



May 26, 2020

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The Honorable Holly J. Mitchell
Chair, Committee on Budget & Fiscal Review
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Chair, Committee on Budget
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**RE: California State Budget – Preservation of Sexual and Reproductive Health Care
Proposition 56 Funding**

Dear Leaders of the California State Legislature,

As legislators who stand with Planned Parenthood, we are deeply concerned about your May Revision to the budget that proposes to shift \$1.2 billion in Proposition 56 funding, including \$100 million set aside for sexual and reproductive health care services, starting July 1, 2020. While we are ready to make the difficult decisions to address the state's immense fiscal challenges, this proposal defies the promise made to Californians who voted for Proposition 56 to ensure timely access, limit geographic shortages, and ensure quality care.

Specifically, shifting funds away from sexual and reproductive health care would adversely affect the ability of Californians to get the care they need in a time when patients already face economic instability and access to care has never been more at risk under the federal government.

Hundreds of thousands of our constituents rely on Planned Parenthood's 108 health centers. A leading provider of sexual and reproductive health care, Planned Parenthood provides the full scope of services, including birth control, cancer screenings, STI testing and treatment, LGBTQ care, and safe, legal abortion. **Their health centers provide more than a million patient visits each year, 85 percent of which are for patients enrolled in Medi-Cal or Family PACT.**

We appreciate your Administration's work last year to support an allocation of Proposition 56 funding for sexual and reproductive health care services in the 2019-20 budget totaling \$100 million. This necessary investment in Family PACT and Medi-Cal family planning services in 2019 is vital to the sustainability of the safety-net providers that provide these services and should remain intact.

Additionally, the proposed cuts to the Proposition 56 funding for family planning services will have an outsized impact because of the amount of federal funding that it brings to California.

Family planning services currently receive an enhanced federal match of 9:1 to encourage access to those services, thus this proposal would result in a nearly one-billion-dollar loss in funds for sexual and reproductive health care services for California's Medi-Cal population and low-income patients who have no other source of coverage and rely on programs like Family PACT.

Planned Parenthood is home to an expanding patient base, and a vast majority of the Californians they see live in under-resourced communities. Providers like Planned Parenthood, including smaller independent health centers, often are the only source of health care for some Californians, especially those that are low-income or without insurance. A population we know is growing during this crisis.

We support a state budget that leaves Proposition 56 funding for sexual and reproductive health services intact. As we stand with Planned Parenthood, we will stand by the vital funding in the state budget to ensure continued access to these critical services.

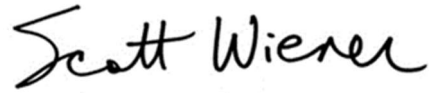
Sincerely,

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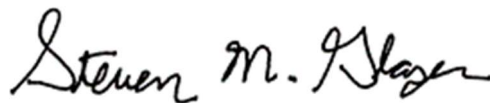
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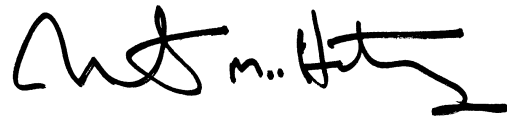
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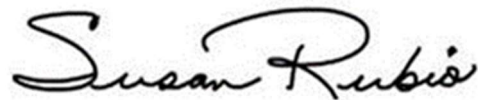
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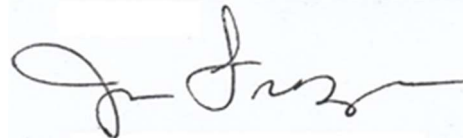
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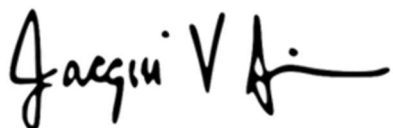
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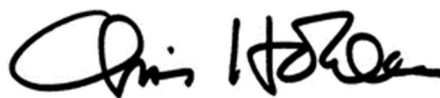
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