of you are probably aware, videos have recently surfaced highlighting horrendous, disturbing and potentially illegal activity by Planned Parenthood. These actions are unacceptable and reprehensible, and I'm deeply troubled by the current allegations that Planned Parenthood profits from the sale of body parts of children. Let that sentence sink in for a moment. My wife Jackie and I are blessed with seven wonderful children, each with their own unique gifts they bring to the world. Nationwide, more than 56 million babies have been lost since Roe vs. Wade. Planned Parenthood performs 300,000 abortions every year. Through their recent unacceptable and reprehensible actions, Planned Parenthood has lost the trust of the American people. I am and always have been pro-life, and I'm opposed to federal funding of abortion. Since January, I have co-sponsored the Title X Abortion Provider Prohibition Act, which would deny federal grants to any organization that provides abortions, including Planned Parenthood. I also voted for the No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion and Abortion Insurance Full Disclosure Act of 2015, which would prohibit any federal funds from being used for abortions except in cases of rape or incest, or when the welfare of the mother is in jeopardy. In July, along with 54 of my colleagues, I wrote a letter to Attorney General Loretta Lynch urging an investigation of Planned Parenthood by an independent counsel. Planned Parenthood must be held accountable for their behavior, and taxpayers must know their hard-earned dollars are not funding these horrific actions. In fact, just today, we voted for the Defund Planned Parenthood Act of 2015, which again, I was proud to co-sponsor. Today, Congress voted to defund Planned Parenthood and to transfer the funds from Congress to more than 13,000 clinics nationwide which provide health services for women. By the way, health services without conducting abortions, actually expanding women's access to health care. As a nation, we can focus on and invest in women's health while maintaining the standard and principle that every life is precious and must be protected. Thank you.

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