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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The health and well-being of women in the State of  
3 Illinois is a top priority; the health and education of women  
4 is directly linked to improved social well-being for the entire  
5 community; and

6           WHEREAS, The reproductive rights of women and their ability  
7 to make their own decisions about how to take care of their own  
8 bodies should be protected; access to education and medical  
9 services regarding sexual health is one of those rights; and

10           WHEREAS, The Trump administration will reportedly propose  
11 a rule that prohibits Title X funding from going to  
12 organizations that perform or support abortions in addition to  
13 the other services they provide; and

14           WHEREAS, Federal funds already cannot be spent directly on  
15 abortions because of the 1976 Hyde Amendment, and any federal  
16 money that organizations like Planned Parenthood receive is  
17 instead used for other women's health services, such as  
18 contraception services, STD testing, breast cancer screenings,  
19 and other, potentially life-saving services; and

20           WHEREAS, The Trump administration's new rule would take the  
21 Hyde Amendment a step further and prohibit women, especially

1 those from low-income backgrounds, from having access to basic  
2 healthcare services; and

3 WHEREAS, The Trump administration has already attempted to  
4 limit access to essential services by requiring Title X grant  
5 applicants to support an abstinence-only sex education and  
6 natural family planning methods, neither of which are  
7 recommended by health experts as effective ways to improve  
8 public health nor reduce teen pregnancy; and

9 WHEREAS, Funding Title X has received bi-partisan support  
10 since signed into law to help reduce unplanned pregnancies as  
11 well as provide all women, regardless of income level, with  
12 basic healthcare services; and

13 WHEREAS, The Trump Administration's new rule could result  
14 in increased levels of teen and unplanned pregnancies since  
15 access to contraception services would be cut off to  
16 communities that rely upon Title X funding; therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
18 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
19 cutting funds to these services could result in the closure of  
20 organizations that service urban, suburban, and rural  
21 communities, putting the lives of women across the nation in  
22 jeopardy; and be it further

1           RESOLVED, That we urge the three branches of the federal  
2 government to continue funding Planned Parenthood and other  
3 similar organizations that provide basic healthcare to women,  
4 and to keep the Obama Era Title X guidelines; and be it further

5           RESOLVED, That we call on Governor Rauner to stand up to  
6 and urge the Trump administration to maintain the original  
7 Title X guidelines so that women in Illinois and throughout the  
8 country are able to receive essential healthcare services; and  
9 be it further

10           RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be  
11 delivered to President Donald Trump, Senate Majority Leader  
12 Mitch McConnell, Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer, Speaker  
13 of the House Paul Ryan, House of Representatives Minority  
14 Leader Nancy Pelosi, all members of the Illinois Congressional  
15 Delegation, and Governor Rauner.