

MEMORANDUM

TO: House Offices

FROM: Clare Coleman, President & CEO, NFPRHA

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DATE: February 10, 2017

RE: NFPRHA Strongly Opposes H. J. Res. 43 that Seeks to Nullify the Title X Regulation

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On behalf of the National Family Planning & Reproductive Health Association (NFPRHA), a membership organization representing providers and administrators committed to helping people get the family planning education and care they need to make the best choices for themselves and their loved ones, NFPRHA urges members of Congress to oppose H. J. Res. 43, a resolution introduced by Representative Diane Black (R-TN) seeking congressional disapproval of the Title X regulation, "[Compliance with Title X Requirements by Project Recipients in Selecting Subrecipients.](#)" Passage of H. J. Res. 43 effectively condones using discriminatory practices in establishing the safety-net provider networks upon which millions of poor, low-income, uninsured, and vulnerable individuals rely for high-quality family planning and sexual health services.

NFPRHA represents nearly 800 institutions that operate or fund a network of nearly 3,500 safety-net health centers and service sites that provide high-quality family planning and other preventive health services to millions of low-income, uninsured, or underinsured individuals in 50 states, the District of Columbia, and territories. Services are provided through state, county, and local health departments as well as hospitals, family planning councils, Planned Parenthoods, federally qualified health centers, and other private non-profit organizations.

For more than 40 years, Title X, the nation's only dedicated federal source of family planning funding, has provided high-quality, culturally sensitive family planning services and other preventive health care to low-income, under-insured and uninsured individuals who may otherwise lack access to health care. The foundation of the program's success is the longstanding intent that its provider network be designed by the communities it serves for those communities, to help ensure patients have access to trusted, highly qualified family planning providers that are best-equipped to help them achieve their family planning goals. The regulation prohibits Title X grant recipients from excluding highly qualified family planning providers by requiring that "[n]o recipient making subawards for the provision of services as part of its Title X project may prohibit an entity from participating for reasons unrelated to its ability to provide services effectively." With the sensible clarification that this regulation brings, Title X is better positioned to fulfill its mission to the more than four million individuals who rely on it each year.

NFPRHA looks forward to working with you to strengthen America's family planning safety net. We urge you to oppose efforts using the Congressional Review Act to nullify this important regulation. Please do not hesitate to contact [Jessica Marcella](#), Vice President, Advocacy & Communications, or any member of NFPRHA's policy team at (202) 293-3114.