

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

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The Honorable Tom Harkin
Chairman
Appropriations Subcommittee on
Labor, Health and Human Services
and Education
131 Dirksen Senate Offices Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Jerry Moran
Ranking Member
Appropriations Subcommittee on
Labor, Health and Human Services
and Education
156 Dirksen Senate Office Building
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Dear Chairman Harkin and Ranking Member Moran:

As you begin work on the FY 2014 Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Appropriations bill, we urge you to include \$327 million for the Title X family planning program, which is the same as the President's request. This will allow Title X health centers to continue their important role in our health care safety net – providing family planning and preventive health services to millions of low-income American women and families.

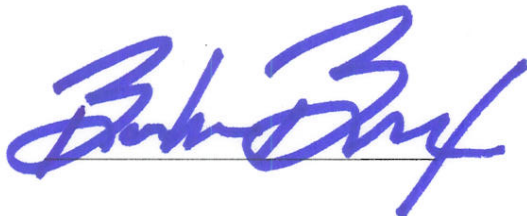
Title X provides basic health care services to more than five million low-income women and men at more than 4,400 health centers each year. Many of these people rely on Title X not just for family planning services but also preventive health care such as pap tests, breast exams, and HIV tests.

Recent cuts in funding to the Title X program have forced some health centers to close their doors, while others have reduced patient hours, limited services—all of which resulted in 200,000 less patients served. Providing this funding for Title X will help family planning health centers restore and expand access to these essential services, and meet the needs of the millions of women and men who rely on the program as their only source of health care.

In addition, we think it is important to recognize that it is fiscally responsible to support and strengthen this preventive health program because Title X funding reduces health care costs in the long term. Every dollar invested in Title X saves nearly four dollars in Medicaid-related costs.

We ask that you protect this critical program and support the health needs of millions of women and men by providing at least \$327 million in FY 2014 for the Title X program. We thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,



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