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Here's how to Protect Planned Parenthood from getting cut in the Reconciliation Bill

Republicans have added a provision in their budget reconciliation "megabill" (Trump's "Big Beautiful Bill") that would block funding to Planned Parenthood and other health care clinics that provide abortion services. This would have a devastating effect on millions of people who rely on Planned Parenthood for their primary healthcare, contraception, pre/postnatal care, mental health and more! Act now to protect Planned Parenthood funding!

UPDATE: Early Thursday morning (5/22) the House passed the Reconciliation Bill. Now the bill goes to the Senate, so this action was updated to calling your Senators only.

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Action Summary	<p>Call your 2 Senators to urge them to remove the clause which would wipe out funding of health care clinics like Planned Parenthood from the reconciliation bill.</p> <p>Depending on how much background reading you do (and your familiarity with the topic), 10 minutes to 15 minutes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Read the background information• Write 1 sentence about the services Planned Parenthood provides that you are most concerned about.• Call your US Congresspeople to demand they protect Planned Parenthood funding in the reconciliation bill.
Why We Think This is Important	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Personal Relevance - High - Most Americans do NOT agree with the Trump administration's dismantling of reproductive health care services.• Expanded Implications - High - Planned Parenthood funding is one of MANY reasons the reconciliation bill needs to be stopped.• Educational Value - High - This action increases awareness of this issue to the broader public, both about the risk to Planned Parenthood and to the dangers of the reconciliation bill in general.• Impact Potential - High - We have the power to restore the LOC, but it's no power at all if we fail to use it.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Urgency - High - This bill could be voted on at any minute. Time is of the essence!
Background Information	<p>Protect the Planned Parenthood Funding from planned cuts in the reconciliation bill (AKA Trump's "Big Beautiful Bill")</p> <p>House Republicans have included a provision in their reconciliation "megabill" (aka Trump's "Big Beautiful Bill") that aims to stop funding to Planned Parenthood and other clinics that provide abortion information or services.</p> <p>This long-time GOP goal would prohibit Medicaid from reimbursing these clinics for any of their services, essentially blocking all Medicaid recipients from access to cancer screenings, pap smears, birth control, and STI testing.</p> <p>The argument for the need to defund Planned Parenthood is baseless because the Hyde Amendment, passed as part of the budget every year since the 1970s, already bans federal money from going toward abortion services.</p> <p>Instead, defunding Planned Parenthood would devastate its regular care operations and curtail women's access to health care information.</p> <p>Without Planned Parenthood clinics, over 2.5 million women most of whom are poor, would lose their primary health care provider. The presence of Planned Parenthood clinics have led to an overall decrease in the number of abortions countrywide by providing contraception. The Guttmacher Institute estimates that for every federal dollar spent on contraception, the government saves five dollars on pregnancy treatment.</p> <p>Maintaining funding for Planned Parenthood is actually better for the government's bottom line.</p> <p>Demand your representatives oppose this megabill so long as it contains the defunding of Planned Parenthood clinics.</p> <p>Read more here:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● A Measure to Defund Planned Parenthood Will Stay in the Reconciliation Bill - notus.org● House panel advances measure to cut off Planned Parenthood from Medicaid funds - 19thnews.org● Wise Investment: Reducing the Steep Cost to Medicaid of Unintended Pregnancy in the United States - guttmacher.org● Four Reasons Planned Parenthood Is an Essential Health Care Provider - familiesusa.org● Planned Parenthood Services other than abortions<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Birth Control○ HIV Services○ Mental Health○ Pregnancy Testing and Planning○ Prenatal & Postpartum Services○ Sexual and Reproductive Concerns

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Source	5 Calls https://5calls.org/issue/planned-parenthood-funding-budget-reconciliation/
Action Prep	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Find Your Senators: Use THIS League of Women Voters LINK to look up your two U.S. Senators. You'll need their names and phone numbers to complete this action. Add their contact info to your phone or write it down so you're ready to make these quick calls.● OR use the 5 Calls app either from your computer or from your phone, which will look up your legislators, provide you with their phone numbers and dial the phone number for you. If you're new to 5 Calls, here's an information sheet on how to set it up: 5 Calls App● Postcards - If you prefer to send your Congress People postcards, start with the 'Action Script' below, and adapt it to fit on a postcard. You can buy postcards from many places – in stores and online, including HERE.● Know the Issue: Read the background information above.
Action Script	<p style="text-align: center;"> Call Your Representatives and Senators </p> <p>1) Please personalize all the words in blue below, 2) Then call/write your 2 US Senators using your revised script.</p> <hr/> <p><i>"Hi, my name is [NAME] and I'm a constituent from [TOWN]</i></p> <p><i>I'm calling to ask [Senator Name] to oppose any version of the budget reconciliation bill that includes a provision to prohibit federal funding for health care clinics like Planned Parenthood. This provision would block access to essential health care services, like birth control and cancer screenings, for millions of Americans.</i></p> <p><i>I am particularly concerned about [add 1-2 sentences about any personal impact these cuts would have on you, or more general concerns from the background information above]</i></p> <p><i>The Hyde Amendment already bans federal money from going towards abortion services, so defunding Planned Parenthood will only serve to remove vital primary healthcare for millions of women AND remove access to contraception which decreases abortion numbers.</i></p> <p><i>Thank you for your time and consideration.</i></p> <hr/>

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	<i>IF LEAVING VOICEMAIL: Please leave your full street address to ensure your call is tallied</i>
Bonus Actions	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Reach out to those you know in states with Republican US representatives and senators. Share this CAD Action to help them contact <i>their</i> congresspeople.● Share one or more of the above linked articles on your social media to raise awareness of this issue!