



Dear Friends,

On Wednesday night, the full House Appropriations Committee voted to pass the FY 2018 Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education (LHHS) Appropriations bill. The bill, which passed on party lines, eliminates funding for the TPP Program and Title X.

Rep. Lowey (D-NY) offered an amendment to restore funding for the Title X Family Planning Program and Rep. Lee (D-CA) offered an amendment to restore the Teen Pregnancy Prevention (TPP) Program. [All Committee Democrats](#) and one Republican (Rep. Dent, R-PA) voted in support of the amendments, but both failed. **Please thank Congresswomen Lee and Lowey for offering these amendments, and the Representatives that voted in favor of them.** For more details on the bill, see [The National Campaign's statement](#).

We are still in the early stages of the appropriations process. The next step is for the Senate to take up their version of the bill. However, they are not expected to do so before the August recess. In the meantime, we need your help to protect this funding.

We encourage you to start scheduling meetings with your Senators while they are home in the district during August recess. It is a great opportunity to share the good work that the TPP Program and Title X make possible in your community.

If you can advocate, ask you Senators (depending on what program you work on):

- "Please protect the current funding level and structure of the evidence-based Teen Pregnancy Prevention Program run by the HHS Office of Adolescent Health."
- "Please oppose all cuts to Title X."

If you can only educate, you can still protect these programs. If you are prohibited from advocating, you can still educate members of Congress. Simply sharing information about the great work that these programs makes possible in your community is education, not advocacy.

If you are not able to meet over the August recess, it is still important that you communicate the importance of the TPP Program and Title X to your Senators.

For talking points, polling, and other resources you can use in your outreach, visit our [Federal Policy Action Center](#).

As always, if you have questions about these developments or need additional information please contact me at (202) 478-8529 or rfey@thenc.org.

Sincerely,
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