February 10, 2017

The Honorable Paul D. Ryan
Speaker of the House
H-232, United States Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Speaker,

We respectfully ask that in the event funds are withheld from Planned Parenthood in the ObamaCare repeal reconciliation package, those funds be redirected to community health centers. Failure to divert funds from Planned Parenthood to these important facilities would result in many women being left without access to critical preventive health care services—especially for low-income individuals.

Community health centers far outnumber Planned Parenthood locations 20 to 1 nationwide and provide crucial primary and preventative care to low-income and underserved populations. These centers offer all of the non-abortion services that Planned Parenthood offers such as family planning and birth control services, while providing many services Planned Parenthood do not such as mammograms. They also provide services for children and other family members, making them a one-stop shop for health care that is particularly convenient for underserved populations.

It is imperative that women continue to have access to affordable, quality health care services. Community health centers are more accessible than Planned Parenthood facilities and provide one-stop services for women as well as mental health care, WIC programs, children’s health care, vaccinations, pap tests, and more. This is a top priority for us and many of our constituents. We the undersigned respectfully request that you include language to ensure any funding removed from Planned Parenthood is redirected to community health centers.

Yours in service,

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